



# Society Newsletter



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The first Port Hope Post Office, was built in 1817 and stood until 1819 near the corner of King and Armour Streets. The first post master was Charles Fothergill, who was then promoting Toronto as the name of the town.

For many years after its closure the building was located in a back yard on King Street and was used to store harness equipment.

Last known picture of this building was taken in 1960 by Cal Clayton.



### Mary Doris Brown

(January 4, 1938—July 15, 2022)

Lifetime Member/Treasurer of PH&DHS.

Mary will be greatly missed by her family, friends and members of PH&DHS.

Her contagious smile and good humour will always be remembered by those who had the honour of knowing her.

## Announcements

All the best to Paul and Anne Burnham on their retirement. Welcome to the following new business members: Katie Burnham of Burnham Family Farm Market; Paul Boundy of Boundy Roofing.

**“The most powerful warriors are patience and time.” (Leo Tolstoy)**



# President's Report

**PHDHS is pleased to have the support of our business members, as listed below.**

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**Ganaraska**  
CONSERVATION

Welcome to the October 2022 edition of the Port Hope and District Historical Society Newsletter.

The past two years have been very trying for our Society. The pandemic forced the closure of our museum during this time. Our fund-raising events were organized at the last minute. These events are necessary as donations during the Monarch Tag and Release and the money earned during the yard sale, help pay the hydro and insurance on the property.

All meetings had to be cancelled which meant that our volunteer Executive Committee members will remain in their present positions until elections in May 2023.

It is with great sadness that we dealt with the death of our Treasurer Mary Brown. She will be greatly missed and it was a pleasure to have known her.

The Executive Committee voted to have Joan Ashby Parrott take on the roll of Acting Treasurer until May 2023.

I would like to thank the following people for their continuous commitment to the upkeep and maintenance of the museum. Bruce Gill, Donald Davis, Paul Boundy, Jim Wheeler and Joan Ashby Parrott.

Thanks to our many volunteers during the yard sale and Monarch Release. Without them these events would not be the success that they are.

A special thanks to Jocelyn Gill who crocheted enough monarch butterflies for all visitors to the annual Monarch Tag and Release.

Tim Austin

**“it always seems impossible until it is done.” (Nelson Mandela)**





## The Village of Port Britain



When early settlers first arrived in this area, their only means of accessing the area was by boat.

Lakeshore Road was constructed in 1799 to provide easy access to the area.

In 1840 a harbour was constructed in Port Britain and provided shelter and safety for ships during severe storms.

William Marsh was instrumental in the establishment of Port Britain. Logs were floated down Marsh Creek from the Mastwood Road area to the harbour where they were used for constructing ships and rafts.

Port Britain was known as a station stop for the Grand Trunk Railway and the first locomotives were unloaded from ships at the mouth of Marsh Creek.

A wharf built in 1853 was the unloading destination for early rails and rolling stock for the various railways in Upper Canada. It was also the main harbour for the export of grains, flour and wood products.

Robert V. Townsend wrote about Port Britain: "Where a dynasty routed in British connections, rose, flourished, built its family seats, furnished them with pianos, built by their own imported workmen, launched fleets of schooners and sent them to sea, and they faded, leaving to the lonesome lake gulls the remnants of the greatness of Marsh Creek and Port Britain."



### RECOVERY OF TAGGED MONARCHS FROM PORT HOPE RELEASES IN 2021

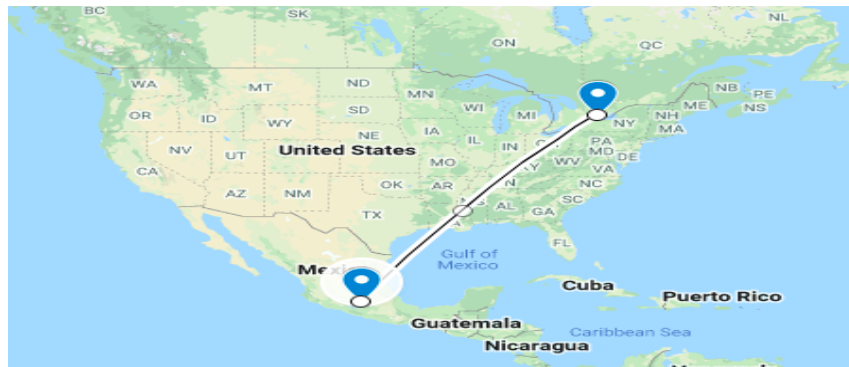
We are pleased to report that three tagged monarchs, released in the Port Hope area in 2021, were recovered at the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve in Mexico. Tags were purchased in March 2022 by Monarch Watch from local citizens who had found them.

ACNG 250, released on Aug. 28/21 in Garden Hill at the 12<sup>th</sup> Monarch Tag and Release event held at Dorothy’s House Museum, was found on the mountain Sierra Chincua.

ACTS 819, released on Sept. 12/21 on Lake Street, Port Hope, at the Monarch Waystation built in tribute to the late Rod Parrott, was found on the mountain, Cerro Pelon.

ASTT 417, released on Sept. 18/21 on Francis Street in Port Hope was also found on Cerro Pelon.

It was on Cerro Pelon in January 1975, that the first known wintering site was discovered by volunteers working for renowned Canadian researchers Dr. Fred Urquhart and Norah Urquhart.



**Port Hope Town Council 1969/1970**



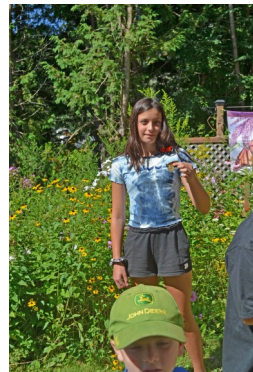
**Top L-R, Neil Wakely, Phil Clayton, Mike Vosburgh, David Duchesne, Art Brooks, Ted Hunt**

**Bottom L-R, Ruth Clarke, Mike Wladyka (Mayor), Cyril (Bus) Hewson (Dep. Reeve), Garnet Reddick**

**“Be a first rate version of yourself, instead of a second rate version of somebody else.” (Judy Garland)**



# 13th Annual Monarch Butterfly Tag and Release



“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.” (Aesop)



13th Annual Monarch Butterfly Tag and Release



Yard Sale 2022



Proposed Events Calendar 2023

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Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 7 p.m.
AGM Meeting will be held at the
Ganaraska Conservation Authority
Meeting Room, 2216 Hwy 28 North,
Port Hope, ON

Fri, Sat, Sun, July 7, 8, 9, 2023
Three-day Fundraiser Yard Sale at
Dorothy's House Museum, Garden
Hill, ON from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

July & August 2023
Dorothy's House Museum opens for
summer months. By appointment
only. Contact Secretary Joan Ashby
Parrott.

Saturday August 26, 2023
14th Annual Monarch Butterfly Tag
& Release at Dorothy's House
Museum, 3632 Ganaraska Road,
Garden Hill, ON. from 10 a.m. to 3
p.m.

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"Life is like riding a bicycle, to keep your balance you must keep moving." (Albert Einstein)