



Society Newsletter

Hand-painted egg cups from 1897 donated to DHM - the work of Port Hope's Alice Louise Deyell



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This set of six lovely hand-painted egg cups, the work of Alice Louise Deyell, daughter of Robert Deyell of Port Hope, was painted in 1897. Alice was born in 1876 and married Harvey S. Falls on September 27, 1905 when she was 29 years of age. Her husband, Harry, built the first department store in Simcoe, Ontario, the home town of Bernard Johnson, the thoughtful and generous individual who donated the egg cups to DHM.

As a young girl Bernard's mother, who was the daughter of two "Home Children", worked in the Falls' household in Simcoe before she married his father and became a long time friend of the Falls family. On leaving her employment, Alice gave Barnard's mother several items from their beautiful home as keepsakes, the egg cups among them.

Bernard, who currently lives in Ancaster, Ontario, contacted the writer in April 2014, wondering if the Society would be interested in the egg cups with their artistic artwork. We were not only interested but honoured to accept this beautiful work of art by a former Port Hope resident, who once graced our community so many years ago.

Alice's father, Robert (1850 -1938), a druggist by profession, established a drug store at the corner of Ontario Street and Walton Street in the Wilson Block. He not only dispensed medicines, but sold books, pure wines and liquors for medicinal use only. Alice's mother was Elizabeth Sinclair Gowan (1850 -1937). According to a report in the *Evening Guide*, March 28, 1906, the Ganaraska river overflowed its banks after a "heavy downpour which lasted all day" and the cellar of Deyell's drug store flooded and Mr. Deyell suffered considerable loss. As a side note: Robert's father, James, established the first gristmill at Millbrook in the 1840s.

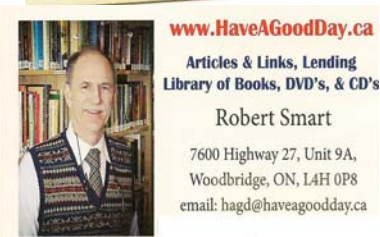
The egg cups will be on display at DHM during July and August weekends.

I have no more reserves. The only men I have left are the sentries at my gates. I will take them where the line is broken, and the last of the English will die fighting. [First Battle of Ypres, October, 1914]. -- John Fredrick Charles Fuller. Major General, British Army, Western Front.

President's report



PHDHS [former EDHS] is pleased to have the support of the following business members



Well the summer of visitation for DHM is on and the weekends for the next two months are going to be busy.

I want to thank those who helped out with the last two Yard Sales. Your efforts are very much appreciated. And special thanks to all who donated items and made it a success.

In this Report I want to bring you all up to date regarding our May AGM which had very low attendance, resulting in our inability to pass motions.

So here, briefly, is what took place. With only a half dozen or so members in attendance we approved and added Joyce Bentham, a long time member who offered herself for nomination, to the Executive Board. Joyce is a former teacher of the area, and world traveller since her retirement. We gladly welcome her in the new role.

One thing that was disappointing to me personally was that no one was available to let their name stand for the responsibility of president. In keeping with our constitution I was obligated — following two terms — to stand aside for at least a year before being qualified for re-election.

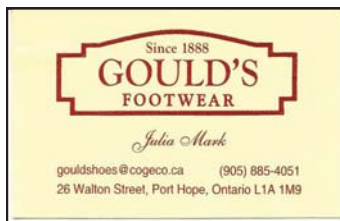
Consequently, a motion was put forward by Cal Morgan that I continue on as “Interim President” until some qualified individual makes themselves available. We hope there is someone out there from our close to a 100 members who might be interested in working with us in the important task of preserving our local history.

The Society sends deepest sympathy to Carroll Nichols and family in the passing of his wife, June Nichols, a lifetime member of PHDHS. She will be deeply missed.

Joan Ashby Parrott
Interim President PHDHS



Joyce Bentham



The United States makes a rule today and we follow it tomorrow: or to put it differently, they take the snuff and we do the sneezing. — House of Commons Debates, March 30, 1921, 1360

Giant Fundraising Yard Sale for Dorothy’s House Museum brings in more than a \$1000



This is the fifth year that the Society has conducted a yard sale under the supervision of our president and help from the members. The major purpose of these yard sales is to support the ongoing needs of Dorothy’s House Museum. There is constant care and upkeep required for the aging building, as well as the gardening needs.

The current overseers of the Museum are Joan & Rod Parrott, who volunteered to take on the responsibility on a volunteer basis, without compensation. With that in mind the PHDHS Board approved the appointment of the Parrotts in 2010, as the Museum’s Caretakers. Prior to their appointment the Society hired an individual in 2009 for a year to look after the Museum. Since 2010 to the present the costs have been covered by monies from the yard sale and infrequent donations from individuals.

This past winter was challenging for almost everyone in the Northumberland community and DHM was no exception. The basement flooded because of severe weather conditions and a failed sump pump which had to be replaced. A sink in the bathroom gave out needing replacement as well as damaged piping, and issues with the well required work. Much of this required financial costs. Fortunately, Larry Ashby, one of our board members has working skills in this area. So along with Rod Parrott, another gifted workman, these unexpected needs were looked after without requiring paid help. However, there were costs for parts replacements. This is where the yard sales have been a significant asset to managing the needs associated with the Museum.

The Port Hope and District Historical Society is a “Not for Profit” organization and can provide Tax-Exempt receipts for financial donations to support the organization and upkeep of DHM.

Port Hope and District Historical Society is “...dedicated to the ‘young’ by the ‘old’ to learn from the past and preserve it for the future, to enrich the present and challenge you to record in the future what is the present when the present has become the past.” — *Written by The Committee of senior researchers of the East Durham Historical Society, Former name of PHDHS, Authors of Hope and its Port 1992*

“This year they [Canadian Armed Forces] mark special milestones: the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the First World War, the 75th anniversary of the beginning of the Second, and the end of Canada’s military mission to Afghanistan, which we honoured across the country in May. “ — Prime Minister Harper on July 1, 2014

Remembering June Victoria Shields Nichols Lifetime Member of the PHDHS



June & Carroll wedding day 1946

It is with deep sadness that we publish this all too short notice of June Nichol's passing in our Port Hope and District Historical Society Newsletter. Her death was unexpected, though not surprising, given her age and diminishing health. She was in her 97th year and still doing what she loved to do all her married life — being Carroll's helpmate, the love of her life. To borrow a line from Bette Midler's song, she was the "wind beneath [his] wings."

June was born July 27, 1917 and grew up on the northern edge of Cavan Township. A talented musician, she taught piano and voice most of her life. Joan Ashby Parrott, our Interim President, remembers taking piano lessons from June in the 1950s. I'm sure there are others, as well, who will remember this kind and warm-hearted woman.

One very important household resident in the Nichol's home was Lucky, a stray male feral cat, who showed up one day looking for food. Anytime June saw a stray cat or dog in the neighborhood, she would leave food outside for them. Sometimes the food was eaten by raccoons or skunks, but sometimes she attracted the animal she left it for. She would then adopt and name them. This was the case for Lucky, and he became one of the family. Over time and with June's kindness, eventually, Lucky settled down and was very comforting to June and she to him. She made her son-in-law, John McGuirk, promise her to look after Lucky after she was gone.

Events Calendar 2014

Public meetings will be scheduled on basis of opportunity and when needed. Such meetings will be held at the Ganaraska Conservation Authority Meeting Room, 2216 Hwy 28 North, Port Hope, ON

**Dorothy's House Museum
2014 Summer Hours
July & August**

Weekends: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**July 20, 2014
New Hope United Church
Worship Service**

**Aug. 23, 2014 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Monarch Butterflies Tag &
Release**

**September 12-14, 2014
Port Hope Fall Fair -[183rd]**

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