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Society Newsletter

PHDHS Remembers John Boughen, Friend and Valuable Member

In June of this year the Port Hope and District Historical Society lost one of its members, John Boughen, when he was taken all too soon by that Big C – cancer. A lover of history and totally committed to preserving and recording his family's roots, as well as the broader community, John shook his head in dismay when he realized the end was near and he had so much left undone.



John was born March 5, 1942 and raised at Dale Corners in the former Hope Township. Following in his father's footsteps, he prepared his career by attending the Agricultural College at the University of Guelph. After his father's death in 1986, John took on the primary responsibility for Dalecrest Farms. After the death of his brother-in-law, Chris Gemmett in



1994, he and his brother, Dwayne, took over the operation of the farm at Perrytown, and the two continued to expand the operations as partners.

John Boughen was equally active — perhaps more so — in the community, “usually with an eye to the betterment of agriculture.” He served the former Hope Township Rate-payers Association, the Port Hope Agricultural Advisory Committee with the Municipality of Port Hope, and spent many years serving the Ontario Federation of Labour, where he was a past president and represented the Municipality as director. He also served in his last years on the Port Hope and District Historical Society as a director, and the Port Hope Probus Club.

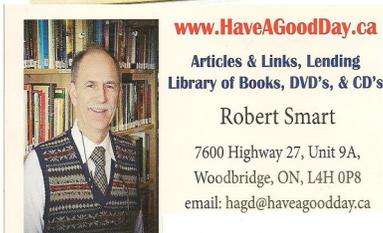
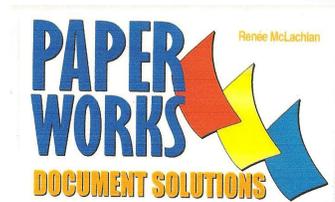
The Boughen farm at Dale Corners was the site for the well attended Northumberland Ploughing Match in 2012 [See our 2013 *Society Newsletter*, Vol. 4, Issue 1]. John played a key role in the successful effort to preserve the “Golden Plough” and “Cairn of Peace” on the grounds of the Northumberland County Building in Cobourg, commemorating the location of the first World Champion Ploughing Match held on the County Farm. During the ice storm in 1998, John “led the charge” to send generators to farmers in Eastern Ontario and Quebec and was active in the Hay West campaign in 2002. For several years he supplied straw bales for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters soap box derby in downtown Port Hope. He was a major contributor to the Canadian Food Grains Bank. He was active in the annual Port Hope Agricultural Fair from his early childhood up to 2012. John Boughen was a hard-working farmer, a good neighbour, a devoted husband to Meredith and father to Mary, as well as an admirable, public-spirited citizen. It was no surprise that he was honoured to receive the Municipality of Port Hope's first-ever Civic Award for Agriculture and to be entered on the Quinte Agricultural Wall of Fame at the Stirling Agricultural Museum. Unfortunately, due to his condition he was unable to attend the award's event.

Info: <http://www.rossfuneralchapel.com/schedule.asp>

President's report



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



Another season has passed at Dorothy's House Museum and the weather didn't cooperate on some weekends, but we managed to have some visitors and donations of artifacts which we have on display. The two-day yard sale we had in June was successful in spite of the bad weather on the Saturday.

The Society sends deepest sympathy to the family of John Boughen, who passed away on June 27, 2013. John was very active in the community and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. See page one of our newsletter.

On behalf of the Society I want to offer a big "Thank You" to The Great Pine Ridge Fibre Arts Guild [Spinners and Weavers] who set up at DHM's on Saturday, July 13, and drew in a number of visitors throughout the day.

On Sunday, August 18th we had the pleasure of hosting the annual Community [Hope United] Church Service, ministered by Rev. David King. The service was held in the back garden at Dorothy's House Museum.

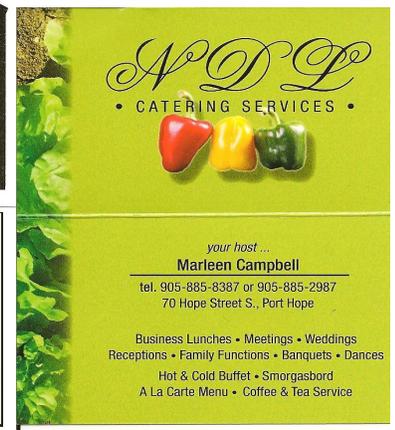
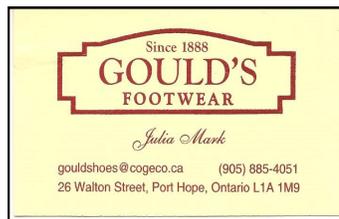
The Fourth Annual Monarch Butterfly Tag and Release was held on Sunday, August 25th. Again this year there was a large number of visitors, young and old, who commented that they "had a very nice day," enhanced by very excellent weather. Many thanks to all the Volunteers who helped during the day, and special thanks to Don Davis for his generous support, volunteering his time to tag and release the Monarchs, as well as answering the many questions over the last four years. His commitment to protecting this species is known throughout Canada.

Many thanks to Rick Norlock, MP and his wife Judy, for attending again this year, and participating in cutting the cake with Don Davis.

Hope to see you all at the Port Hope Fall Fair on September 13,14,15, 2013. And please be sure to visit our booth.

Thank you everyone and see you next summer at Dorothy's House Museum.

Joan Ashby Parrott
President, PHDHS



Fourth Annual Monarch Butterfly Tag and Release



“He hears but half who hears one party only.” — Aeschylus

Beech Hill School S.S. #15 (1933)



Photo: Courtesy Geraldine [Morton] Smith

Seated: L-R, Don Morton, Rellan Beatty, Eileen Wilson, Geraldine Morton, George Retallick. **Standing:** L-R, Ona Gardiner, Merva Beatty, Anna Retallick, Kenneth Morton, Bert Wilson, James Gardiner.

Memories and Images from the Past

Miss Ann Retallick [standing third from left] had been the teacher at Beech Hill School since 1929. The students, including those who had been there from the beginning, held a reunion in her honour, November 8, 1940 and presented her with a brown overnight bag. The presentation was made by Ona Gardiner.

The program for the event was arranged in two part: The 1940 pupils presented the first part and included such individuals as Gordon Wilson, Nelson Gardiner, Jack Morton, Grace Cann, Jack Retallick, and Larry Hall, who played a Violin Solo. Nelson and Jack sang, "God's Dark."

The second part was presented by the ex-pupils such as Kenneth Morton, Bertha Hanna, June Wilson, Geraldine Morton, Eileen Wilson, Mary Dunbar, Jim Gardiner, Don Morton, Ona Gardiner, Loreen Manning, Eileen Wilson, Clifton Hammil, Clayton Hanna, Lynn Hanna, Mary Taylor and Bert Wilson. There was a play: "We Have No Trains Today," by Bert Wilson and Jim and Ona Gardiner. A song by Marian Hanna and Milton Hanna was followed by a mixed quartet by Eleanor Retallick, Mary Taylor, Bert Wilson and Kenneth Morton. The program concluded with everyone called to the platform to sing "School Days" with verses being sung by Don Morton.

The accompanist for most of the musical numbers was Miss Dorothy Wilson of Garden Hill. An admission was charged for all who were not pupils since 1929 and proceeds amounted to \$13.55.

Anna Retallick was honoured again on July 17, 1983 at North Hope Central School. Abridged: *Port Hope Evening Guide*, Nov. 13, 1940

Events Calendar 2013

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

September 13,14,15

Port Hope Fall Fair

Be sure to visit our booth and see our display

Sat. Sept. 21, 9 a.m.

Hope Agriculture Heritage Club & Open House at the Antique Machinery Centre Canton, Ontario. Antique Tractor Poker Run Leaving 10:30 a.m. from #5077 County Rd. 10

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