



Society Newsletter

Joseph Medicott Scriven Sept. 10, 1819-Aug. 10, 1886



Joseph Medicott Scriven was an Irish poet, known for his famous poem that he wrote for his gravely ill mother in 1855.

Joseph was born to a prosperous family in Banbridge, County Down, Ireland. He graduated Trinity College, Dublin in 1842.

In 1843 on the night before his wedding his Fiancée drowned.

He migrated to Canada in 1845 and lived in Woodstock, Ontario.

Later, while living in Bewdley, Ontario he was informed about his mother's illness and wrote her a poem called "Pray Without Ceasing". Scriven had no intentions nor dreams that his poem would become published. It was later put to music by Charles Crozat Converse and became known as "What a Friend we Have In Jesus".

In 1857, Joseph moved to Port Hope and once again fell in love, only to lose his fiancée to pneumonia in 1860.

Joseph decided to devote his life to tutoring, preaching and helping those in need.

In 1856, at the age of 66, Joseph became seriously depressed and one night went missing from a friend's home. He was found the next day drowned in nearby waters.

Several memorials have been erected in the area in recognition of Joseph Scriven including:

- An obelisk on his grave site in Bewdley.
- A plaque on County Road 28.
- A memorial plaque in Memorial Park in Port Hope.
- Several streets and roads bear his name in the area.

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Ruth Melvanin

Passed away in her 98th year on Dec. 08, 2019.

Ruth was a lifetime member of Port Hope and District Historical Society.

Ruth will be sadly missed by her family and friends and our Society.



President's Report

Welcome to this addition of the Port Hope and District Historical Society Newsletter.

These are trying times, not only for our Society, but for the entire population of our great Nation.

Covid-19 has caused the cancellation of all fundraising events, as well as the planned repairs at our Museum.

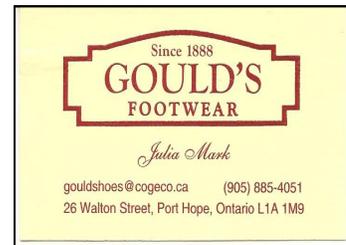
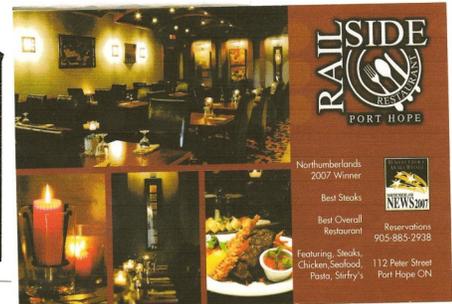
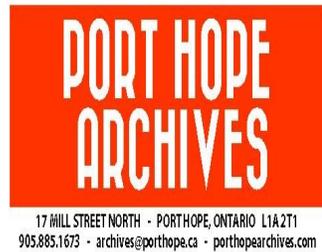
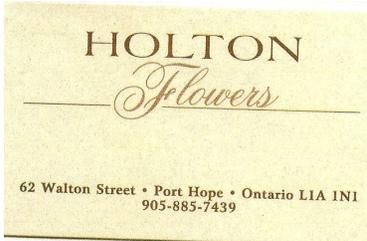
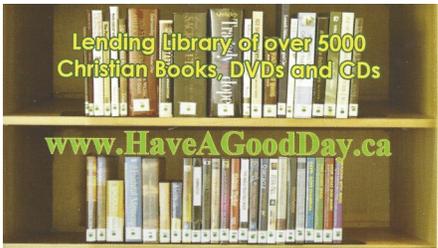
Our Executive Committee members have all agreed to remain in our current positions, but we have had to cancel all meetings and events. We have ensured that all annual funds and forms have been submitted to the Government and the Ontario Historical Society so that we remain members in good standing.

Over the past several years, the annual yard sale, annual Monarch Butterfly release and a few donations have ensured that we can pay our monthly and annual expenses. This year has seen a major change in how we accomplish the maintenance and cover expenses. We will manage, and only hope that things return to normal for next season.

Please remain safe during this pandemic. We hope to see you all in the near future.

Tim Austin,
President

PHDHS is pleased to have the support of the following business members



“Not all storms come to disrupt your life. Some come to clear your path.”
(anonymous)



Buildings Demolished or Relocated



CPR Station on Peter St. (demolished)



Crane Factory Harbor Area (demolished)



Rose Cottage Penryn Park (moved to Pine St)



Fire Fighters Museum Mill St. (demolished)



Yacht Club Harbor (demolished)



Post Office Queen St. (demolished)



Maitland Place (Loblaws) (demolished)



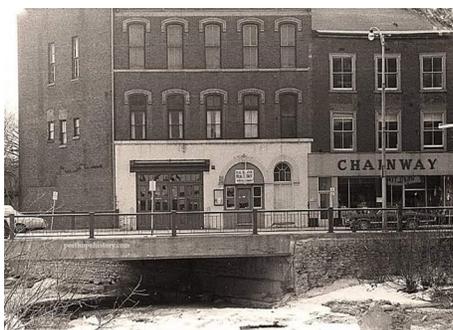
Durham Ford (demolished after flood 1973)



Houses on Ontario St. (demolished)



Cats Eye Media (old car wash) Queen St. (demolished)



Old Fire Hall (demolished after flood 1980)



Old railway station (moved to Lents Lane)

“Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it.” (Charles R Swindoll)

Certificate of Appreciation

Congratulations! A monarch butterfly tagged by

DONALD A. DAVIS

as a part of Monarch Watch's large-scale mark and recapture study of the monarch's migration was recovered/sighted after its release.

Tag Code: AABC 971

Tag Date: SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

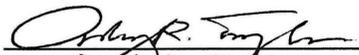
Tag Location: 69 FRANCIS STREET, PORT HOPE, ONTARIO

Report Date: SPRING 2020

Report Location: EL ROSARIO, MICHOACAN, MEXICO

Distance Traveled: ABOUT 3400 KM

Your cooperation helps to further our knowledge of monarch butterflies!


Chip Taylor, Director
Monarch Watch



www.MonarchWatch.org

10TH MONARCH TAGGING EVENT AT DOROTHY'S HOUSE

For various reasons, Monarch Watch was unable to retrieve and purchase as many monarch tags as they have in past years in the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve, Mexico. To date, there have been no recoveries of any of the 240 tagged monarchs released during the 10th Monarch Tagging event held at Dorothy's House on August 24, 2019. However, tag AABC 971, released on September 7, 2019 at 69 Francis Street in Port Hope, and in memory of Rod Parrott, was recovered in the spring of 2020 at the El Rosario sanctuary, State of Michoacán, Mexico.

Don Davis

Did you know?

- 1860 William Barrett built a house called Barrett's Terrace on Barrett St. to house workers working in his Mill.
- 1860 Brown's Tavern in Rossmount was in Hope Township until 1862 when it was relocated across the road in Hamilton Township.
- 1871 Famous Players built the Capitol Theatre for talking movies.
- 1921 The Bunker Hill Bridge was built, on the 4th line of Hope Township.
- 1925 Hawkins Bridge was built on Hawkins Road in Hope Township.

EVENTS 2020 CANCELLED

Wednesday, May 20 2020 at 7 p.m.
AGM Meeting will be held at the
Ganaraska Conservation Authority
Meeting Room, 2216 Hwy 28 North,
Port Hope, ON Cancelled

Fri, Sat. Sun, June 26,27,28, 2020
Three-day Fundraiser Yard Sale at
Dorothy's House Museum, Garden
Hill, ON from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

July & August 2020
Dorothy's House Museum OPENS
for summer months. Saturdays and
Sundays from July 4th To August
30th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday August 22, 2020
11th Annual Monarch Butterfly Tag
& Release at Dorothy's House
Museum, 3632 Ganaraska Road,
Garden Hill, ON time to be
announced.

September Fri. 18, Sat. 19. Sun. 20,
2020
Port Hope Fall Fair. PHDHS will
have a display at the Fair

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\$10.00 or larger.

"Silly things do cease to be silly if they are done by sensible people in an impudent way." (Jane Austen)