



Society Newsletter

Chair's Report



PHDHS needs additional Board members and volunteers. Your new Board will be meeting on October 15, 2025 to chart a course and set priorities for the coming months. On June 4, 2025 your Board appointed Mark Clayton as a Board member. Welcome aboard Mark.

Dorothy's House Museum will not open until necessary repairs and renovations are completed. The Museum is inspected weekly. Neighbour Jim Wheeler cleaned up the tree branches that broke off during a spring ice storm. Buildings were not damaged.

The Society's new Constitution and Bylaw No. 1 was adopted at our AGM. Your Society remains a member in good standing with the Ontario Historical Society. Annual reports have been filed with the Ontario Historical Society, Ontario Business Registry, and Revenue Canada.

Our website was overhauled. We are seeking additional photographs or other materials from our members. We thank Tim Austin who led this project and also produced this newsletter.

Our Final 3-Day Fundraiser Yard Sale was held on Friday July 4th, Saturday, July 5th and Sunday, July 6th at Dorothy's House Museum. Sixteenth Annual Monarch Tag and Release was held at Dorothy's House Museum on Saturday, August 23rd.

Your Society responds to various inquiries. One California descendant of settler Elias Smith requested a copy of "A HISTORY OF ELIAS SMITH U.E.", reprinted in 2003. Napanee resident wanted to confirm the signatures on her 4 paintings belonged to Port Hope resident William Hunt (The Great Farini). We don't always have the answers!

Keith Tripp of Toronto donated a shoe button hook inscribed on the handle with "Wm H Brownscombe Shoes, Port Hope, Ontario". This shoe shop on Rideout Street closed about 1905.

Your Society is in sound financial shape. Board members have generously given of their time to maintain the integrity of the Society and carry out their fiduciary responsibilities.

Your Individual, Family, and Corporate memberships remain valid for the calendar year. Should you wish to join the Society or need to renew your membership please contact Secretary-Treasurer Joan Ashby Parrott. All additional year-end donations are tax deductible.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

"Board of Directors"

Chair

Donald Davis

Vice Chair

vacant

Secretary/Treasurer

Joan Ashby Parrott

Directors

Tim Austin

Mark Clayton

Jennifer Dawson

Tom Mason

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Port Hope Pottery jug dated 1871 donated by Catherine Elliot Shaw & Peter Riddick



Port Hope Post Office 1883 print donated by Janette Benson



Dolls of the World donated by Christine Thompson

Happy "100th" Birthday to Life Time Member Geraldine Smith

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Yard Sale 2025 (final year)



"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." (H. Jackson)

16th Annual Monarch Butterfly Tag and Release

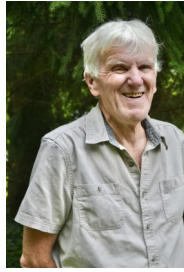


“Don’t waste your time in anger, regrets, worries and grudges. Life is too short to be unhappy.” (Roy T. Bennett)

Board of Directors 2025—2026



Left to Right: Tim Austin, Donald Davis (Chair), Joan Ashby Parrott (Secretary/Treasurer), Tom Mason, Jennifer Dawson, Mark Clayton



Events Calendar 2025/2026

Wednesday May 20, 2026 at 7 p.m.
AGM Meeting will be held at the
Ganaraska Conservation Authority
Meeting Room, 2216 Hwy 28 North,
Port Hope, ON.

Dorothy's House Museum is closed.
Opening date still to be determined
and visitation will be by
appointment only.

Saturday August 22, 2026
17th 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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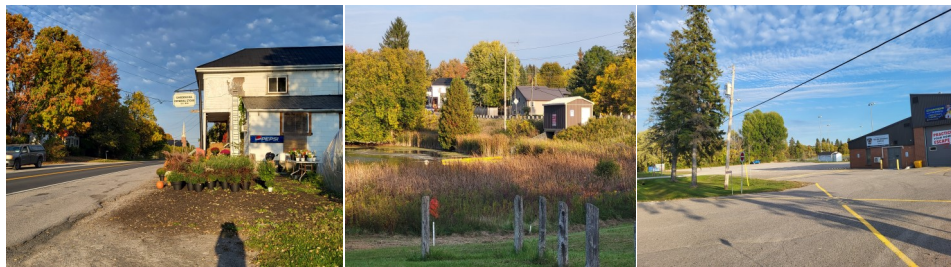
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Membership Rates

Single \$15.00
Couple \$25.00
Business \$40.00
Lifetime \$75.00

PH&DHS is a registered charity
and will issue tax receipts for
donations of \$10.00 and over.



GARDEN HILL

Garden Hill, originally known as Adam's Corners and then Waterford, is located east and west of the intersections of Northumberland County Roads 9 and 10.

In the past this thriving village was known for its first mill which manufactured hats. The original mill burnt and was rebuilt to produce lumber products including wooden shingles.

The mill was converted several years later to a woolen mill, general store and post office, and the village then became known as Garden Hill.

The woolen mill, general store, telephone exchange, and numerous houses were destroyed by fire in 1866. The mill was rebuilt four years later, only to be destroyed by fire once again after being struck by lightning. In 1911.

A second mill in the village, was built south east of the woolen mill. There is no mention of what became of this mill that no longer exists.

Today Garden Hill is served by a fire station, ball park and play grounds, a public school, a general store and the Garden Hill Farmers Market.

The Garden Hill pond was once well known for camping and swimming but these activities were discouraged due to poor water quality. The pond area is now known for its walking trail and nature observation.

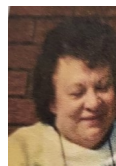
Garden Hill is also known for Dorothy's House which was donated to what was then the East Durham Historical Society and was made into a museum in 1981.

Condolences to the families of:



John Van de Wall passed away May 05, 2023
(Life Time Member—Past President)

Grace Marie Knots passed away January
13, 2024 (Life Time Member)



"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." (Dr. Seuss)