



Newsletter

Lake Scugog Historical Society

Fall/Winter 2017

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President's Message

Greetings,

As another fall approaches we can look backward to an amazing summer, at least for the LSHS. Our joint venture with Carey Nicholson and Theatre 3X60 has been an outstanding success. On our five walks "Pine Grove Cemetery: Plots to Die For," we had a total of almost 400 people in attendance! The dramatizations were enthusiastically received. Carey was so pleased with the reception that she has agreed to recall her cast to do some re-enactments as part of a Halloween walk in downtown Port Perry. This will take place on Thursday October 26. It will be held in addition to our regular October meeting on October 18, when Dave Mowat will speak to us about the Mississaugas of Scugog. At our regular November meeting focusing on Lucy Maude Montgomery, we will spend a few moments remembering Peter Perry as this year marks the 225th anniversary of his birth. He was born on November 14, 1792.

I encourage everyone to visit our Museum Archives and see the exhibit on the history of Agriculture in Durham, and outstanding display of our agricultural heritage, organized by Marilyn Pearce.

As most members are aware, we have taken on the responsibility of reprinting some books on the history of this region. They are all listed elsewhere in this newsletter. These will make excellent gifts at Christmas or at any time of the year. They can be obtained at our regular meetings or at Bill Minors' Books Galore on Perry Street, beside the Municipal Office.

I look forward to seeing you again sometime this fall.

Cheers
Paul Arculus

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, October 18, 7:30 p.m.

Dave Mowat
Mississaugas of Scugog

Thursday, October 26, 6:30 p.m.

Halloween Walk
Downtown Port Perry

Wednesday, November 8, 7:30 p.m.

Lucy Maude Montgomery Society
Lucy Maude and WWI

*Our meetings will be held at
St. John's Presbyterian Church
(319 Queen St. @ Simcoe St.)
Port Perry*

*Please join us in the downstairs
meeting room, using the rear
door, from the side parking lot.*

*We will have coffee and tea at
the end of the guest speaker's
presentations. In November,
we will celebrate Peter Perry's
birthdate with cake.*

Upcoming Guest Speakers

October 18th Meeting: The Mississaugas of Scugog – Dave Mowat

Dave Mowat is the Community Consultation Specialist for the Mississaugas of Scugog First Nation. He has been an Economic Development Officer with the Aderville First Nation, and a researcher in Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. In addition, he has been involved in First Nations Treaty negotiations and is a recognized authority on the history of the Mississaugas of Scugog First Nation.

October 26th Walk: with Paul Arculus and Theatre 3X60

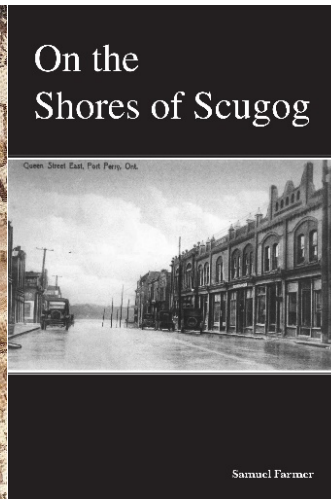
Paul will lead the audience on a walk along Port Perry's Queen Street pointing out the locations of tragic deaths and strange and mysterious happenings. Along the walk, stops will be made to witness re-enactments performed by the Theatre 3X60 cast. This special Halloween version of *Ghosts and Ghastly Deaths* takes place at 6:30 pm and will start and end at the Scugog Council for the Arts, 181 Perry St., Unit G-1, right beside the Municipal Office. Tickets are by donation (suggested \$10/person) and include post walk refreshments. The walk is approximately 70 minutes in length and will run rain or shine. For more details please contact info@theatre3x60.ca, 905 431-0977 or visit www.theatre3x60.ca

November 9th Meeting: Lucy Maude Montgomery and WWI

A Representative of the Lucy Maude Montgomery Society will give a talk to us on the role Lucy Maude Montgomery played in World War I.

Lake Scugog Historical Society Books

The Historical Society has recently reprinted three of our previously printed local history books. These new editions are available at *Books Galore and More* on Perry Street, in Port Perry. The costs are \$30.00 for *Steamboats on Scugog*, and \$20.00 for *On the Shores of Scugog*, and \$10.00 for the *Pine Grove Cemetery Book*. All proceeds will go to the Historical Society.





Happy Birthday Peter Perry

November 14, 2017 is the 225th anniversary of the birth of Port Perry' namesake, Peter Perry.

Key Events in Peter Perry's life:

1783: Robert and Jemima Perry arrive in Ernestown, near Bath, Ontario.

Robert Perry had fought as a Loyalist in the American Revolution. As a result, the Perrys were forced to abandon their farm in Vermont leaving behind all their possessions.

1792: November 14, Jemima gives birth to her sixth child, Peter Perry.

1813: Peter Perry marries Mary Ham, daughter of another Loyalist.

1824: Perry is elected, along with Marshall Spring Bidwell as the representative for Lennox and Addington Counties in the Legislative Assembly.

He is re-elected in 1828, 1830 and 1834.

1826: Perry is recognized as the leader of the Reform Party.

During his time in office he serves on 35 Legislative Committees

He initiated or campaigned for:

- Abolition of imprisonment for debt.
- Use of secret ballot in elections.
- Increased power for local municipal governments.
- Rights of all legal clergy to perform marriages (not just Anglicans and Roman Catholics).

1836: Perry loses in the election, moves to Whitby where he buys the harbour.

1843: Buys 80 acres of waterfront at south-west end of Lake Scugog. Established the first business here, a trading post at the waterfront where the Remax building is today.

1845: Perry draws up plan for Scugog Village (now Port Perry) naming the streets after his family: Perry Street, Mary, after his wife, John after his oldest son and Cinderella after his daughter. Cinderella was later changed to Casimir street. Included in his street plan were North, Queen and Water Streets.

1845-1851: Perry persuaded a number of Whitby businessmen to set up their enterprises at the Lake Scugog waterfront including five lumber mills.

1848: re-elected to Assembly. Proposes splitting up Home District into smaller more manageable districts (York, Simcoe, Peel, Ontario counties).

1850: Proposes railway from Whitby to Lake Huron through Lake Scugog. Brings two businessmen from Whitby to Scugog Village to build of the first steamboat on the Kawarthas, the *Woodman*. It is launched at the lakefront in the spring of 1851.

1851: Dies while vacationing in Saratoga Springs, New York. Buried in Whitby.

Scugog Village is renamed **Port Perry** in his honour.

1852: Home district is re-organized including the creation of Ontario County (Now western part of Durham Region). Whitby becomes the County Town.

“Pine Grove Plots: A History to Die For” Cemetery Walks

This summer the Lake Scugog Historical Society, in conjunction with Theatre 3X60 hosted several walks. The total number of visitors was 363. The walks were held rain or shine and the weather cooperated with giving us mostly rain-less performances. There were two versions of the performances that ran alternately: “Ghosts and Ghastly Deaths” and “Fame, Fortune and Femmes Fatales.” This program was made possible through funding from an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant received by Theatre 3x60 to promote community theatre. MPP Granville Anderson came to one of the walks to present a plaque from the OTF to Theatre 3x60 and the LSHS.



SCUGOG SHORES MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES - MUSEUM NEWS

AgriCULTURE! Exhibit opens Friday, September 15. On display until October 29. Scugog Shores Heritage Centre & Archives; In partnership with Durham Farm Connections, the exhibit celebrates 150 years of agricultural history in Durham Region.

Sunday Speaker Series: Sundays at 1:00 pm. Scugog Shores Heritage Centre & Archives \$10.00 per person, and includes viewing of the current exhibit, as well as light refreshments.

October 15 - The Great Canadian Wagon Trek with Barbara Houghton: Barbara will be sharing the story of her Wagon Train, the true-life Canadian adventure of her journey to Peace River, Alberta in 1975-76, with only a team of horses and a covered wagon. Barbara's wagon was the only one to complete this impossible trek! The group's challenges along the way turned it into an adventure of a life-time.

November 12 - Keeping Canada's Winter Sports Alive with Bill Humber: Winter! The word alone is enough to send a shiver down one's spine. The first European settlers fleeing their continent's "Little Ice Age" now encountered "real" ice age conditions in Canada, a world Voltaire had dismissively described as a "few acres of snow." Winter activities like snowshoeing and sledding, borrowed from the permanent Indigenous population of North America, as well as skating, curling and primitive hockey brought from Europe filled a sporting vacuum for new arrivals, as well as a means of coping. Climate change however now threatens the resiliency of these weather-dependent sports. William Humber author, together with son Darryl, of *Let It Snow: Keeping Canada's Winter Sports Alive* (Dundurn, 2009), shares his deep understanding of Canada's winter, and general, sports heritage and the twin contributions of its First Peoples, and its European settler class, along with the challenges posed by unpredictable weather, and what the future foretells for events like the Winter Olympics.

February 25, 2018 - The Letters of Frances Stewart with Jodi Aoki: Jodi Aoki is an archivist at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario. She has worked and studied at Trent for many years and has a master's degree in Canadian Studies and Indigenous Studies. Jodi first became interested in the Upper Canadian Irish immigrant Frances Stewart while working with Stewart's letters in the University Archives; she later made Stewart and the letters a focus of study. Jodi's paper is about Frances Stewart and her immigrant life in the Peterborough region. Settling initially in Cobourg, Ontario in 1822, Frances and her husband, Tom, and their three daughters moved the following year to Douro Township, not far from the present-day site of Trent University. Jodi Aoki is editor of *Revisiting "Our Forest Home": The Immigrant Letters of Frances Stewart* (Dundurn, 2011). She lives in Bethany, Ontario.

Murder Mystery Night: Friday, September 29, starts at 7 pm. Scugog Shores Museum Village: All assistant detectives will meet a colourful cast of characters and have the opportunity to interview them and search for clues. Prizes, donated by local merchants, will be awarded to the detectives who catch the culprit. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased in advance. Tickets sell out every year so get yours early to avoid disappointment. There is a maximum of 100 tickets sold. This event is recommended for 16+. Please bring a flashlight and wear comfortable shoes.

Threadworks FLASHBACK Exhibit opens November 6. On display until January 6, 2018. Scugog Shores Heritage Centre & Archives: Created by the Wellington County Museum & Archives, Threadworks is a juried exhibition of exceptional creative needlework stitched by artists from across Canada. The theme is FLASHBACK...what does this word bring to your imagination and just how far back does it take you? Regular admission rates apply.

Paint Nite! Thursday, November 16

Children's Old-Fashioned Christmas: Sunday, December 10, 11 am - 3 pm. Scugog Shores Museum Village; Step back in time and tour through the historic village, traditionally decorated for the holidays with evergreen boughs, bright ribbons and berries. Children will be engaged in activities throughout the village. Regular admission rates apply.

For more information, please contact us at 905-985-8698 x103 or email museum@scugog.ca Heritage Centre and Archives: 1655 Reach Street, Port Perry (2nd floor of the Scugog Arena); Museum Village: 16210 Island Road, Port Perry

The Antique and Nostalgia Show and Sale
Port Perry Arena – February 3 & 4, 2018
10:00 to 4:30 Saturday, 10:00 to 4:00 Sunday

This is our seventh year sponsoring this event, and we again ask for volunteers to bake and to assist with different duties the two days of the show. Please call Wendy Hatherley at 905-985-6188, or Daphne Naassana at 905-985-0936, if you can help with any baking for the show.

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/marilyn.pearce/antiqueshows.htm>

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Watch for the next Newsletter in late-March/early-April, 2018

www.lakescugohistoricalsociety.com for updates

This is to remind members that we will not send a separate renewal notice in the mail. For all Annual Renewal Members, there is a renewal notice included with this Newsletter. Please fill it in and send back, or drop off at Books Galore & More, before the busy Christmas Season gets underway. We will try to save postage and hold your membership cards for pick-up at our meetings. Thank you; your Historical Society appreciates your support.

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