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# President's



# Message



By Marilyn Pearce

Summer 2023



**AS I SIT TODAY** and reflect on the most recent Canada Day spent with family and friends I feel blessed that we live in such a great community and in a country that is "Proud and Free".

Our newsletter this month highlights what LSHS has accomplished over the past few months but also focuses on the direction that the new Executive Board wishes to take over the next 2 years.

I wish to thank all those who turned out to hear Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Chief Kelly LaRocca's interesting and thought-provoking address at our AGM in May. Chief LaRocca has been re-elected by the way for another two year term and LSHS hopes to be able to continue the telling of the story of Scugog's Indigenous beginnings in new ways.

Thanks are also due to the past LSHS Executive Board as together with our partners we have accomplished so much – the digitization of our local newspapers and magazines, a revitalized newsletter, increasing our membership, new exhibits, and financial sustainability for all we have created.

Special thanks to Dan Stone who recently stepped down as our VP but is now a member of the Township's Municipal Heritage Committee.

Where do we go from here you may be asking?

I am excited to report that the new Board has had their first meeting and are looking forward with many new projects including a series of Heritage

Tours of the smaller communities and villages of Scugog.

This summer at the museum's Heritage Days we hope to unveil a new exhibit on the "History of Scugog Island" complete with a driving tour and of course Peter Hvidsten's new book "The Island" will be available.

Board members Janis Carter and David Ankrett are hard at work on the history and restoration of the Scovill cemetery site – many of the early Island residents were buried here.

Over the next two years, I hope we can encourage more folks to help us record their family histories before they are lost. Let us know if you can add new information to our stories- including photos or memorabilia from your private collection.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter – we had so many stories submitted that we have had to save some for the Fall edition. Thanks to all.

I hope to see you on July 11th at the Downtown Historical Walk with Peter Wokral and again in Greenbank on Sept. 17th for both the Pines Cemetery walk and the speaker and stories to be told at the Greenbank Hall.

The LSHS Board are always looking for new ways to preserve, protect and present to you, the local history we are so proud of. Please join us in our mission.

Have a great summer.

*Marilyn*

## Lake Scugog Historical Society Board of Directors

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# MEET YOUR NEW LSHS DIRECTORS



## DAVID ANKRETT

David moved to Scugog in 2015 and lives on Scugog Island. His historical interests centre around the pioneers of Port Perry and Scugog Island and their historic buildings and cemeteries. David hopes to be able to contribute to the continued preservation of both.



## BRENDA KRIZ

Brenda moved to Cadmus two years ago after 30 years as Records Manager & Archivist for the Town of Ajax. She was also the staff liaison to the Ajax Heritage committee. Brenda is interested in finding out & helping to preserve the history of her new community.



## BILL HOLTBY

Bill is a fifth generation Holtby in Reach Twp. His great great grandmother immigrated with her second husband John Thompson and six children in 1829. Bill has an active interest in the history of Scugog and in particular early schools of Scugog, Reach Townships, and surrounding area.

# SCUGOG SHORES MUSEUM - 2023

## HERITAGE DAY Sunday, August 20

Celebrating the rich history of Port Perry, the Scugog area, and Durham region, this fun family-friendly event has something for everyone to enjoy. Visitors will be treated to various heritage demonstrations, such as blacksmithing, weaving, spinning, and wood carving. Guests may also explore the Museum's historic buildings and learn about their history. Special Event admission rates apply.

## ADVENTURES AT THE BOO-SEUM Sunday, October 22

Are you looking to have a spook-tacular time? Join us at the Museum for our 5th annual Halloween event.

## CHILDREN'S OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS FOR THE SEASON Sunday, December 3

Get into the merriment of the season as you step back in time and learn about Christmas traditions of the 19th century. Delight in the sights, sounds, and smells of the holiday season as you tour the village decorated with evergreen boughs, berries, and ribbons. Special Event admission rates apply.

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For more information please contact the  
Scugog Shores Museum at 905-985-8698  
ext. 103 or [www.scugog.ca/museum](http://www.scugog.ca/museum)



## 2023

- 1 **July 11: Historical Tour of Port Perry - 6:00 p.m.**  
Peter Wokral led tour of Queen St. architecture  
Meet at Old Mill in Palmer Park
- 2 **July 15-16: Mississaguas of Scugog Island**  
25th Annual Pow Wow - starting at 1:00 p.m.
- 3 **Sept. 17: Northern Reach Twp. History - 1:00 p.m.**  
The Pines Cemetery Walk - 1 p.m.  
Historical Exhibit and Talk - Greenbank Hall at 2:00 pm
- 4 **Oct. 10: Speaker Series - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Adam Shoalts** - "Where The Falcon Flies"  
St. John's Church, 319 Queen St.
- 5 **Oct. 21/22: Antique Show & Sale Fundraiser**  
Scugog Community Centre 10am- 4pm both days
- 6 **Nov. 14: LSHS Speaker Series - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Dr. Amy Barron:** Topic: "What Do Archaeologists  
Do When the World is At War"  
St. John's Church, 319 Queen St.
- 7 **Dec. 12: Xmas Social Show & Tell:**  
Piano Café: 7-9 p.m.  
"Bring along your best" historical Scugog item  
and LSHS will do the same

*Print & Save for future reference.*



# On The Shelf

## A Book Review by Bill Minors

### A HISTORY OF CANADA IN TEN MAPS

BY ADAM SHOALTS

PUBLISHED BY PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE \$22.00

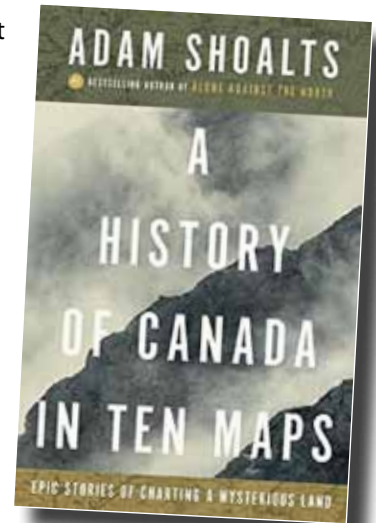
I once had a customer say that this book should be required reading, I tend to agree. Although the title sounds like this is a dry history book, nothing could be further from the truth. This book has it all, heroes, villains, courage, cowardice, warfare, slaughter, cannibalism and above all GEOGRAPHY. This book is about maps, but mainly it is about the intrepid explorers who created them.

The early explorers, like Columbus were not looking for North America but thought they would find a quick way to the riches of the Orient, China and India. Did not realise that Lachine, Quebec was named for the French La Chine, China, as Jacques Cartier thought that once past the rapids they would be docking in Peking. He was the one who called the country KANATA, not realizing that it simply meant village in the Iroquoian language.

It was not until Samuel De Champlain do we get a relatively acceptable explorer. Before that we had the Vikings, who were not averse to a bit of plunder and slaughter. Then we have the Italian John Cabot, then Jacques Cartier, who felt it acceptable to kidnap the Iroquoian Chief Donnacona and seven of his people and ship them to France, where they died. Champlain had the unique idea that it would be better to make friends with the aboriginal nations than antagonize them.

The book continues with familiar names such as Samuel Hearne, Alexander Mackenzie, David Thompson and John Franklin and some lesser-known such as Jacques-Nicolas Bellin and Peter Pond.

The common thread is that they all created maps. Thus bit-by bit we came to realise how big this country was. I feel slightly ashamed that I live about a mile from my place of business and drive to work. These explorers travelled thousands of miles by canoe, on foot, on snowshoes, through endless forests, raging rapids, in every kind of dreadful weather and some ended up dying in poverty. If you want to read a history of Canada that does not involve Kings, politicians, armies and wars, this is highly recommended.



#### PLEASE NOTE

The author, Adam Shoalts, is a bit of an intrepid explorer himself.  
**Adam will be the featured speaker at our meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2023.**

He will be speaking on his latest book:

#### WHERE THE FALCON FLIES

A 3,400 Kilometre Odyssey from My Doorstep To The Arctic.

# LSHS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Lake Scugog Historical Society president, Marilyn Pearce welcoming member of the LSHS to the General Meeting which was held in the Presbyterian Church, Port Perry.



Chief Kelly Larocca was the guest speaker at the Annual General Meeting.



Marilyn Pearce presents Chief Larocca with a basket crafted by a member of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island.



Members of last years LSHS board of directors are seen here relaxing after the AGM. Left back, Bev Brown, Marilyn Pearce, Bill Minors, Dan Stone and Janis Carter. Seated front left, Peter Hvidsten and Paul Arculus.

Three new members were elected to the board at the May 16, 2023 annual general meeting – Brenda Kriz, David Ankrett, and Bill Holtby.



Claudette Brock presented the "Bill and Claudette Brock Award" to Peter Hvidsten for his contributions to the preservation of Scugog Township history.

## LSHS Capital Projects

2023

The following projects received approval at the AGM:

1. Scugog Heritage Gallery Up-Grade
2. Donation of new furnace in the Lee House at the Museum  
*Thanks to the 100 men of Scugog for their generous support and donation to this needed up-grade.*
3. Final Phase of the Digital Newspaper Collection  
Port Perry Star issues dated 1991-2001  
*Sincere thanks to the generosity of the Compton Family.*

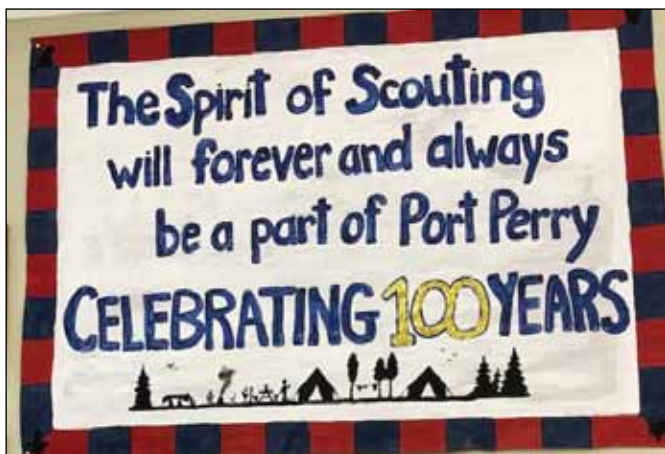
## Congratulations to Port Perry Scouts on their 100th Anniversary

The Scouting program has been offered in Port Perry for 100 years having started in Oct. 1922. It was the 310th group to register with Scouts Canada. In May 1951 the first meeting took place at the new Scout Hall. With Scouting on the increase, in 1958 the Scout Hall began construction of an addition. Then in 2006, the Scout Hall was completely renovated and was officially opened in November that year.

The Lake Scugog Historical Society extends congratulations to all the leaders and organizers who have worked for more than a century to instill in our youth the same basic principles as practised when they were founded and thanks for the great historical display at the Port Perry Scout Hall.



Scout Hall after renovations in November 1996



## Where I'm From

By Evan Monsma

*Evan Monsma is Lake Scugog Historical Society's youngest contributor to the Archivist. He just graduated from Grade 8, at S.A. Cawker school and was selected as one of two student Valedictorians.*

*The following poem was part of his presentation to the graduating class.*

### Where I'm From

I am from family history and hockey,  
From long hours of research and tedious  
articulation of skill.

I am from a landscaped old bungalow on the  
outside of town,  
Where flowerbeds thrive and birds chirp freely.

I am from Bruins who wear black and gold  
proud,  
Battling, enforcing, and record-breaking  
seasons.

I'm from the celebration of Christmas, just one  
day late,  
From a long-working electrician and a  
can-do-it-all mother.  
I'm from long days on the ice and a heart full of  
passion,

From, "It gets easier with a hockey stick," and  
"don't look back, you're not going that way."

I'm from a semi-religious lifestyle,  
I try as a willful guidance for kids to look up to.

I'm from a historic small town, and come from  
many more,  
From meatball soup and pancakes for dinner.

I'm immigration across the Atlantic and an  
impossible love story,  
The hiding from Nazis and witnessing what  
your mind can't erase.

In countless books, scrapbooks, and stories  
passed on,

To cherish and commemorate where I am from.

# REMEMBERING...



Queen St., Port Perry was jammed each summer for Western Weekend during the early 1970s.

## PORT PERRY'S SUMMER CELEBRATIONS

By J. Peter Hvidsten



Centennial Flag designed by Port Perry High School student Ross Carter.

Port Perry first learned how to throw a party during the summer of 1967 when the town celebrated Canada's Centennial. Celebrations started in January and climaxed in July 1967 when an estimated 2,500 residents, many dressed in Centennial costumes gather to watch or take part in a large parade, and activities along the lakefront, including a giant chicken barbecue. The celebrations ended at the Water St. Arena, where over 1,100 people danced the night away.



Port Perry's Centennial Committee, appointed to make plans for the "1967 Canada Centennial". Front left, Marjorie Jackson, Terry Hodgins, chairman; Norma Cornish. Back left, Bert Stulen, Art Panabaker and Peter Hvidsten.

Plans for a second grand celebration for the town began in May 1970 when a committee was formed to celebrate Port Perry's Centennial year which took place on June 9, 1971, the day which marked the actual 100th anniversary of the town.

About 1,500 people crowded a large stage facing the lake on Water St., for the opening ceremonies; Queen Street was closed to vehicles for the next four days; the old Water St. arena was turned into the St. Charles Hotel with a bar extending the entire width of the arena floor.

The four days were filled with activities and events for young and old alike. Some of the highlights included – MPP Norm Cafik presenting the town with a Canadian flag which had recently flown over Parliament Hill; Miss Sharon Baird was chosen as Centennial Queen; a large parade

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Debbie Griffen was chosen as Port Perry's Centennial Queen, in June 1967.

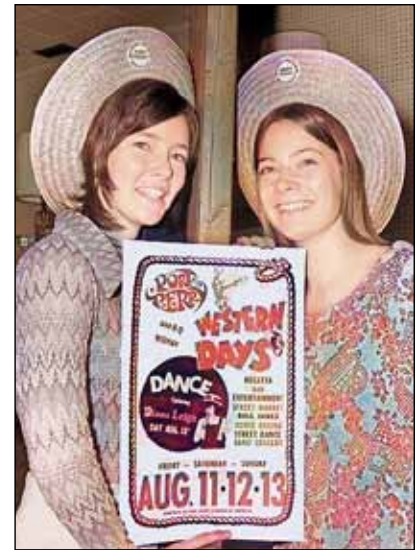
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marched along Queen St. to the lakefront.

The Centennial celebrations was filled with actives for young and old alike. There was a beard growing contest; dancing and entertainment in the arena nightly; midway; street dance; chicken and beef barbecues; regatta at the lakefront, fireworks display, and a Centennial Ball at the arena to wrap up the events. On Sunday morning an interdenominational church service was held in Palmer Park on Sunday.

It was the 1971 Centennial celebrations that sparked the Port Perry Chamber of Commerce to begin plans for a similar summer party the following year. A Chamber committee, headed by Richard Drew, John Williams and Ken Dowson were charged with organizing the event to be known as Western Weekend.

Similar to the Centennial events, permission was given to close down sections of Queen St. Dozens of events were staged in front of the post office, vendors lined the street;



Janet Carnegie and Lynn MacGregor help to advertise the coming Port Perry Western Weekend which gets underway on August 11, 1972.



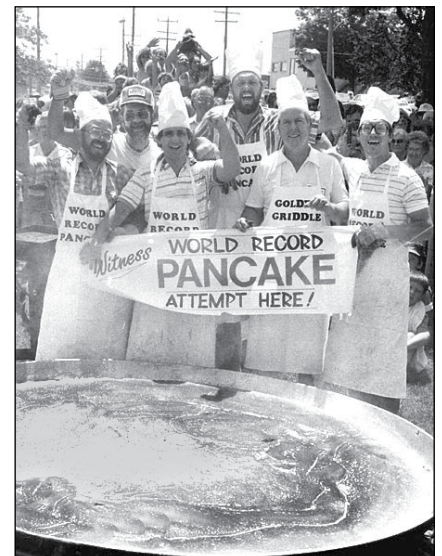
Port Perry Star editorial page cartoon, July 1985.

a midway set up in Palmer Park; and once again, the old Water St. arena was designated as the "St. Charles Hotel" for the weekend.

Western Weekend became a popular annual event for more than a decade before getting a name and theme change in 1985. Chamber of Commerce organizers felt that the annual party needed to be revamped to keep the interest of the public, and venue became known as Festival Days. This began another long run for the hugely popular summer festival.

Under the new "Festival Days" heading, the event was able to revise its theme annually, with some of the most popular being a Caribbean Festival and British Festival. Among of the exciting new events launched for festival days were the Golden Griddle pancake breakfast; world record largest pancake flip; the sexy man/sexy woman contest; "Much Music" rock video party; Mutt Show; arm wrestling and dancing in a gigantic tent set up in Palmer Park.

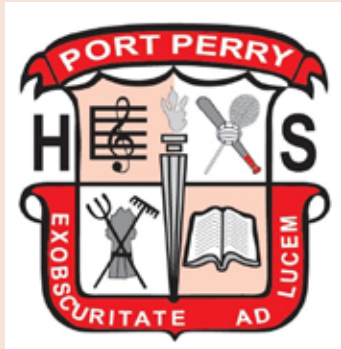
Festival Days was welcomed and popular summer tradition for both residents and visitors for two decades. The final Festival Days was held during the summer of 2005. The following year the local Chamber of Commerce replaced the summer party with an expanded Canada Day celebration.



The Golden Griddle team celebrate their World Record Pancake Flip in July 1985.



# PPHS 150TH REUNION



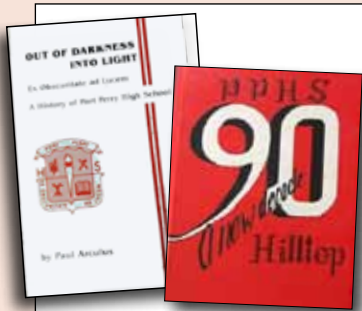
Lake Scugog Historical Society took part in the 150th Anniversary of Port Perry High School, held on Saturday, May 6. President Marilyn is seen above discussing school memorabilia with, from left, Eileen Hodgins, Doug and Dana McMillan.



Paul Arculus and Bill Holtby are seen here with their display of PPHS year books, which dated back to the first issue in 1951.



Former Port Perry High School graduates, Dale Beare and Terry Howsam, showed up in their school sweaters and are seen here with one of their former classmates, Ron Redman at the reunion.



## Looking for Your High School Yearbook?

Thanks to the donation of many back copies of the PPHS "Hilltop" yearbooks Lake Scugog Historical Society now has many issues for sale.

**Copies of available "Hilltop" year books - \$10 each**

Contact: [lakescugoghistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:lakescugoghistoricalsociety@gmail.com) to see if yours is available.

Also selling the Paul Arculus history of PPHS published in 1987.

**Out Of Darkness Into Light - Copies \$5 each.**

# Out & About

## Highlights of Pine Grove Cemetery Walk

By Paul Arculus

*The Lake Scugog Historical Society dedicated this Cemetery walk to our courageous and tireless health care providers who have brought us through the Covid Pandemic of 2019-20.*

*The following story is a condensed article on the tour. For a complete tour please visit our web-site gallery [www.lakescugoghistoricalsociety.com](http://www.lakescugoghistoricalsociety.com)*

### Stop # 1 - Abner Hurd

At the Hurd monument near the south entrance Abner Hurd established this site as a family burial ground when his first wife Anna died here in 1831. He later donated the site to the community to be used as a common burial ground. There are almost 30 doctors buried here in Pine Grove.

### Stop # 2 - Emma Gladys Vernon Archer, RN

She died 1984. Emma was a local girl, born in Manchester. After graduation from the Oshawa General Hospital in 1913, she was hired by Drs Bob and David Archer. In 1916, married Harold Archer, the son of Dr. Robert Archer, her employer. "Nurse Gladys" was a highly respected nurse in the community.

### Albert J. Davis, Pharmacist

Born in Port Perry in 1864, son of Cabinet /undertaker John W. Davis who had his business at the southwest corner of Queen and Perry where Wagg's operate today. Albert graduated from PPHS and then from the Ontario College of Pharmacy in 1890 and bought the store and drug business from Colin McGlashan on Queen Street.



### CEMETERY WALK

*The Lake Scugog Historical Society "Cemetery Walk" was held on Sunday, June 11 at Pine Grove Cemetery, with Paul Arculus leading the way. The tour featured local Medical professionals buried at the cemetery and Paul provided details about the doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other medical professionals who have served Port Perry and Scugog Township over the past 150 years.*

### Stephen Allison, Pharmacist.

Stephen graduated from Pharmacy in Toronto in 1868 and promptly opened his pharmacy practice here in Port Perry. When telephone arrived in 1884, Allison was first businessman to adopt the new convenience and a switchboard was established in his store. The young Herbert Alexander Bruce worked here for two years before going to Medical School in Toronto.

### Stop # 3 - Dr. George & Richard Jones.

Rev. George Jones and his wife Laura (Mallory) had at least 8 children. Two sons became doctors. Dr. George William Jr, came to Prince Albert and set up his practice in 1860. His younger brother, Richard graduated in medicine from the University of Buffalo and then pursued post graduate studies in New York. Dr. George invited his younger brother to join him in his medical practice in Prince Albert. When plans for the Whitby Port Perry railway finally fell into place, the doctors, Richard and George joined in the migration from Prince Albert to Port Perry.



**Dr. J. Herbert Sangster**

Dr. Sangster was a true giant in the history of medicine in Canada.

He was born in England in 1829 and came to Canada and became a teacher. He quickly rose through the ranks of education and wrote numerous text books which were used in elementary and secondary schools throughout the province. By the time he was 35 years old he was head of the Toronto Normal School which became Toronto Teachers' College. At the same time he became a professor of Chemistry at Victoria College and lecturer in Renal Diseases at the Toronto School of Medicine. While doing all this, he obtained his MD and became qualified as a physician and moved to Port Perry in 1874 to open his practice as a family physician.

**Stop # 4 - Dr. George Rennie**

George Rennie was born and raised on a farm in Wellington County and graduated from Queen's University Medical School in 1923. Before coming to Port Perry he served on the Oshweken Hospital of the Seven Nation Reserve near Brantford. In 1928, he accepted an invitation to join a partnership as a family doctor with Dr. David Archer here in Port Perry. He practiced in the Archer's Queen Street residence and office. He was an extremely popular physician and remained here for the rest of his life, practicing for 45 years. He retired in 1976 and died the following year. An immense funeral was held in his honour.



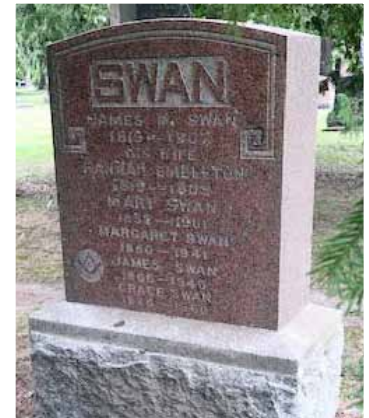
**Dr. Matthew B. and Jeanne Dymond**

Born in Scotland in 1906, Matthew Diamond emigrated alone to Canada as a teenager.

In order to complete his high school studies he worked as a grocery store clerk. In 1930 he married Phyllis Jeanne Clifton and then went to Queens University to study medicine. Shortly after graduating in 1941 he was invited to Port Perry to share in Dr. Rennie's practice. However, events in Europe stirred his sense of loyalty and he joined the Royal Canadian Medical Corps and served as battlefield surgeon in Europe. When he returned to Canada after the war, he and Phyllis decided to move to Port Perry where he recommenced his practice as a family physician. In 1958 as the PC MPP, he became the Minister of Health for Ontario and was responsible for the implementation of the Ontario Health Insurance Plan.

**Stop #5 - Grace Swan, RN**

In 1920 a nurse, Grace Cormack came to Port Perry and established a private hospital in rented rooms on the north side of Queen Street where the old Port Perry Star office was located. In 1926 Grace married carriage maker James Swan and they bought a large yellow brick house at 96 John Street, just a couple of houses south of the Foodland parking lot. In this building, Grace established a hospital facility with 11 beds.



**Dr. Robert and Dr. David Archer.**

Drs. David and Robert Archer were two of five sons and three daughters of Robert and Elizabeth Hedges Archer of Cartwright. Both Attended Bowmanville High School. David began his professional career as a teacher, but after a few years realized that his real passion was medicine so he returned to Victoria College in Toronto and later studied in England and Scotland before returning to Port Perry to set up his practice in 1882 at 230 Queen Street, Port Perry.

After qualifying as a surgeon at the University of Toronto, Dr. Robert Archer went on to study medicine in New York and at the Mayo Clinic. He began his medical practice in North Dakota but his brother David convinced him to come to Port Perry to work in medicine with his brother in his office on Queen Street. This he did in 1897.



**The LSHS extends its sincere appreciation to Sunnybrae Golf Course for the use of a golf cart for the "Arculus-mobile"**



## SCUGOG DIGITAL NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

Lake Scugog Historical Society



Lake Scugog Historical Society held a digital workshop at the Scugog Library in April. More than 20 people attended and learned to navigate and search the Scugog Digital Newspaper Collection. The workshop was hosted by Scugog Memorial Public Library.

## Scugog Digital Project nearing completion

It has taken almost eight years, but the Scugog Digital Project is about to finally reach its goal of digitizing 142 years of Scugog newspaper history.

The digital project got underway in early 2017, but it wasn't until the directors of the LSHS agreed to take on the project in 2020 that the project finally got some traction. Divided into three phases, the project entailed digitizing local newspapers dated 1857 to 2001.

After months of delays, due to the Covid pandemic, the first phase of the project was finally brought on-line in February 2021.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of so many individuals, local businesses and foundations. More than \$52,000 has been raised by the Lake Scugog Historical Society with donations ranging from \$100 to \$25,000.

Reception to the digital site has been beyond expectation. During 2022 there were more than 52,000 page views from people across the globe. The highest use of the site coming from Canada, USA, England and Australia.

In the first five months of 2023 the site has had more than 54,900 visits - more than the total views a year earlier.

In June alone there were 249 people accessed the site, with 54.74% from the USA, 33.58% from Canada and the remainder from England and other countries across the globe.

The exact cost of the complete digitization will not be known until the final 10 years (1991-2001), is completed, hopefully before the end of this year. A recently generous grant of \$6,000 from Ron and Nancy Compton, will ensure the final phase can be fully funded.

Access the Scugog Digital Newspaper Collection at the following link.

<https://vitacollections.ca/lshs-news/search>

## Scugog Heritage Gallery

The Scugog Heritage Gallery was designed two decades ago to introduce the fascinating history of Port Perry and Scugog Township. The gallery is packed with stories, photographs, books, maps and post cards, which can be accessed on smartphones, tablets and computers from anywhere in the world.

Peter Hvidsten, who designed and operated the site for the past 20 years, recently donated the site to the Lake Scugog Historical Society, and the site is currently undergoing an upgrade. The new website format will be unveiled later this month.

The conversion of the Scugog Heritage Gallery has been made possible by a generous donation from the Brock family, owners and operators of Brock's Port Perry. The redesigned site ensures this significant heritage resource will continue to provide Scugog history free of charge the public.

Lake Scugog Historical Society has a mandate to preserve and protect Scugog's heritage and through the Scugog Digital Project and the Scugog Heritage Gallery, and donations from the public, these two projects help secure our written history.

Scugog Heritage Gallery is accessible at:

<https://scugogheritage.com/>

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# MUSEUM DISPLAYS RESTORED FOR 2023

By: Robyn Pegg - Assistant Curator  
Scugog Shores Museum Village & Archives

Throughout the month of May, staff at the Scugog Shores Museum Village and Archives were hard at work getting the village ready for the 2023 open season, which started on May 24th and goes until September 1st.

Working as a team, our first priority was making sure every building was thoroughly cleaned top to bottom. Afterwards, it was time to rejuvenate the displays and make the buildings more historically accurate! Not only were the items in the buildings rearranged, but some

was able to put together an Indigenous exhibit that pays tribute to the history and heritage of the Mississauga's of Scugog Island First Nation. In the cabin, we have artifacts and information on stone tools, furs, birch bark canoes, bead and quill work, baskets, and wigwams. Now that this exhibit is set up, it's on to rejuvenating the Museum's Ojibway Heritage Interpretive Lands (OHIL) and restoring the wigwam!

In addition, two new temporary exhibits were installed for 2023. The first exhibit, which is displayed in



of the items were switched out. This means that some of the older artifacts that need conservation work done were put into storage, and new items were brought out to be put on display.

The buildings that got a refreshed look include: 1) the Emporium, 2) the Log Cabin, 3) the Lee House, and 4) the Church. Inspiration for some of these changes was taken from photographs from the 1970s — a time when the Museum was newly open. Some noteworthy artifacts on display are a 1920s quilt that was hand-made by Laura Carnegie and her mother Evan McGill, which was donated by Carol Fralick, a Victorian hair wreath, and a 1920s wash jug and basin that was once owned by James MacFarlane and donated by Ken Wyman and Leueen MacFarlane.

Museum staff are also happy to announce that the Rodman Cabin has been stabilized! As a result, the team

the Tea Room is called "Art from the Archives," and showcases a variety of artwork from the Museum's collections — most of which have been unseen by members of the public until now. The second exhibit is called "We Are The Rebels," and is located in the Emporium.

This exhibit ultimately commemorates Port Perry High School's 150th anniversary by displaying a variety of photographs and artifacts from the Museum's collection. A huge thank you goes to Janis Carter who graciously donated a lot of artifacts used in this exhibit, including a school jacket and cap, pennants, and reunion memorabilia.

If you haven't been to the museum before, now is the perfect time to visit — and if you haven't been yet this year, come see our updated displays! Staff is on hand Wednesday to Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm and are eagerly waiting to give you a guided tour.



**Hope to see you soon!**

# SPORTS *Scugog* HISTORY

By LEANNE ASHBRIDGE

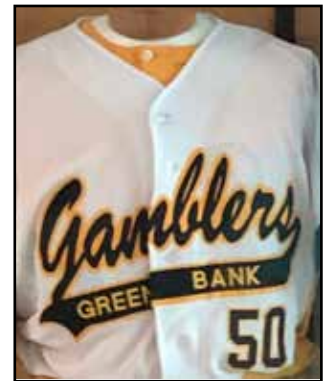
## Scugog Sports Hall of Fame Summer Exhibit Opens



With the 2023 Induction Ceremony now complete, the SSHOF committee have opened their summer exhibit on the main floor of Pad 2 at the arena.

Jackets, Jerseys and Summer Memories features many artifacts from the very large SHOF collection that reflects the long history of baseball and softball in Scugog Township.

The Exhibit tells the story of the Greenbank Gamblers Ball Club founded in 1981 and coached by Rodd Foster as well as the Scugog Island girl's team "The Ramettes" founded by Joel Aldred and Don Ashbridge in the 1960s. The exhibit also features examples of the early equipment used including a catcher's mask from the early 1900's which was basically just a set of goggles - gloves, mitts, trophies, score cards and crests are also featured. The Scugog Hall of Fame boasts a large collection softball and baseball memorabilia including a 1955 Cadmus Cardinals jersey from

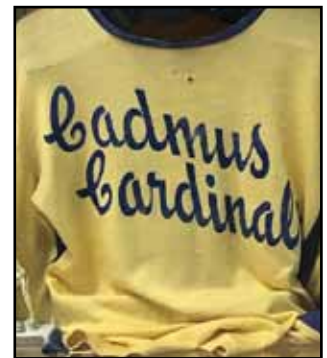


the Venning Collection and a 1949 Baseball sweater/cardigan.

Looking back at the Memories who can forget the special events - "Vinnies Minnies" Team, The King (Eddie Feigner) and His Court playing against Port Perry, The New Zealand tournament and of course the Three Peat Play of the 1965 Midget OASA team. Some of the most interesting photos in the exhibit are the building of the waterfront diamonds as well as the infamous "Drying of the Diamonds" photo of how the organizers ensured the downtown diamonds were play-ready after a heavy rain.

At the 2023 induction, the Scugog Angels Ball Club Builder Rick Finley was inducted and in a tribute to his over 30 years of coaching, managing and showcasing female softball players in Scugog a new exhibit featuring Rick has been created in the main exhibit area upstairs of Pad 2. Both exhibit galleries are open at the Arena during normal operating hours.

The Hall of Fame committee are always looking for artifacts related to our sporting history - photos, equipment, jerseys, jackets and memories. With over 450 items in the



collection the committee strives to preserve the history of the people, events and stories that "Honour Our Past and Inspire Our Future" in sport in the community.



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# LSHS MEMBERSHIP

Lake Scugog Historical Society membership continues to grow. As we reported at our recent AGM in May there were 102 members in 2022. As we begin the month of July we have 110 members and would like to welcome the following new members since April.

• Joan Zamora • Heather-Hill Gibson • Jesse Gillis • Anna-Liza Kozma

As well, congratulations to Chief Kelly LaRocca on her recent re-election as Chief of MSIFN. She is an ex-officio member of LSHS as Chief.

Presently there are 20 members who have not renewed for 2023.

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