

## Chair's Report

**G**reetings everyone and welcome to a new and exciting year for ACO Port Hope.


Reflecting on 2018, we accomplished much as an organization. When we put a few hundred people together with a shared passion for heritage, amazing things happen. There have been hundreds of hours given to the conservation of local heritage and to raising funds in support. Thank you all for your time and inspiration. Please join us at this year's **AGM, 7 p.m. February 21 at the Sculthorpe room in the Capitol Theatre** to review 2018 and elect our new Executive to 2019.

New this year is an exciting **Heritage Architectural Tour** to the **South of France**. Join with friends to tour Southern France from **October 16 – October 29, 2019**. Visit [PHHF.ca](http://PHHF.ca) for details or contact Moya McPhail [moya@eagle.ca](mailto:moya@eagle.ca) or Anna Gray [anna.gray@sympatico.ca](mailto:anna.gray@sympatico.ca).

The **Antiques and Artifacts Auction Committee** is reaching new heights by hosting some small online auctions throughout the year in addition to its annual auction. Joan Tooke and team will be hosting the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction on **April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Town Recreation Centre**.

The Advocacy Committee continues to campaign for the designation of the **Port Hope Historic Hospitals at 65 Ward Street**. The Conservation Review Board will be meeting February 11 to determine whether 65 Ward Street is worthy of designation. ACO remains confident they will recommend designation to our Council. Unfortunately, that does not mean Council will support their recommendation. Please take every opportunity to communicate with Council about the importance of Heritage in our community.

And finally, we have the excitement of the **Opera House** acquisition. Still in early stages, we continue to work with RBC to secure this beautiful piece of Port Hope's heritage.

— **Julie Mavis** 

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday, February 21, 7 p.m. for 7:30**  
**Sculthorpe Room, Capitol Theatre**

The Annual General Meeting quickly approaches, our 54<sup>th</sup>. We will review what we have undertaken over the past twelve months, and have an opportunity for discussion of suggestions for future planning.

Besides the chair's and financial reports, there will be an opportunity for questions about any of the committee reports. Following that, members will be asked to vote on the membership of next year's Executive, two of whom are new, and two are being renewed for their second term.

The meeting will have two highlights: first the announcement of the recipient of the Marion Garland Award for contributions to this community's heritage. Then, after a short break, we will listen to what should be a fascinating talk from **Scott Weir, a Principal at ERA Architects**. Scott has written columns on architecture and urbanism in the National Post, and guest-lectured at several Ontario universities. He has received several awards for his design work in the re-adaptive use of heritage properties, a field for which his home city of Detroit has provided him with several interesting opportunities. This is precisely the lecture that Port Hope residents need to hear, coming just as large properties with heritage buildings, and renewed waterfront planning present us with important opportunities and challenges. — **Bruce Bowden**

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# The ACO Executive Membership and Slate

## Executive Committee

- Julie Mavis ..... continuing as Chair
- Bruce Bowden ..... continuing as Vice-chair
- Susan Carmichael ..... continuing as Secretary
- Hugh Parker ..... to be elected to a second term as Treasurer
- Ted Holmes ..... continuing as Executive member
- Matt Desbarbieux ..... continuing as Executive member
- Ian McKay ..... continuing as Executive member
- Anna Gray ..... to be elected to a second term as an Executive member

## New Candidates for election: Marielle Lambert, Susan Layard

Advisor ..... Ed Pamerter

## Committee Chairs

- Auction ..... Joan Tooke
- Advocacy ..... Bruce Bowden
- Bus Tour, Newsletter, Discovery .... Patsy Beeson
- Communications .....
- Garden Tour ..... Moya McPhail & Susan Carmichael
- Governance ..... Ian MacKay
- House Tour ..... Kathy Kobelski
- Membership ..... Anna Gray
- Projects ..... Phil Carter
- Property ..... Ed Pamerter
- Scholarship ..... Matt Desbarbieux
- Events .....

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# Speaker at AGM

**S**cott Weir is a Principal at ERA Architects Inc in Toronto, and holds a post-professional Master’s degree in Architecture. He has been with the firm since 2000 and his work specializes in heritage conservation, adaptive reuse, new design, and heritage planning. An avid photographer, bibliophile, and writer, Scott’s interest in cultural theory, Ontario architectural history and North American urbanism has led to his work being published in a variety of architectural periodicals. He has been formally trained in Canada, Italy, and the U.K., and he regularly guest lectures for various programs at the Universities of Toronto, York, Ryerson, and Carleton, as well as being a mentor at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit.

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Casey House in Toronto. One of the many restorative projects performed by ERA Architects Inc.



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## New Candidates for Election

**Marielle Lambert** and her husband Will moved to Port Hope 20 years ago, after falling in love with the rich architectural heritage Port Hope is known for.

In 2015 she was named the Municipality of Port Hope's Citizen of the Year, for her involvement in many organizations in the area. Amongst her achievements, Marielle has 5 years involvement with the Port Hope Archives board, serving two of these as chair. She also worked with an arts and culture festival — "Port Hope Estival" — for three years, two of those as chair, besides being involved in Beyond the Blue Box and Relay for Life.

Currently she is on the Canadian Fire Fighters Museum board having served 6 years to date, as well as sitting on the Port Hope House Tour organizing committee.

**Susan Layard** is a retired school administrator and teacher of history and mathematics. She taught for 21 years at The Bishop Strachan School, where she also served as Head of Mathematics and for 13 years at St. Clement's School, where she was the Director of Curriculum and Student Services and Principal of the Summer School. During the 2006-07 year of school construction, she was the Principal. After formal retirement in 2011, she went on to direct the school's annual professional development institute for teachers of Advanced Placement courses.

Throughout her career, Susan was also heavily involved with music, coaching music groups at both BSS and St. Clement's, and outside, working extensively with Canadian composer Udo Kasemets. That interest continues in Port Hope through her volunteer work as secretary of both the La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra Board and its Foundation Board. Even before moving to Port Hope, she volunteered with our ACO chapter, and became a Board member of St. Mark's Maple Court which provides affordable housing for seniors.

This past year, her indefatigable research was an essential contribution to the ACO's advocacy for the historic hospital.

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### AGM Presentation:

#### Adaptive Reuse of Purpose Built Buildings

**P**urpose built buildings present a particular challenge when adapting them for reuse given that their physical built form has often been constructed to allow a specific use to occur. But these elements that make adaptation challenging can also act to help create dynamic spaces and lively cities, while resulting in the repurposing of what is often an interesting and unique structure. In this lecture Scott is going to speak to the process of adaptive reuse referring to specific examples either recently completed or currently underway at ERA Architects Inc.

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ARTIFACTS**



Photo: Ed Pamerter  
Stoneware Jug, Picton, Canada West

## CELEBRATING THE 15<sup>TH</sup> AUCTION & TAG SALE

*Gardens R Us plus Chairs R Us  
at 9:30 am in the Fall Fair Centre  
Preview and Tag Sale at 10:00 a.m.  
Auction at 12:30 p.m.*

**Sunday, April 28th, 2019**

Town Park Recreation Centre  
62 McCaul Street, Port Hope

Auctioneers: Les Brittan & Rob Rusland  
[www.acoporthope.ca](http://www.acoporthope.ca)



# ACO Christmas Party at Lee Caswell and Blaise Gaetz's

– Photos by Matt Desbarbieux



## A First! Port Hope Architectural Tour to South of France Please join us...

**W**e have chosen the South of France for its architectural heritage, its charming villages with layers of history, and for the beauty of the landscape.

In October, 2019, we plan to stay in three different locations, in 4 star hotels in Albi, Nimes and Aix-en-Provence for a total of 12 days (plus 2 days of travel). From these locations, we will do various excursions which are outlined in an itinerary which can be mailed or emailed to interested members.

The fully escorted tour is limited to 30 participants. At the moment, we are sending this information only to ACO Port Hope members; however, if the tour doesn't fill up by March 1, 2019, we will open it further.

**Please note:** while a committee of the executive of the port hope branch of the ACO has worked with Pauwels Travel to organize the itinerary of the trip, all enquiries and all orders must be placed directly with Pauwels Travel, and, all contracts, documentation etc. Shall be only between the traveller and Pauwels Travel. The ACO assumes no liability whatsoever with respect to the trip, or the traveller's arrangements with Pauwels Travel.

We hope you will be able to join us!

Please contact **Anna Gray** at [anna.gray@sympatico.ca](mailto:anna.gray@sympatico.ca) or **905-885-7949** or **Moya McPhail** at [moya@eagle.ca](mailto:moya@eagle.ca).



## Annual ACO Bus Tour To Lakefield — April 24, 2019

**W**e are at once simple and sophisticated... small town and worldly... old and new... calm and bustling." So Lakefield describes itself with great accuracy.

Our next bus tour is to this charming little town on the shores of Lake Katchewanooka, a site inextricably linked to Canadian literature – to Catherine Parr Traill, Susannah Moodie, their brother Samuel Strickland, and to Margaret Laurence, who all had homes here.

First we'll visit **Lakefield College School** where we'll enjoy light refreshments and be taken on a tour (extensive) of the school by 'student ambassadors'. Following this we'll have a guided tour of the town of Lakefield by a member of the **Lakefield Historical Society**, Mary Marsden.

Lunch will be in the town. Afterwards we'll drive east to the small village of **Warsaw**, which, remarkably, happens to be the location of two workshops of three exceptional artisans. One is **Michael Fortune**, a world-class furniture-maker whose work can be seen in Rideau Hall and in embassies and head offices around the world. Fortune's use of wood is spectacular and he himself articulate and always interesting, and we're lucky to catch him between international teaching assignments. The other is the studio of the husband and wife ceramic artists, **Tom Aitken and Kate Hyde** whose enchanting work you may have seen at the Gardiner and the Aga Khan Museums.

Following this we head homewards with a snack/tea and our usual Happy Hour en route.

**The bus leaves Cobourg at 8:30 a.m. and Port Hope at 8:45 a.m. sharp.**

Prices are \$85 for ACO members and \$95 for non-members.

Make out cheque to **ACO Port Hope, 'Lakefield'**. Your cheque guarantees a seat on the bus. Mail or drop off to **Felicity Corelli**, at **35 Sherbourne St., Port Hope, L1A 1H3**. DO NOT FAIL to include 1) your email, phone #, address; 2) Which ACO branch you belong to; and 3) The name and daytime phone # of a contact person in case of emergencies.

Cancellations must find a substitute or lose payment. If there is a waiting list, there's no problem. Queries may be directed to **Patsy Beeson** at 905-373-4512 or (preferably) **pbeeson@eagle.ca**.

— **Patsy Beeson, Felicity Corelli and Heather Burnet.**



Lakefield College School



A set of nesting tables by Michael Fortune



Ceramic work by Tom Aitken and Kate Hyde



Michael Fortune at work

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**DISCOVERY TOUR**

**Arthur Williams: Controversial Hero  
Wednesday, May 15th, 1 p.m.**

Outside our Town Hall stands the statue of **Lt. Colonel Arthur Williams**, known as **The Hero of Batoche**. An inspiring figure, sword upheld, he urges his troops to follow him into Battle.

But controversy swirls around him.

Was he a hero? Certainly the adoring Port Hope townspeople in 1885 thought so. Brave he undeniably was. But was he rather a foolhardy and disobedient glory seeker who caused the unnecessary deaths of several of his men?

We'll present the facts around the event, and you can decide for yourself. We'll also pursue his life in Port Hope as a highly successful and popular politician, businessman — and 'farmer', as he liked to be called.

Starting at the statue we'll move to the Penryn Homestead, his childhood home, whose owners, Jeremy and Dianne Holmes are kindly allowing us to visit. Here the guests of Commander and Mrs. Williams, Arthur's parents, danced in a ballroom the Commander had built to imitate a ship's canted deck. It's still there though repurposed.

After that we'll visit Penryn Park, for a tour of Arthur's marital home by James Sculthorpe; and we'll end at Arthur's gravestone in the Union Cemetery, where Peter Bolton will be our guide.

By then we'll be ready for a handsome tea at the little Caretaker's Cottage nearby in the cemetery, where we can relax and over a cuppa decide on a verdict for our contentious but valiant soldier!

Numbers are limited to 30. Car-sharing will be organized and maps provided.

\$20 members, \$25 non members. Make out cheque to **ACO Port Hope, 'Batoche'** and mail or deliver to **Helen Kucey, 24 Harris Street, Port Hope, L1A 4G6**.

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**Did You Know?** From Port Hope Historical Sketches:

“Up to November 5th, 1883, Port Hope had its own standard of time which was about thirty minutes slower than Montreal time. It is true an attempt had been made in 1857 to put the Town Clock ahead half an hour but so violent were the resulting protests that it was hurriedly put back and so remained until standard time was everywhere introduced.” Standard Time was enacted into US law in 1918.

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## The Historic Hospital Buildings at 65 Ward Street

You will recall that Council unanimously voted to provide Heritage protection to this property's three buildings: The McLean House that became the initial hospital and then the Nurses Residence on Hope St; the Hospital on Ward St. that opened in 1916; and the attractive brick pump house at their rear that served the hospital. When two councilors moved a new motion asking that this motion be reconsidered, the designation decision was re-affirmed.

The designation decision was a hot-topic during the election. Many individuals and Southbridge Health Care Inc. registered objections to the designation, thereby delaying a final decision by Council until after a public Hearing, conducted by the Conservation Review Board. That Hearing has been scheduled for **Monday, February 11, at 10 a.m.** in the **municipality's Council Chamber.**

Phillip Carter will be the expert witness for the town. Four individuals have also received standing to make presentations. Two of these, Tony Jenkins and Brian McLaughlin requested this opportunity as residents of the area. Their views, most likely, differ. Bruce Bowden and Phil Goldsmith will speak from the perspective of this organization and their own professional experience. Southbridge has indicated that it will not participate in the Proceedings. This also seems to be true for individual objectors. Once a Report is prepared, it will be forwarded to the Town Clerk.

— **Bruce Bowden, Advocacy Chair**

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PORT HOPE HERITAGE FOUNDATION



# Major Upcoming Events

## Annual General Meeting

Thursday, February 21, 2019 (p. 1)

## Bus Tour

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 (p. 5)

## Antiques & Artifacts Auction

Sunday, April 29, 2019 (p. 3)

## The Controversial Hero! Tour

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 (p. 6)

## Port Hope Garden Tour

Saturday, June 15, 2019 (p. 7)

**N.B.** We would like to advise members that the committee formerly entitled *Evenings with the ACO and Friends*, or just *Evenings*, is now called *Discovery*. So many of our events weren't in the evening that it didn't make sense!

## Membership Renewal for 2019

If possible, please renew your membership by going online to [www.acoporthope.ca](http://www.acoporthope.ca) and following the links.

Alternatively, fill in the membership renewal form below and send it, along with your cheque, to the address indicated. Many thanks — Anna Gray



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