

September 8, 2009

Guy Scott

"Canadian Agricultural Fairs"

Ever wonder what is the oldest, continuous and largest community service in Canada? The answer is agricultural societies, or more commonly, Agricultural Fairs. They started in 1765 (in Windsor, Nova Scotia), and today there are over 700 fairs in Canada with a gross attendance of 23 000 000. Ontario's oldest fair, Williamstown, will celebrate 200 years of continuous service in 2012. Agricultural fairs are one thing every part of Canada has in common.

October 13, 2009

Dr. John Carter "North American Political Prisoners in Van Diemen's Land"

Updating research completed at the University of Tasmania early in 2009, Carter, using a variety of sources, will focus on how the political prisoners of the Rebellion of 1837 survived in the penal colony of Van Diemen's Land until they were granted freedom and, for the most part, returned to live in North America.

November 10 2009

George Duncan and Peter Wokral

"Peter's Old House"

Subtitle: "Gleanings from a mid-nineteenth century farmhouse." George and Peter will look at aspects of architecture, construction details, preservation issues, and restoration potential in a house located on a working farm near Port Perry that they are restoring. The house is noteworthy as a heritage structure because it has never been modernized and so most of its original state has been preserved.

December 8, 2009

Dennis Mann

"Storytelling in the New World"

"Canada's quintessential kitchen storyteller", as he has been called in *Appleseed Quarterly*, Dennis Mann joins us tonight to share a few stories and to discuss the changes to Storytelling from the Old to the New World before the 1850s.

PTHS meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, September through June, at the East Shore Community Centre, 910 Liverpool Road (just south of Highway 401). The meetings begin at 7:30.