

# It's About Time...



NEWSLETTER OF THE PORT HOPE ARCHIVES

## "THANKS - GIVING" FOR GOOD COOKING! COOKBOOKS IN THE PHA COLLECTION

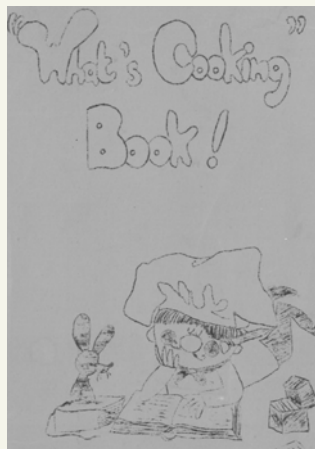
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Bottom Left: "The Mixing Bowl" St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Cookbook, 1931 (2004.13.1.1)

Bottom Right: "Hometown Recipes of Port Hope" Catholic Women's League of Port Hope (2005.5.1.2)

Below: "What's Cooking Book!" 3rd Port Hope Girl Guide Company (2011.22.1)



Every Thanksgiving our mothers would all pull out their trusty cookbook. One which they held dear to their hearts, and our stomachs! In this way, cookbooks serve as an important way to unite families and can do the same with communities.

"Cookbook" is the term traditionally used to describe a reference publication used in the kitchen to help with the reproduction of recipes. This is something everyone knows, but what everyone may not know is that the Port Hope Archives has quite a few cookbooks in our collection!

The earliest surviving collection of recipes is "De re coquinaria" and is written in Latin. It was first compiled

in the 1st century C.E. (Common Era) and is thought to be the work of Marcus Gavius Apicius. It was his name that became synonymous with cuisine in this early time period.

Of course the PHA doesn't have cookbooks dating to this ancient time period, but the ones we do hold serve up a picture of fundraising in mid-20th century Port Hope, Ontario.

Cookbooks such as: "The Mixing Bowl" to raise funds for St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in 1931; "Home Town Recipes of Port Hope" for the Catholic Women's League of Canada Port Hope Branch, c. 1980; "What's Cooking Book!" created by the 3rd Port Hope Girl

Guides; and "Restore St. Mark's Cookbook" are all included under a genre known as "Community Cookbooks."

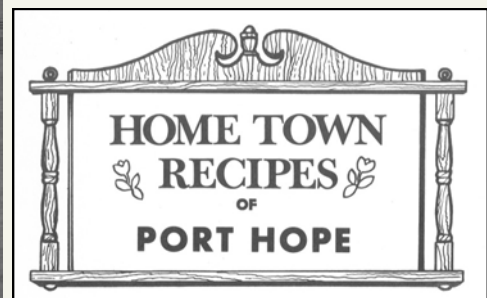
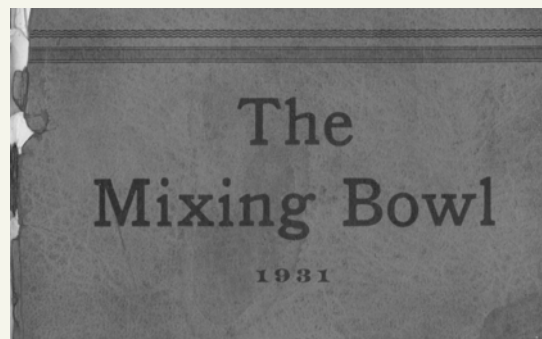
These special cookbooks focus on home-cooking and "comfort food" rather than haute cuisine; and serve to document historic, ethnic, local, and societal traditions; making them important to the history of a specific area.

So, when you think fondly of Thanksgivings past, don't forget your favourite cooking friend, the cookbook.

For more information on cookbooks in the Port Hope Archives collection contact us.

Source:

"Cookbooks." Accessed 18 Sep 2012.  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cookbooks>



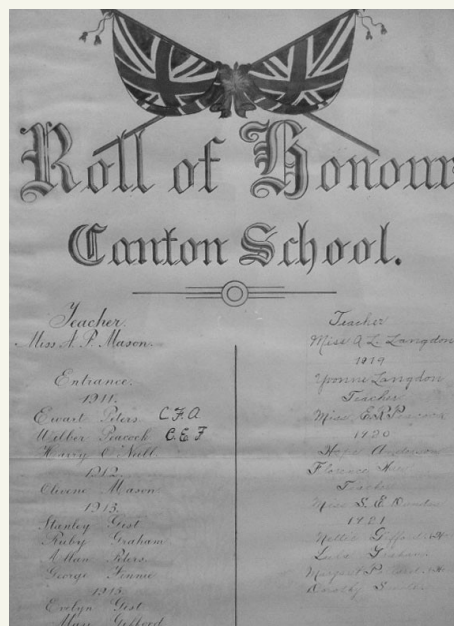
## NEWS FROM THE COLLECTION

Early in 2012 I made a trip to the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board office in Peterborough to have a look at an item removed from the former Canton School.

It was a framed listing created by the school to highlight the efforts of exceptional students between the years 1911-1921. Originally created by the school's teachers, the "roll" hung in the school after the closure, when the building was used as an educational museum.

S.S. #8 Canton School was opened at Lot 11 Con 4 in 1884. In 1855 the original Canton School and Peters School (from Lot 14) were amalgamated to form S.S. #8. The first teacher at the school was R.D. Davidson, with Amy Gemmill serving as the last teacher before the closing.

The roll includes the names of the following teachers: Miss A.P. Mason (1911), Miss A.L. Langdon (1919), Miss E.R. Peacock (1920), Miss S. E. Dundas (1921). It also lists the following students who made the honour roll between the years 1911-1921: Ewart Peters, Wilber Peacock, Harry O'Neill, Olivene Mason, Stanley Gist, Ruby Graham, Allan Peters, George Finnie, Evelyn Gist, May Gifford, Elsie Peters, Clarence Gist, James Graham, Bessie Anderson, Violet McCann, Yvonne Langdon, Hope Anderson, Florence Haw, Nettie Gifford, Lula Graham, Margaret Pollard, Dorothy Smith.



*Canton School Roll of Honour, 1911-1921  
(PHA 2012.11)*



I'm writing this column at my desk in the reading room surrounded by junk! It's not just any old junk though... It's much more special than that!

This junk is the "one man's trash is another man's treasure" kind of junk. The kind of junk that supporters of the archives have taken time and thought to organize and bring down to the PHA to help us raise money.

### ARCHIVIST'S MESSAGE

Erin Walsh, B.A.H., M.I.S.T

That's right folks! It's the type of junk that makes up our annual fundraising yard sale!

Our little building is full to the brim with vintage fabrics, antique finds, movies & cds, kitchen items, décor, and mounds upon mounds of books!

Normally one wouldn't think too much of our yard sale treasures, but this year being surrounded by this "junk" has started me thinking how much our local community has come

to embrace the archives and all we have to offer.

The PHA is a very special place, a place that I'm proud to work, and people feel very comfortable not only donating their old "junk" for our annual yard sale, but also where they know their family story will be kept safe for future generations.

We pride ourselves on being able to reinforce this safe feeling among our donors and your generous financial, and in-kind sup-

port, helps to make sure this is a reputation we can maintain into the future. For this we thank you - for your continued support and for filling up the archives with "junk!"

Thanks everyone for a wonderful first 3 years!

**Erin**



## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR...

Every picture tells a story.

At this year's Fall Fair, the theme of our exhibit was School Days, focusing on the history and highlights of the schools of Port Hope. We have in our collection graduation and class photos from various Port Hope educational institutions, but in most cases, we do not know who the people in the photos are. Thus we photocopied the photos and brought them with us, asking fair-goers to flip through to try to identify these long-lost or remembered faces. During my stint in the booth I had many people, of all ages, stop, page through, and immediately begin to laugh or sigh, and reminisce about the people they saw. One photo in particular was brought to my attention: that of the 1920 graduating class of the nursing school at the Port Hope Hospital. The lady who pointed it out is from Port Britain, and one of the graduating nurses pictured was her great-aunt, who, upon graduating had set off, on her own, for Chicago where she worked until retirement, and then returned home to Port Hope. For me, this was fascinating; as I was unaware there had ever been a nursing school at the hospital. For the lady from Port Britain and her husband, it was a revelation to see this hitherto unknown photo, and for a short time remember a much loved family member. We laughed about the "unsuitability" of a young woman in the 1920's setting off unaccompanied to Chicago, and then we had a good gab about Port Britain, finishing off 30 minutes later with a discussion about the multitude of hollyhocks growing on the Lakeshore Road near Newcastle. All that ... from a single photo. It made getting up much too early on a Saturday morning completely worthwhile!

Exactly one week later, I again got up incredibly, ridiculously (!) early to help set up, in the dark, in the rain, our annual Yard Sale. For the most part the ominous black clouds stayed as they were, with no torrential downpours, and although we may not have surpassed the record-breaking 2011 proceeds, all in all it was a great success. To our archivist, all our hard working Board members and volunteers who gave so generously of their time and energies – a huge thank you. And to all our members, friends, families, and neighbours who donated and bought items – a doubly huge thank you. We are often humbled by your support and heartened by your faith in the work we do.

*Pam*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**SEP 29: PHOTO SCANNING WALK-IN CLINIC (A CULTURE DAYS EVENT)**

**OCT 6: BACK TO OPEN SATURDAYS; FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 9AM -1PM (UNTIL MAY)**

### **BOARD MEMBERS WANTED!**

*If you're interested in preserving the history of your community, have fund-raising experience, or any other skills you think might benefit the PHA Board of Directors, contact us at [archives@porthope.ca](mailto:archives@porthope.ca), by phone: 905-885-1673, or just drop by!*



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### Our Mandate:

*The Port Hope Archives exists to collect and preserve archival materials which illustrate the growth and development of the Municipality of Port Hope or which pertain in whole or in part to activities within the geographic boundaries of the Municipality of Port Hope.*

### Donations:

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### HOURS:

Tuesday to Friday 1:00pm—5:00pm  
1st Saturday (October to May) 9:00am—1:00pm  
OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT

## From the Photo Database ...

Port Hope High School Postcard, 1900

**PHA 2008-18-2-3079**



This photo and others can be found in our Flickr photostream:  
**[www.flickr.com/photos/porthopearchives](http://www.flickr.com/photos/porthopearchives)**

Description: Colour lithographed postcard of the old Port Hope High School on Pine Street North, 1900. It was created by Valentine & Sons, Montreal & Toronto and sent from: Will (Port Hope) to Miss Nellie Hobbins, b. 1882 (Peterborough). The letter threatens a spanking for not writing!

The postcard is from the Amy Quinn collection of Port Hope photographs.

*Port Hope High School was built 1896, under the principalship of Dr. Kirkconnell. An addition was added to the south side in 1926 which would accommodate Dr. M.S. Hawkins Sr. Public School. Converted to condos in 2000: "The Pines of Port Hope."*



# PORT HOPE ARCHIVES CULTURE



## Photo Scanning Walk-in Clinic

Have a box of family photos in your attic or closet? Ever wonder how you can preserve them for future generations? Pop by the Port Hope Archives to ask how to preserve your family photographs or have a couple scanned for free! Just bring a USB drive or blank CD, 1-3 photos and yourself!

**Saturday, September 29, 2012, 9am-12pm**

Port Hope Archives  
17 Mill Street North, Port Hope

For more information: [archives@porthope.ca](http://archives@porthope.ca)



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