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Celebrate IRISH ROOTS with the Peterborough Museum & Archives

On **Sunday, February 24 from 1 to 4 pm** the **Peterborough Museum & Archives** will host the **Peterborough Irish Club** in a celebration of this community's **Irish Heritage**.

There will be special displays of Irish artifacts, Irish musicians and refreshments. All are welcome to attend.

At 2 pm there will be a presentation, "**Irish Crossings – A New Look**" by Museum & Archives Education Officer, Marie O'Connor, herself a descendent of the famed 1825 Irish immigrations to the Peterborough area.

Dr. William Burnie, surgeon on the Irish Immigration ship, "John Barry" will make a special appearance to read from his diaries of the time.

In 1825 Peter Robinson brought over 2,000 Irish Immigrants in 9 ships to the area then known as Scott's Plains. The town was named Peterborough in his honour in 1827. Today, the descendants of the Irish immigrants still populate Peterborough and area.

The Peterborough Museum & Archives is located on top of Armour Hill on Museum Drive, Hunter Street East, Peterborough, Ontario. Open Monday to Friday- 9 am to 5 pm and Weekends and Holidays- 12 noon to 5 pm. Admission is by donation.

For more information call 703 743 5180 or check the website at www.pcma.ca

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