



Peterborough Museum & Archives

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Celebrate IRISH ROOTS with the Peterborough Museum & Archives

On **Sunday, March 1, 2009 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. Today, the descendants of the Irish immigrants still populate Peterborough and area.

The **Peterborough Museum & Archives** is located in Ashburnham Memorial Park on Museum Drive, Hunter Street East, Peterborough, Ontario. Admission is by donation and there is plenty of free parking.

For more information call 703.743.5180 or check the website at
www.peterboroughmuseumandarchives.ca

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