

**THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU  
LA SOCIÉTÉ HISTORIQUE DE LA GATINEAU**

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**NEWSLETTER**

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**COMING EVENTS**

**38<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AUCTION SALE**  
**Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**  
**St-Stephen`s Church Grounds, Old**  
**Chelsea**

The Historical Society of the Gatineau will hold its 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction of Antiques, Collectibles and an amazing collection of items donated by members of the Society on the spacious grounds of St-Stephen`s Church in Old Chelsea.. Viewing will take place Friday August 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8 p.m. and the morning of the Auction, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

A Silent Auction will feature many items from politicians, and local dignitaries; including, among others, the prime Minister who contributed a signed photograph, Robert Bertrand MP, Pontiac-Gatineau-Labelle, a luncheon at the Parliamentary Restaurant and MRC des Collines Prefect, Judy Grant, Mayor of Chelsea, who will provide a luncheon for two at the famous Les Fougères. Mr. Bertrand and Judy Grant plan to be on hand to be two of several guest auctioneers who will assist "World & Canadian Champion Auctioneer", Hoss Bertrand, who commented that: "Its always a great day with varied selection of antiques and collectibles donated from the people of the area." The Annual Auction is the principle fund-raiser for the Society to aid in its work. For more information call Theresa Winfield, Auction Director 827-0678, or the Society at 827-4432.

**HSG SEPTEMBER MEETING.**  
**September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2000 7:30 p.m.**  
**St. Camillus Parish Hall, Farrelton, P.Q.**

The Roman Catholic Parish of St. Camillus, Farrelton, has been celebrating its 150th anniversary all year, and the Historical Society has been asked to join them in welcoming Marianna O`Gallagher as guest speaker for our first meeting of the season. We will gather at 7:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall, close

to St. Camillus Church, Farrelton. Ms. O`Gallagher, noted historian and writer, is an authority on the Irish settlement in Canada. This should prove to be an exceptional evening and an opportunity for us to extend interest and involvement in our Society to this heritage rich area.

**VISIT BY THE HUDSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

**Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2000**  
**Chelsea Community Centre**

The sun shone on the HSG members who visited Hudson on June 17 to enjoy the hospitality of the Hudson Historical Society. We marveled at the 1732 Greenwood Centre - the house in three distinct sections, the amazing collections bequeathed by Phoebe Nobbs Hyde, the historic and extensive gardens. Sampling desserts, we learned of life aboard steamboats on the Ottawa, and crossed the river ourselves on the rope-ferry to visit Oka's missionary church. In Hudson we admired architecture and gardens, a bird sanctuary, art displays, and more food.....

On September 30<sup>th</sup>, we expect 40 members of the Hudson Society to arrive by bus for a full-day programme. We would be glad if HSG members could help us "show them around." The morning begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Old Chelsea Community Centre with welcomes by Judy Grant and Ernie Mahoney, and a walk from St. Stephens to the Protestant Cemetery. Then a bus tour to Wakefield, with 12:30 catered lunch at the United Church. An afternoon of Wakefield highlights, some free time to explore, then the 5 p.m. steam train to Hull for the bus home.

If you can attend, and share your local knowledge and enthusiasm, please confirm with Michael Cooper at 459-2787 by September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**HSG OCTOBER MEETING**  
**October 16, 2000 7:30 p.m.**  
**Chelsea Community Centre**

Allan Richens will treat us to an evening of his research on the history of Tenaga. Perhaps we can encourage summer residents of the area to remain a little longer and join us at our regular venue, Chelsea Community Centre, at 7:30 p.m. for refreshments and socializing, 8:00 p.m. speaker.

**ARTIST'S STUDIO TOUR**  
**Chelsea/Wakefield/La Pêche**

For the twelfth year running the dynamic *Artists in their Environment Studio Tour* will compliment the fall colours in the Gatineau Hills of West Quebec. Twenty-three artists from the Chelsea/Wakefield/La Pêche area are opening their studios for public viewing on the weekends of September 24-25<sup>th</sup> and September 30-October 1<sup>st</sup>. The renowned event continues the high standards and quality of the Studio Tour by maintaining a diverse cross section of talented local artists and craftspeople. This year the Tour features a wide range of disciplines and styles and traditional to avant-grade painting and sculpture to photography, layered glass, candle making, weaving, canoe-building, jewelry and blacksmithing to name a few. Come and see how art happens, where it happens and see art in the making!

For further information,, phone: (819) 459-3233, email: [gatineauhills.artists@canada.com](mailto:gatineauhills.artists@canada.com), or visit the web site: [www.gatineauhillsartisttour.com](http://www.gatineauhillsartisttour.com)



- Helene Anne Fortin, Wakefield Artist

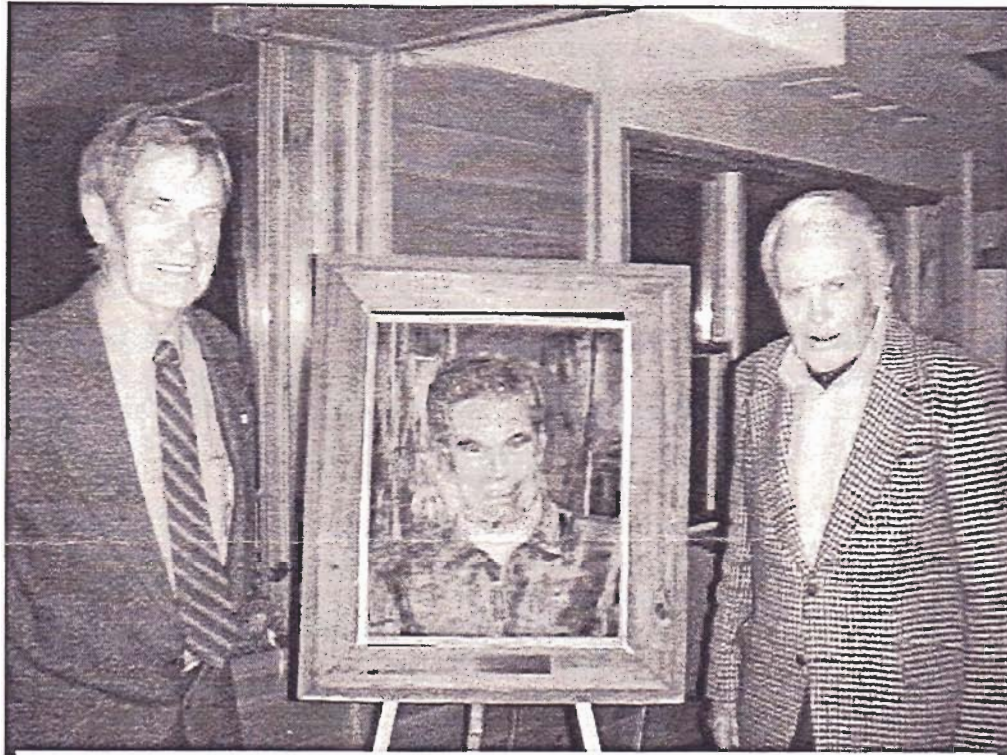
**Heritage Network has**  
**Successful Launch**

LENNOXVILLE - The first conference of the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network, held at Bishop's University on June 23-25 was received enthusiastically by over 110 registrants from across Quebec. Representing more than 40 heritage groups these delegates reacted with keen appreciation of the first chance to meet new people who share their interests and concerns and began serious and light-hearted discussions of the challenges and opportunities they share. The idea of the network found a keenly receptive audience as people took full advantage of this chance to begin serious networking.

Addressing the theme "*Building Future for our Past*", keynote speaker and Townshipers' Association president Gary Richards welcomed the new heritage network to the grouping of anglophone community groups operating throughout Quebec and expressed the belief that the QAHN would bring a needed dimension to province wide activities in support of our common goals. He stressed that so much that has been accomplished has been the product of active volunteerism and the involvement by volunteers must continue to be at the base and at the forefront of our efforts.

A founding convention closed the conference on Sunday with a structure and constitution proposed and officers chosen. The elected president is Richard Evans of Lennoxville, the vice president is Rod MacLeod, the secretary is Betty LeMaistre, and treasurer is David Freeman, all from Montreal. The other directors are Pat McCaffrey of Hudson, Georges Howson of Beauharnois, Monique P. Nadeau of Sigawake, Sharon Little of Quebec, and Ralph Farley of Richmond. In accepting the office of president, Evans commented on how rewarding it was for conference planners to observe the excitement of participants and also took special note that of the nine board members, two are francophones. An invitation was tendered for a similar conference next June in The Gaspé, an idea that met with keen interest.

- Contributed by Michael Cooper, who attended the conference on behalf of the HSG.



**Bob Phillips, OC, writer, historian and past president, was honoured May 15 during the Annual Dinner of the Society for his contribution to the preservation of our history. He views his likeness with the painter, Robert Hydman, of Chelsea**



### **TRANS CANADA TRAIL - RELAY 2000**

Relay 2000, the event marking the opening of the Cross Canada Trail will wind its way through the Gatineau Valley September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Low to Wakefield portion will occur on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and continue on to Chelsea on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Festivities are scheduled for after 2:00 p.m. at the Wakefield Recreation Centre (Speeches, music and refreshments). All are welcome to attend!

The Trans Canada Trail will be a shared-use recreation Trail that will wind its way through every province and territory. It will be the longest trail of its kind in the world, spanning approximately 16,000 kilometres. The Trail will accommodate five core activities : walking, cycling, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling (where possible/desired).

### **CITY OF HULL TO COMMEMORATE PHILOMEN WRIGHT**

On August 23, 2000 the City of Hull and the Historic Sites and Monument Board (Parks Canada) will be unveiling a plaque commemorating Philomen Wright's role in the founding Hull. This public event will be held in the Agora Gilles-Rochelleau Room in the Maisons des Citoyens, 25 Laurier Street, Hull.



Raymond Warren

## HSG GOING ON-LINE

At the July 17 meeting of the HSG Executive Committee, members of the board voted to allocate \$600 to hire Resort to Work in order to establish an internet presence for the Society. This expenditure is for the first phase of a project to create a full blown web site for the Society which will eventually become another medium for the HSG to promote and meet its mandate. The Executive Committee also agreed to form a new Web Site Committee that will oversee the development of the web site. The previous ad-hoc committee comprising of Jay Atherton, David Nobbs, Norma Geggie and Marc Cockburn will continue to sit on the new committee and will seek new members.

**In order to help the planning of the web site, we would like to know how many HSG members currently have access to the internet. Although we will likely conduct some surveys later on in the process, the Web Site Committee would like to hear from members who may have suggestions, comments, or time to help out with this project.**

**If you have access to the internet, simply send an email to [mjcockburn@yahoo.com](mailto:mjcockburn@yahoo.com) and let us know what you think about this initiative.**

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### Historical Society of the Gatineau Web Site Proposal

#### Background

The HSG played a role in the creation of two web sites relating to the history of the Gatineau:

- *Historical Legacy of the Gatineau from Cantley to Low (The)*: <http://collections.ic.gc.ca/gatineau/>
- *Voix de la vallée de la Gatineau - écho du passé (La)* <http://collections.ic.gc.ca/vallee/>

#### Objective(s)

- Communication among HSG members and various committees. (i.e. newsletter, coming events, contacts).
- Recruitment of new members.
- Provide education resources (content development).
- Fulfill the HSG awareness mandate.
- Electronic Commerce: Publications, Archives records?
- Network with local, regional and provincial heritage or similar groups.

#### Users

- Approx. 350 HSG members.
- General internet users, teachers, students genealogist, researchers.
- Other heritage and community groups - for networking.

#### Content Development

Phase One: Establish basic HSG web site.

- Home page; What's new page
- Contact information (mail, e-mail, phone, committee members, Archives).
- Coming events.
- Membership information.
- Newsletters; Publication list;
- Archives (list of files and accessions, indices, photos, etc.).
- Links (various).

Phase Two: Content Development

- Web site committee to develop content development plan
- Integration of two Industry Canada web sites.
- Virtual exhibitions (multi-media on various subjects).
- Publications (full text on-line).
- Message Board.
- Expand links
- Geneological resources
- Expended links