



GATINEAU VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SOCIÉTÉ HISTORIQUE DE LA VALLÉE DE LA GATINEAU

...preserving and promoting awareness in the history and heritage of the Gatineau Valley for 50 years.

Fall Meeting & Event Schedule

History of the Gatineau River Yacht Club

Monday, September 10 at 7:00 pm

Gatineau River Yacht Club, 1 Summerlea Rd., Chelsea QC

Join us at the GRYC island clubhouse for a shared celebration of our 50th Anniversaries with an evening dedicated to the history of the GRYC and surrounding area. A BBQ will be held prior to the event on the Yacht Club deck starting at 5:00 pm. The BBQ will be limited to 50 people. Please visit www.gvhs.ca for more information and to reserve a spot, or call Erik Rask at 819-827-1034.

Presentations from GRYC and GVHS members will focus on the creation and the early years of the Club, early sailing events and trophies, the clubhouse, and other historical mementos related to the club. Also, a multi-media presentation will illustrate the effects of the 1926 flooding of the Gatineau River and offer a glimpse into a the pre-1926 villages and landmarks that now lie below the familiar waters around the Yacht Club.



Directions: Proceed to Gleneagle on Hwy 105 in Chelsea. Turn east onto Chemin Gleneagle. Travel down the hill and cross over the train tracks. Turn left onto Chemin Summerlea. Park your car in the grassy parking area immediately on the right. Continue to walk along Summerlea for 300 meters to get to the gate entrance for the catwalk to the GRYC Island.



Bill Mason: Filmmaker, Artist & Canoeist with speaker Ken Buck

Monday, October 15 at the Chelsea Library at 7:30 pm
Old Chelsea Rd., Chelsea QC



Chestnut Prospector Canoe by Bill Mason

Bill Mason (1929-1988) was a remarkable Canadian: a visual artist, animator, award-winning film-maker and author, as well as an expert canoeist and committed environmentalist.

Join us as Chelsea resident Ken Buck speaks about the late Bill Mason, who made his home on the shores of Meech Lake in Chelsea. A long-time friend and Mason's former cameraman, Buck wrote the book "Bill Mason, wilderness artist: from heart to hand" in 2005.

The Ottawa Board of Education's Bill Mason Outdoor Education Centre in west Ottawa is named after him; the Canada Science and Technology Museum, the Canadian Museum of Civilization and the Canadian Canoe Museum have all acquired Bill Mason artifacts; and Library and Archives Canada acquired the Bill Mason Fonds of items related to his film making.

Exhibit: "A life remembered: Bill Mason ~ 1929-1988"

Opening - Sunday, September 30 from 2-4 pm
Exhibit runs from Monday October 1 to Wednesday October 31, 2012
Main Level of the Chelsea Library during library hours



This exhibit, presented by the GVHS in collaboration with the Chelsea Library, includes memorabilia from many facets of Mason's professional and personal life.



Remembrance Day Ceremony

Sunday, November 11, 2012 at 10:30 am

Chelsea Pioneer Cemetery and Cenotaph
587 Route 105, Chelsea

at the graveside of Private Richard Rowland Thompson
the only Canadian to receive the prestigious "Queen's scarf".

1812: The War No One Wanted with speaker Victor Suthren

Monday November 19, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

Meredith Centre, Banquet Room

23 chemin Cecil (off chemin Old Chelsea, east of Chelsea Elementary School), Chelsea, QC

Upper Canada in 1812 was populated for the most part by Americans. So this war for them threatened to be a kind of civil war. Which way would the American settlers of Upper Canada turn their allegiance? And what did this worry mean for Canadian colonial settlement after the war? Could the former 'Yankees' ever be trusted?

Come hear Vic Suthren, the former head of the Canadian War Museum, as he helps us better understand the War of 1812, a complex conflict which became a pivotal moment in our history. It has been called the bloodiest, most dramatic, and longest-running war to take place on Canadian soil.

A talk you won't want to miss - Vic will be sporting an 1812-era costume and plans to bring some replica artifacts.



In Memoriam - Rae A. L. Moore March 22, 1928 - August 19, 2012 - long time GVHS volunteer



Fairbairn House Opening Ceremony - September 1st at 2 pm
The Centre will be open on weekends - 10-4 - as well as long week-end Mondays, until October 8th. Visit www.fairbairn.ca for more information.

QAHN AWARDS

The **Richard Evans Award** is presented by QAHN each year to a group of volunteers who, collectively, have contributed to preserving or promoting their community history, including some aspect of Quebec's Anglophone heritage. This year, this award was presented to the Gatineau Valley Historical Society.



Louise Schwartz & David Yuill from GVHS, 2012 Evans Award winner, with Sandra Stock & Richard Evans from the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network (QAHN)

The **Marion Phelps Award** is presented each year by QAHN to an outstanding volunteer in the heritage field. This year, we are pleased to announce that the recipient of this award is former GVHS Director **Michael Cooper**.



Michael Cooper holding his 2012 Marion Phelps award with QAHN representative Simon Jacobs

Michael is now the co-president of the Fairbairn Heritage Centre in Wakefield, which opens this year. He has worked "hands on" (literally) with hammer and nails, and, along with other committee members, has overseen the project and met with local and regional politicians to raise awareness and funds.



May 2012 Annual Dinner and Awards Night

Over 100 GVHS members and friends came together at Camp Fortune on May 28 to celebrate the Society's 50th anniversary year. The evening kicked off with a video on the history of skiing at Camp Fortune by Gatineau Park enthusiast **Charles Hodgson**.

After the buffet dinner, the authors of the latest *Up the Gatineau!* Volume 38, were introduced to the audience - **Landon Pearson, Wanda Taylor, Norma Geggie and Ken Buck**. President Marc Cockburn then reviewed the impressive highlights of our last 50 years.

Author and musician **Phil Jenkins** was this year's judge of the **Arthur Davison** prize, given annually to the outstanding contribution of the previous year's *Up the Gatineau!* He announced the winner of the prize for Volume 37 was **Rick Blanchard**, for his story "Low up to Kaz, and Back, by the 'Front Road' and 'Back Road.'" Jenkins called Blanchard's contribution, "a very well researched and well presented addition to the ongoing narrative of the early days of Gatineau Valley settlement."

The Society honoured long-time member **Duncan Marshall** with a life membership. His certificate reads: "In recognition of your many years of service and support for the Gatineau Valley Historical Society. Your contributions to the history of the community, and your enthusiastic approach in all matters have been an inspiration to all who have had the good fortune to work with you."



R.J. Blanchard, winner of the Arthur Davison Prize, with Phil Jenkins



Members enjoying the evening's activities.



Duncan Marshall, with his GVHS life membership award, as presented by Past President Carol Martin

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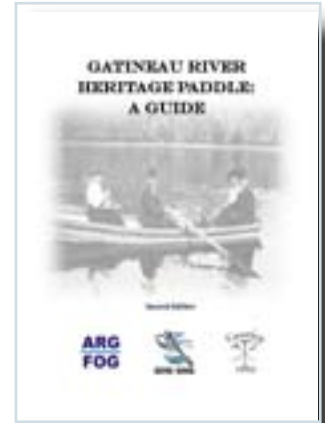
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**• New Publication •
Gatineau River Heritage Paddle Guide**

The Society has added a new publication to its lineup - an 88-page spiral-bound booklet that highlights landmarks and other points of interest along the shores of the Gatineau River from Wakefield to the Chelsea Dam.

The guide includes detailed colour maps, historic and present-day photos, and descriptive text. It's available in English or French for \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

Contact Louise Schwartz at schwartzla@rogers.com or at 819-827-1429 for mailing, pickup or delivery options. Also available in the book section of the Wakefield General Store.



Pat Evans Archives

Chelsea Library • downstairs

**Hours: Monday & Wednesday - 1:30 - 4:30
Thursday - 6:00 - 8:00 pm
or by appointment - 819-827-6224**

email: info@gvhs.ca

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