



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 since 1962*

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## Winter~Spring Activities & Meetings

Monday, February 17 at 7:30 pm

### Annual Archives Open House and AGM

Chelsea Library, 100 Old Chelsea Road, Chelsea QC

### Walk Through History along Cross Loop Road in Meech Creek Valley



Society members **Linda Bardell** and **Carol Martin** will take you on a virtual *Walk Through History* along Cross Loop Road in Meech Creek Valley. They will describe points of interest along the way, showing photographs that illustrate some of the changes in the Meech Creek Valley that have taken place over a time span of about 180 years, beginning in the 1830s, when this area was first settled as part of the Township of Hull.

The Society's annual general meeting and elections will be held and our annual reports generated. Nominations for the Board of Directors will be accepted until February 14, 2014. Please contact [info@gvhs.ca](mailto:info@gvhs.ca) if you are interested.

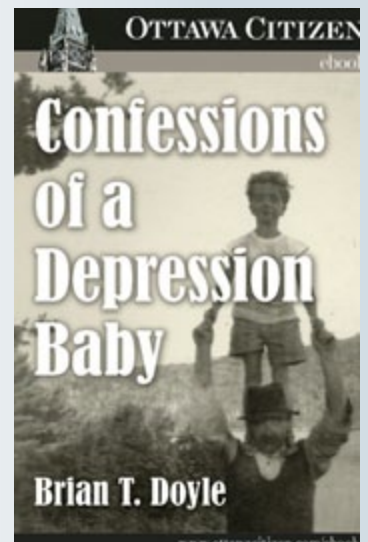
Monday, March 17 at 7:30 pm

### An Evening with Brian Doyle

Larrimac Golf & Tennis Club, 1148 rte. 105, Chelsea QC

Local author **Brian T. Doyle** will talk about and read from his 2013 e-book *Confessions of a Depression Baby*, a series of 24 essays he wrote for the Ottawa Citizen about growing up in the 1930s.

A former Glebe Collegiate teacher (and even more formerly a student there), Brian Doyle is best known for his grainy young-adult novels about growing up in Ottawa and along the Gatineau River, and as a consummate storyteller, his 24 essays are no less engaging than the vivid scenes he painted for readers in such books as *Angel Square*, *Up to Low* and *Easy Avenue*.



**\*Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 7:30 pm**

## **Lost Landscapes**

**Up the Gatineau! with Google Earth**

**The Wakefield Centre  
38, ch. Valley, Wakefield, QC**

Join us as the GVHS marks Earth Day with an historical virtual tour up the Gatineau River.

Society President, Marc Cockburn, will take us on multi-media voyage from Hull up to Low and beyond, using Google Earth and archival photos and maps to reconstruct how the river's landscape looked before much of its natural and built environment was flooded in 1927.



*\*Note day change*



## **Snow Exhibition at the Canadian Museum of History**

The Snow exhibition demonstrates how snow has influenced Canadian identity and contains some images submitted by the Gatineau Valley Historical, including an image entitled Skiing in the Gatineau which was selected to be featured in the souvenir catalogue for the Snow exhibition. For more information - [www.civilization.ca/snow/](http://www.civilization.ca/snow/)



## **Chelsea's Old Town Hall Plaque Unveiled**

A plaque, saved from Chelsea's original town hall, is now a monument erected beside the entrance to the present Town Hall, with signage beside it giving the history of the community's three town halls.

GVHS members André Renaud and Carol Martin, members of Chelsea's Culture and Heritage Committee, worked with Ronald Rojas, Director of Recreation and Culture, Councillor Charlotte Laforest, and Mayor Caryl Green to realize the project.

L to R - Charlotte Laforest, Mayor Caryl Green, Ronald Rojas, Carol Martin & André Renaud

## Community volunteers lend a helping hand to enhance the entrance to the Old Chelsea Protestant Burial Ground in Old Chelsea

Last summer, GVHS members Carol Martin and André Renaud, who are members of Chelsea's municipal cemetery committee, were given a small budget to improve landscaping at this cemetery. The volunteer landscapers who planned and carried this out are members of the Wakefield Walkers and the Gatineau Valley Gardeners: (L to R) John Udvarhelyi, Dan Paré and Dave Dunphy (who is also a GVHS member).

Dave, Dan and John designed and created two garden areas. Around the "historic site" sign at the entrance, they constructed a box, filled it with new topsoil, and planted three bright, blooming chrysanthemums. Along the path leading to the cemetery, at the information panels, they then built a dry stone wall and filled it with topsoil to create another small garden. This area will later contain some shade plants, mainly hostas, offered by local gardeners. We all worked to prune back some overgrown shrubbery and tree branches on the north side of the cemetery, as well.

P.S. We spent \$235 and a few days. Many thanks to all!



### Sunday, February 23 at 2 pm Cantley 1889's 2nd annual Family Heritage Day and Cantley 1889's 3rd annual meeting St Elizabeth's Parish Hall, 47 ch. Ste. Elizabeth, Cantley QC

**Bob McClelland** will take you on "A trip down the old Cantley Road" with his illustrated talk.... you can continue your nostalgic travels down memory lane by viewing the displays while enjoying our home-made refreshments with friends and neighbours.

If you have any early family or Cantley photos or artifacts that would be interesting for our display tables, please contact Sue McClelland 819-827-0540 or Margaret Phillips 819-827-1969.

There will be a brief annual meeting at 2pm. Reports of Cantley 1889's activities will be distributed and an election held for our Board of Directors. Nominations are open to all members until Feb. 23, 2014. Please contact [info.cantley1889@gmail.com](mailto:info.cantley1889@gmail.com) or Margaret Phillips (819-827-1969) for more information or go to [www.cantley1889.ca](http://www.cantley1889.ca).

The "History of Cantley" booklets will be available (\$8 for members), as well as other GVHS publications.

### Fairbairn House Fundraiser

Heritage Day, Monday, February 17 at 12:00 pm

La Vallée Restaurant, 1418 rte. 105 Chelsea, QC

Joy Forbes, author of *Perseverance, Pranks and Pride* will speak.

Admission is "donate what you can" to the one-room school project.

Lunch is from the menu. Reserve now at 819-456-3555.



**GVHS Membership fees are now due for some members.  
If you have a notice either by email or mail, please send your current dues to GVHS using the form on the last page of the newsletter.**

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### 2014 Meetings & Events

May - Annual Awards Dinner

June - Excursion

August - Auction

For the latest information on our activities go to [www.gvhs.ca](http://www.gvhs.ca)

**\* New \***  
GVHS now has a Facebook page - push the Facebook icon to 'like' us



### • Pat Evans Archives •

Chelsea Library • downstairs

Hours

Monday & Wednesday

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

or by appointment - 819-827-6224

### The Gatineau Valley Historical Society - Membership Application/Renewal Form

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- *Up the Gatineau!* - our annual local history journal
- Access to our archival material
- Regular meetings on local and national heritage topics
- GVHS Newsletter

Membership Fees (per family - January-December):  1 year - \$15.00  2 year - \$25.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Email \_\_\_\_\_ The newsletter will be emailed to you.

I am interested in volunteering:

Auction  Archives  Cemeteries  Publications  Special Events

\* Please give us your email address if you have one - it helps with our mailing costs.