



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

www.gvhs.ca

Spring ~ Summer Activities & Meetings

Annual Dinner & Awards Evening

celebrating 52 years of GVHS in the Gatineau Hills

Camp Fortune, 300 ch. Dunlop, Main Lodge, Chelsea, QC

Tuesday, May 20th 2014 at 5:30 p.m. - bar open
6:15 p.m. - dinner

***\$40.00 per person (taxes included - bar extra)**

Guest Speaker - Dr. Helen E. Parson

We are pleased to celebrate the launch of the 40th volume of *Up the Gatineau!* with speaker Dr. Helen E. Parson, who will look back at how the Gatineau Valley has changed over that time.

Dr. Parson is a retired professor from the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo and a long-time Blue Sea Lake cottager. She was also one of the first contributors to *Up the Gatineau!* in 1977 and 1983 (Vol. 3 and 9), as well as a contributor to the 40th volume.

Please contact Shirley Brown by May 15th at browncrest@sympatico.ca or 819-827-1999 or to reserve your place on-line - [Click here](#)

You can pay with cheque or cash at the door.

***Note: Since we must pre-pay for the number of dinners, please let Shirley know by May 16th if you have reserved and can not attend.**

Historical Walking Tour of Alcove

Saturday, June 14th 2014 at 2:00 p.m.



Over the past century this small town, once known as North Wakefield, was a thriving community with two sawmills, a dancehall and a ferry crossing the Gatineau River.

We will explore the town's historic structures and learn about those no longer standing. We will also visit the Pritchard family cemetery, the final resting place of many members of this pioneer family.

More information will be available during the first week of June.

Save the date

**51st Annual Live Auction,
Silent Auction, Bake Sale and Flea Market**

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Report of the President = 2013 *Marc Cockburn*

As President, I want to touch on some of the highlights from 2013 and mention a few projects we are starting to put some focus on this year.

We had another lively and far-reaching program of activities again this past year. We held talks in 6 local communities, and we are very pleased by the wonderful turn-outs that we are having at our events, and by the charming and interesting evenings we are experiencing. I want to thank Shirley Brown, Louise Schwartz, Erik Rask and everyone who contributes to keeping us all up to date with the Newsletter, local media, and website promotions.

The Publication report is available in this newsletter, but I mostly want to highlight the overall jump in sales we are experiencing, thanks mainly to the work of Louise Schwartz, Dave Dunphy and Shirley McGlashan. They have accumulated a nice inventory of our own publications and others from local authors that we help distribute. We are going to more local sales, like the Wakefield & Chelsea markets, and finding a lot of interest.

Our finances are in good shape, and many thanks to our Treasurer, David Yuill, who continues to manage our financial resources with prudence and foresight. A big thank you as well to R. J. (Bob) Hughes for organizing another terrific Annual Auction in 2013 and for helping put a more professional and efficient auction structure in place.

We notice that as our archives are becoming more discoverable, we are seeing more inquiries and requests to use our images in various exhibitions and media productions, including the Snow exhibition at the Canadian Museum of History this winter.

Consequently, one of our priorities this year is to get a little help in our Archives through a partnership with the Chelsea Library, that is hiring an intern to help us out one day a week for about four months. We plan to get a better handle on describing our accessions and improving our accessioning processes.

Many thanks to Adrienne Herron, Janet Bradley, Annette Brand, Carol Martin, Linda Bardell and all our archives volunteers and donors.

We continue to cultivate relationships and assist other like-minded organizations like the Fairbairn House and Cantley 1889 and this year we are beginning work on new initiatives with Chelsea Trails and La Fab to produce some heritage interpretation panels around Chelsea. Linda Bardell's and Carol Martin's AGM presentation explains how we are starting a project on a virtual tour with the National Capital Commission and Chelsea Municipality that will link interpretation panels to our website.

We've also established a great relationship with the Medical Services Corps of the Canadian Army, and we hope to continue making improvements to the Pioneer Cemetery and Cenotaph especially as we are entering a period of WW1 anniversary commemorations leading up the 2017.

I also want to thank Directors Bob McClelland and Meredith Maclean and Secretary Suzanne Gibeault for their considerable contributions to GVHS.

Finally, thanks to our members and friends for their ongoing support.



Publications Report = 2013 *Louise Schwartz*

Our centrepiece publication is *Up the Gatineau!*, which released its 39th volume in May 2013. I was again fortunate to have been supported by a capable editing and production team of Adrienne Herron (cover design and photo editing), Margaret Coleman and Allegra McKenzie (assistant editors), Beth Macfie (copy editor) and Frances Curry (layout and indexing). Paull Leamen was the poetry editor.

In 2013, we added one new in-house publication to our inventory—a previously out-of-print booklet by Arthur Bourinot of a talk he gave to the Society in 1963 on his recollections of life at Kingsmere. We continue to sell our other in-house publications—the *Gatineau River Heritage Paddle Guide* (also available in French), *Tributes*, the writings of Ernie Mahoney edited by Anita Rutledge and Norma Geggie, a historic map of Chelsea and a railway stations poster. We also sell books by local authors— Carol Martin, Norma Geggie, Katharine Fletcher, and Carolyn Kidder, and two booklets of the National Capital Commission. Some of these publications were financially supported by the Society via an interest-free loan.

The Society sells directly to members and the general public, as well as through 15 local retailers. In 2013, we sold our publications at the GVHS monthly meetings and the annual August fund-raising auction. We could also be found at the Chelsea and Wakefield Markets (3 times), the QUAIL Christmas craft fair, the Wakefield Fair at Vorlage (where a record \$837 was sold) and four other venues. This year we focused on the expanded marketing of 39-volume sets of *Up the Gatineau!*, complete with gift bag.

The results have been encouraging. In 2013 we sold 930 books (compared to 1,172 in 2012 and 660 in 2011). This included 9 complete sets of *Up the Gatineau!* (the same number as 2012) and 253 copies of the current year's volume. Society members receive a copy of *Up the Gatineau!* with their membership fee; as a result, 319 copies of Volume 39 were distributed for free in 2013, including complimentary copies for story contributors and the volunteer production team. In addition to sales of books by local authors, a total of 3 maps, 9 railway posters and 84 copies of the *River Guide* (versus 234 in 2012) were sold.

Gross receipts for the year were:

Direct sales:	\$3,625
Sales through our retailers:	\$2,258
Total Sales:	\$5,883

Publication revenue tends to increase significantly the year a new publication is introduced. In 2010, the first year of *Tributes*, total sales were \$7,102, followed by \$3,801 in 2011 and then up to \$8,559 in 2012, when the *River Guide* was released. Revenue has also been increasing because of the marketing of complete sets of *Up the Gatineau!* and the expanding number of publications.

Sales, distribution and inventory management were ably carried out by Society volunteers Dave Dunphy and Shirley McGlashan, who completed their first year in this role.

Our primary means of communication to members on news and events is a quarterly newsletter, creatively produced by GVHS Director Shirley Brown and sent out by email (if we have your email address) or through the post. Current and previous newsletters are accessible on our website at www.gvhs.ca

Financial Report = 2013 *David Yuill*

Financial Statement prepared on a cash basis
Fiscal Period Ending December 31,2013

Financial Statements Information

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets

Current Assets

<i>Bank balance</i>	\$16,509
<i>Term deposits</i>	\$20,000
Sub total	\$36,509

Long-term Assets

<i>Canada Savings Bond CPB P035 C</i>	\$30,000
<i>Canada Savings Bond CPB P038 C</i>	\$10,000
Sub total	\$40,000
Total	\$76,509

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue

<i>Memberships</i>	\$3,750
<i>Donations</i>	\$248
<i>Publications</i>	\$5,852
<i>Archives</i>	\$477
<i>Annual Auction</i>	\$10,816
<i>Interest</i>	\$18
Total	\$21,161

Expenditures

<i>Administration</i>	\$848
<i>Publications</i>	\$8,480
<i>Archives</i>	\$988
<i>Annual Auction</i>	\$4,499
<i>Annual Dinner</i>	\$723
<i>Cemetery</i>	\$116
<i>Meetings</i>	\$347
<i>Newsletter</i>	\$252
<i>Remembrance Day</i>	\$565
<i>Other Programs</i>	\$2,014
Total	\$18,832

Notes

- i) The above does not include fixed assets and inventory of publications.
- ii) CPB P035 Matures Dec 2013 CI %2.65, CPB P058 C Matures Nov 2017 CI %1.01
- iii) CSB's reflect actual value without accrued interest, 2012 report included interest.

Treasurer Signature: *David Yuill*

Nominations Report - 2013

Motion

The Nomination Committee (Shirley Brown, Carol Martin and Bob McClelland) is pleased to nominate the following persons for election to the 2014-15 Board of Directors of the Gatineau Valley Historical Society.

President - Mark Cockburn (1-year term)

Directors - Erik Rask, Linda Bardell and *Gillian Johnston (all 2-year terms)

Current Members

First Vice-President - Bob McClelland (1-year term)

Second Vice-President and Treasurer - David Yuill (1-year term)

Directors - Shirley Brown, Meredith Maclean and Louise Schwartz (all 1-year terms)

Secretary - Suzanne Gibeault

Past President - Carol Martin

*Gillian Johnston has since resigned - we are sorry to lose her.

GATINEAU RIVER PADDLE - Sunday, June 15th

Join the Friends of the Gatineau River (FOG) in an open paddle from Low to Wakefield in celebration of Canadian Rivers Day.

A picnic and concert in honour of the late Pete Seeger will follow at the Fairbairn House Heritage Centre.



Details to follow at www.fog-arg.org

In Memoriam - Gunda Lambton (1914-2014)

In January 2014, Wakefield artist, author and local historian Gunda Lambton passed away in her 100th year. An honorary member of the GVHS, Gunda was passionate about the history of the Gatineau Valley, contributing 11 articles to *Up the Gatineau!* between 1981 and 1991 and winning the Arthur Davison Prize in 1988. In 1996, she co-authored and illustrated *The Wildest Rivers – The Oldest Hills*, detailing tales of folklore from the Gatineau and Pontiac, for which the Society provided financial support.



Gunda was a lifelong learner, earning her first degree at the age of 69 followed by an MA in Canadian Studies. Until moving to Wakefield several years ago, she and her husband Bill (who survives her) lived in an old Irish homestead on a farm near Farrellton, which they lovingly restored in 1975.

For more information on Gunda, [click here...](#)

Earth Day Meeting in Wakefield - April 22nd



Marc Cockburn, President



Bob McClelland, 1st Vice-President

Brian Doyle at the Larrimac Golf Club - March 17th



Bob & Carol Martin at the publications table.



Brian Doyle reading from his current book

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New Members

Carol Thiessen - Chelsea QC

Karen Steer - Chelsea QC

Helen Lafleur - Danford Lake QC

Gillian Johnston - Wakefield QC

William Amos - Chelsea QC

*** New * - GVHS now has a Facebook page - click 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

Closed June 12th to September 14th - appointments only

The Gatineau Valley Historical Society - Membership Application/Renewal Form

Box 1803 Chelsea QC J9B 1A1 819-827-6224 info@gvhs.ca

- *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: _____

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* Email _____ The newsletter will be emailed to you.

I am interested in volunteering:

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