



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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Fall 2014 Meetings & Activities

“O’Neil House: the Great Move!” Talk by Élisabeth Veyrat and Thierry Boyer

**Monday, September 29th at 7:30 p.m.
Larrimac Golf Club, 1148 Highway 105, Chelsea QC**



Courtesy of Sue Cooke

O’Neil House, at 577 Highway 105 in Chelsea, was built around the mid-1800s and at one time was an inn and stage stop between Ottawa and Alcove. It was also the site of West Hull’s first municipal council meeting in 1875.

Current owners Élisabeth Veyrat and Thierry Boyer bought O’Neil House in 2008. This past summer, they orchestrated the lifting of the house from its foundation and moving it almost seven metres back from the highway. The house was built long before the current road width standard, and had been precariously close to the highway. As underwater archeologists, Veyrat and Boyer are interested in keeping the memory of the place alive and continuing to gather background information.



Courtesy of Thierry Boyer

Their talk and slideshow presentation will delve into the history of O’Neil House and their attempts to bring it back to its former appearance. Some of the floors, previously covered with plywood have been restored and the master bedroom is back to its original walls—with evidence of the original bar still there.

A Walk Through History in the Meech Creek Valley

Sunday, September 28th - Fall Rhapsody - Meech Creek Tour

Parking Lot P16, Pine Rd., Chelsea QC - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with carriage and wagon rides along the route

The GVHS has supplied the historic information and photos for panels along this interpretive walk on Cross Loop Road. Watch for further details on our website.

The project is sponsored and supported by the Municipality of Chelsea, the National Capital Commission, The Conférence Régionale des Élus de l’Outaouais, the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications du Québec, the CLD and the Gatineau Valley Historical Society.



Courtesy of Duncan Marshall

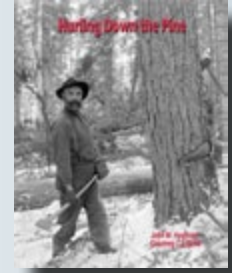
A very special evening – a double feature with a talk on the history of the Gatineau and Ottawa Valley forest industry and a book launch

Monday, October 20, 2014
Chelsea Library, 100 Old Chelsea Road, Chelsea QC

7:30 PM

Hurling Down the Pine Book Launch

To celebrate 50 years of publishing, the Society is pleased to announce the publication of the fourth edition of *Hurling Down the Pine* by John Hughson and Courtney Bond. First published in 1964, the third edition was released in 1987 and has been long out-of-print. This book recounts the story of the Wright, Gilmour and Hughson families, who were timber manufacturers in the Hull and Ottawa region and on the Gatineau River.



Copies will be available for sale for \$25.

8:00 PM

Dr. Helen Parson - "The Forest Industry of the Ottawa and Gatineau Watersheds in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries"



Dr. Helen Parson has been invited back to expand on the short talk she gave at the Society's annual dinner last May. Dr. Parson, formerly with the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Wilfrid Laurier University, will be presenting an overview of the forest industry in the Ottawa and Gatineau valleys from the square timber trade on.



Remembrance Day Ceremony

Tuesday, November 11, 2014 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".

First World War Stories of the Gatineau Valley

Monday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m. (note earlier time)
Wakefield Legion (to be confirmed)

Mark the beginning of the First World War in 1914 with an evening of uncovering and sharing local stories, research, and family memorabilia related to the First World War and the Gatineau Valley.

GVHS volunteers, members and guests are invited to contribute their own family or local stories, vignettes, records, or memorabilia to either display, or in a 5 to 10 minute presentation.

If you have an idea, or if you need a little technical help, contact the GVHS at info@gvhs.ca, or Marc Cockburn at 819-459-2004.



Auction Report 2014

For over half a century, the GVHS Annual Auction has found new homes for both antique and collectible treasures. This year, the weather on August 16, 2014 was far from perfect: it started out misty & damp and changed to rain near noon. However we had a good crowd who purchased some great items.

Once again, Revel Stewart, of Cobden, ON, was Auctioneer. Shirley Brown, Dave Yuill, Marc Cockburn, Gary McIntyre, Nic Hinsperger, Dave Dunphy and a host of volunteers were involved in the Live Auction, Silent Auction and Bake Table. Thanks to Amanda Dexter, Shirley McGlashan, Delores Fleming, Marilyn Liddiard, Diane Renaud, Dick Morrison, Adrienne Herron, Carol & Bob Martin, Al Green, the Chelrods Car Club, Margaret & Harold Reid, Bonnie Adams, Rene & Bent Neilsen, Erik Rask, Brian Beesley, Jennifer Phillips, Margaret Phillips, Meredith MacLean, Linda Payne Bardell, Meriel Bradford, John Huff, Suzanne Gibeault, Erik Rask, Wes Jamieson and Janet Bradley. This was our third year at the Hendrick Farm, on the south side of Old Chelsea Road, and we are very grateful to Sean McAdam, Carrie Wallace and Fred Brisco for the use of this wonderful site.

There were 104 registered bidders, 42 donors for the live auction and 18 Silent Auction donors and a special thanks goes out to all who produced the wonderful baking. The Castenchel Choir manned the BBQ tent.

What did we sell? An antique bench fetched \$200; a mantle clock realized \$180 and an old Singer treadle sewing machine fetched \$120. New homes were found for a box of assorted wooden birds, two white wicker chairs, a teak side table and a metal shelf. As usual, there were boxes of china, silverware and crystal; many chairs, a few antique toys and games and a steamer trunk. Tools and equipment included a Walter broad axe and an adze. Sportier types purchased old snowshoes - there were at least 3 pairs up for grabs.

The day netted about \$4200.00 - pretty fair considering the weather (which wasn't).

Silent Auction Donors

- Camp Fortune
- Dave Dunphy
- Dave Yuill
- Demsis
- Hendrick Farm
- Jessica Tapp
- La Cigale
- La Vallée
- Larrimac Golf Club
- Le Resto
- Les Fougères
- Les Saisons
- M&R
- Mamma Teresa
- Mayor Caryl Green
- National Capital Commission
- Pharmacie Isabelle Ménard
- Pizza de Luigi



All photos courtesy of Sean McAdam



& In Memoriam &

Randolph Gherson passed away on June 28, 2014.

Randolph and his wife Joan are long-time members of the Gatineau Valley Historical Society. Joan volunteered in its Archives and served on the Executive in charge of Publications for several years in the 1990s; Randolph became a Director in 1996, Vice-President from 1997-2002, and continued as Director in 2003. Randolph also directed the Society's Annual Auction for several years, an important commitment to ensuring the financial success of the Society.

Information about his important professional life and other details are noted in the deaths section of the on-line Globe and Mail, Wednesday July 2, 2014.

Gudula von Schoenburg Marshall passed away on August 9, 2014.

She was the wife of Duncan Marshall of Chelsea, Quebec. Gudula, with Duncan's assistance, was responsible for sales of GVHS publications from the mid-1990s to 2003.

Further details about Gudula's life can be found in the Low Down to Hull and Back News, August 20-26, 2014.

Shirley Dufour passed away on June 19, 2014.

She was the wife of Larry Dufour of Chelsea, Quebec and an active volunteer in the community, especially the Nearly New shop in Chelsea United Church.

Further details about Shirley's life can be found in the Low Down to Hull and Back News, July 2, 2014.

The inaugural meeting of the Genealogical Society of the Gatineau (GSG)

Monday, September 15 - 7 – 9 pm

The Fairbairn House Heritage Centre, 45 Wakefield Heights, Wakefield

- Are you interested in discovering your ancestors?
- Have you always wanted to research and record your family's history, or to see how your family fits into the development of our community
- Would you like to exchange ideas with other amateur researchers, listen to guest speakers or join field trips to historical archives?
- Would you be excited to work on a collaborative local history project or to help others with historical or genealogical research?

For more information please contact: Judy Geggie at jfgeggie@yahoo.ca or 819-459-1640

~ Fête du remorqueur de Cantley ~

Dimanche 14 septembre ~ Parc Mary-Anne-Phillips

(en cas de pluie: La Grange de la Gatineau, 80, ch Summer)

~ performances musicales, activités, maquillage, rafraichissements ~

~ apportez votre pique-nique ~

Les activités auront lieu de 13h à 16h ~ cérémonie d'inauguration à 14h



~ Cantley Tugboat Celebration ~

Sunday, September 14 ~ Parc Mary-Anne-Phillips

(in case of rain: La Grange de la Gatineau, 80 ch Summer)

~ live music, activities, face-painting, refreshments ~ bring your own picnic ~

~ festivities: 1pm to 4pm ~ ribbon-cutting: 2pm ~



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Where you will find us this fall

Saturday, September 27 - Chelsea Market

**Saturday, November 8 - Sunday, November 9
- Wakefield Christmas Craft Fair, Vorlage**

**Saturday, December 6 - QUAIL Christmas
Craft Fair, Chelsea School**

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Welcome New Members

- Lori Anglin, Lascelles QC
- James Brown, Wakefield QC
- David Gibson, Alcove QC
- Bill Reid, Paris ON
- Barbara Rielly, Ottawa ON
- Lloyd Sullivan, Ottawa ON
- John Udvarhelyi, Gatineau QC
- J. Hamilton Woods, 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
Opening Wednesday, September 15, 2014

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: _____

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.