



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

• Mid-Winter Newsletter •

Capturing the history of the E.B. Eddy paper mill on the Chaudière Islands

**Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:30 pm for coffee; talk at 8:00 pm
Larrimac Golf Club, 1148 route 105, Chelsea QC**



Paul Harrison, the Workers' History Museum (WHM) photographer and image archivist, will tell us about the work his team is carrying out at the former E. B. Eddy Paper Mill.

The entire complex in Ottawa and Gatineau, closed since 2007, is slated for re-development. The WHM, aware of the historical significance of the site, has undertaken to document the buildings in images and video before they

are demolished or re-modeled.

Paul will describe the process involved, how it is organized, and present images of what they have found on site.



Heritage and Tourism in the Gatineau Valley

**Monday, April 20, 2015 at 7:30 pm for coffee; talk at 8:00 pm
Wakefield Library, 38 Valley Drive, Wakefield, QC**



This is a joint meeting with our colleagues from the Fairbairn Museum at the Wakefield Library with guest speaker, former GVHS director, **Fergus MacLaren**.

Fergus who teaches part time at Heritage College Cegep, is a sustainable development and tourism resources management specialist focusing on community development and the conservation and use of built, natural and protected areas.

Save the Date - Annual Dinner & Awards

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

Mont Cascades Golf Club, 448 chemin du Mont-des-Cascades, Cantley QC

€30.00 per person (taxes included - bar extra)

Shhh—don't tell anyone—but this year the Society's *Up the Gatineau!* journal will feature articles and photos about the feisty, independent-minded municipality of Cantley. Volume 41 will be officially released at our annual dinner and awards evening so it's only fitting that we celebrate this special occasion in Cantley.

Reservation information will be sent out in April.



Ottawa Branch
Ontario Genealogical Society

Our mission is to encourage, assist, and bring together all those interested in the pursuit of family history. The Ottawa Branch covers the counties of Carleton, Lanark, Renfrew, Prescott and Russell.

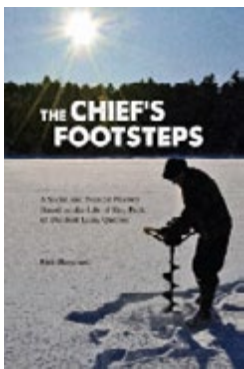
Gene-O-Rama 2015

March 27-28, 2015

Confederation Education Centre,
1645 Woodroffe Avenue Ottawa, ON

Items on the program include: "The Rideau Canal and its Workers," and "First World War Genealogy and the Military History Research Centre."

For more information, check out their website: <http://ogsottawa.on.ca/gene-o-rama>



New Local Publication: *The Chief's Footsteps* by R. Blanchard

GVHS member, *Up the Gatineau!* contributor and former journalist **Rick Blanchard** recently published his first book, *The Chief's Footsteps*. His biographical profile of Roy Peck brings together the local history of Danford Lake and elements of sports, hunting and fishing ethics, natural history and ecology. At a price of \$30, this 375 page book is available at the T&L Depanneur in Danford and Irwin's in Kazabazua, or by personal delivery anywhere in the Gatineau area.

Contact the author at richardblanchard17@gmail.com or 613 795-4746.

New Members

- Hélène Dumouchel, St. Rémi
- Michel Lemaire, Gatineau
- Tessa Lohead, Ottawa
- Evelyn Mahon, Alcove
- Hubert McClelland, Cantley
- Paul Wise, Ottawa

Upcoming Dates for 2015

- August 22 - Annual Auction with Revel Stewart, Auctioneer
- September 21 - Regular Meeting
- October 19 - Regular Meeting
- November - 11 - Remembrance Day Ceremony
- November - 16 - Regular Meeting

President's Report - 2014



I would like to first of all thank the entire GVHS Board of Directors; Bob McClelland, David Yuill, Carol Martin, Erik Rask, André Renaud, Shirley Brown, Linda Bardell, Louise Schwartz and our secretary Suzanne Gibeault, and all the volunteers who have helped us fulfill our mission in 2014. Also I want to say a special thanks to Adrienne Herron for her continuing work on the Image Bank.

We had another very successful series of meetings and events in 2014 and we continue to be astonished by the wonderful attendance. We plan to continue with another series of talks and special events again in 2015. Many thanks to Shirley Brown, Louise Schwartz, Erik Rask and everyone who contributes to keeping us up to date with the newsletter, through local media, our Facebook page and website.

The Publications Committee was very busy last year with the publication of the fourth edition of *Hurling Down the Pine*, the 40th edition of *Up the Gatineau!* and its new cumulative index. Many thanks to Louise Schwartz and her team, including Frances Curry who took on the awesome task of both editing *Hurling Down the Pine* and compiling the *Up the Gatineau!* index. And of course a big thank you to Dave Dunphy and Shirley McGlashan who look after distributing our publications.

One of our biggest accomplishments of 2014 was the partnership with the Municipality of Chelsea and the National Capital Commission to create the *Walk Through History in the Meech Creek Valley* tour through installation of a set of interpretation panels along Cross Loop Road which link to our website with a QRC code. We are pleased that we were able to dedicate the trail to former Society President and archivist Jay Atherton and his wife Peggy. Our contribution to the project was made possible by the generous bequests we received in Jay's memory. Big thanks to Carol Martin who led the initiative, and to Linda and Mike Bardell, Erik Rask, and André Renaud for their contributions.

Also, I am happy to report that we had a successful partnership with the Chelsea Library to help fund the salary for an intern who has begun the important task of describing our holdings. We hope to continue fine tuning the list so that we can eventually publish a full inventory of our archival collections on the GVHS website. A big thanks to Veronique Lebonaté who took on that task, and to Beatrice O'Byrne and Sam Corriveau for their ongoing support. Also, this past year we signed a new Collaborative Agreement with the Municipality which extends our use of the Society office in the basement of the Library for another five years. I want to thank Caryl Green and all the municipal officials for their support in making this possible - we hope to continue to build on this relationship.

In 2014 we began the process of reviewing our Constitution and Bylaws with the intention of adopting a new set at the AGM this year, but we found as we started the process, that it's a bit more involved than we thought. So, we have asked André Renaud to join our board to help guide us through that process. We hope to have this completed in 2015.

Secondly, we are finding that as our reach is increasing, we are experiencing more administrative burdens and we realize the need to build up a more stable committee structure so that more of our members contribute to the Society's mission in a meaningful way. The Society's Board simply can't do it all anymore, and we are hoping to delegate some of our tasks to committees. We plan to set up various committees that touch on our mandate and we hope to have them up and running in the next few months.

Please let us know if you are interested by contacting us - info@gvhs.ca.

Marc Cockburn, President

Publications Report - 2014

The Society's flagship publication is our local history journal, the annually published *Up the Gatineau!*. In May 2014, we celebrated the release of its 40th volume, showcasing articles by seven contributors. The success of this journal is due in no small part to the capable editing and production team supporting me—**Adrienne Herron** (cover design and photo editing), **Margaret Coleman** and **Paul Gessell** (assistant editors), **Beth Macfie** (copy editor) and **Frances Curry** (layout and indexing). **Paul Leamen** was the poetry editor.

A major accomplishment in 2014 was the publication of one of the Society's most popular books—the new fourth edition of *Hurling Down the Pine*. Last printed in 1987, the re-publishing of this out-of-print book required OCR scanning, re-acquisition of the photographs from various public archives and the McCord Museum, cover redesign, layout and re-indexing. We were able to contact the families of the late authors, John Hughson and Courtney Bond; in addition to agreeing to the reprint, they supplied some new photographs. A second achievement in 2014 was the release of a new cumulative index for *Up the Gatineau!*. Both projects were managed under the able stewardship of **Frances Curry**.

We continue to sell a variety of other publications of local history interest. Some of these publications were supported by the Society via an interest-free loan.

The Society sells directly to the public, as well as through 14 local retailers. For a second year, **Dave Dunphy** and **Shirley McGlashan** looked after sales, distribution and inventory management. In addition to selling at our own events, in 2014 we could also be found at the Chelsea and Wakefield Markets (4 times), the QUAIL Christmas Craft Fair, the Wakefield Fair and five other venues. This year we increased our marketing of 40-volume sets of *Up the Gatineau!*, complete with an attractive paper gift bag designed by **Shirley Brown**. In 2014 we sold a total of 764 volumes of UTG! (compared to 930 books in 2013). This included 10 complete sets of *Up the Gatineau!* (compared to 9 in 2013) and 224 copies of the current year volume.

As well, Society members receive a free copy of the current *Up the Gatineau!* with their membership. A further 197 other books were sold in 2014, plus 5 Chelsea maps (1875) and 10 railway posters.

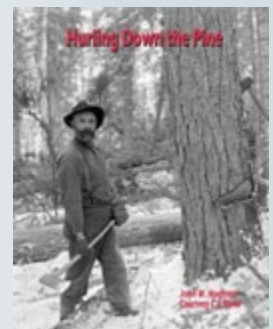
Gross receipts for the year were:

Direct sales:	\$5,399
Sales through our retailers	\$1,779
Total Sales:	\$7,178

This is an increase of almost \$1,300 in overall sales, compared to 2013, although sales through our retailers decreased by almost \$500. In general, revenue has been increasing because of our expanded offerings and our increased marketing efforts.

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

Louise Schwartz, Publications Director



Financial Report - 2014

Gatineau Valley Historical Society / Société Historique de la Vallée de la Gatineau

Financial Statement prepared on a cash basis

Fiscal Period Ending December 31,2014

Financial Statements Information

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	(2014)	(2013)
Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank balance	\$15,957	\$16,466
Term deposits	\$50,000	\$20,000
Sub total	\$65,957	\$36,466
Long-term Assets		
Canada Savings Bond CPB P035 C		\$30,000
Canada Savings Bond CPB P038 C	\$10,000	\$10,000
Sub total	\$10,000	\$40,000
Total	\$75,957	\$76,466

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

	(2014)	(2013)
Revenue		
Memberships	\$2,485	\$3,750
Donations	\$515	\$248
Publications	\$6,908	\$5,852
Archives	\$44	\$477
Annual Auction	\$8,350	\$10,816
Interest	\$9,637	\$18
GST/PST	\$1,189	\$0
Total	\$29,128	\$21,161
Expenditures		
Administration	\$1,229	\$848
Publications	\$14,298	\$8,480
Archives	\$2,860	\$988
Annual Auction	\$4,094	\$4,499
Annual Dinner	\$784	\$723
Cemetery	\$0	\$116
Meetings	\$1,282	\$347
Newsletter	\$296	\$252
Remembrance Day	\$875	\$565
Other Programs (Meech Creek & railway track)	\$3,920	\$2,014
Total	\$29,637	\$18,832

Notes

- i) The above does not include fixed assets and inventory of publications.
- ii) CPB P058 C Matures Nov 2017 CI %1.01
- iii) Other Programs include the Meech Creek Signage project with a generous bequest of \$2,105 from the Jay Atherton Memorial fund

Treasurer Signature: *David Yuill*

Executive 2015

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click the Facebook icon to
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• Pat Evans Archives •

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or by appointment - 819-827-6224

email - info@gvhs.ca

Membership 2015

If your membership is due for 2015 you will have received a notice by email or mail, along with this newsletter.

You can now pay your fees online with Paypal.

Click here to go to our Paypal page.

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.