

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT EVENTS

Again this year Heritage Canada is holding its Annual General Meeting in Ottawa. Having participated last year may I commend this to you as an opportunity to enjoy and to learn. And the location could not be more convenient.

The program is as follows: (Except as indicated all events are in the auditorium of the National Library & Public Archives Building)

Friday, 29 September 1978

- 1.30 p.m. - Fifth Annual Business Meeting and audio-visual review of five years' activity.
- 3.30 p.m. - Members' Program I
'Government and Conservation'
- 7.30 p.m. - Annual Dinner and Heritage Awards Presentation
Speaker - Pierre Berton
Skyline Hotel

Saturday, 30 September 1978

- 9.30 a.m. - Members' Program II
'People and Conservation'
- Audio-visual presentation - 'Survival'
- 2.00 p.m. - Members' Program III
'Business and Conservation'

Sunday, 1 October 1978

- 10.30 a.m. - Tour of East Block, Parliament Hill - now in process of restoration. meeting place - north east door of building.
- 12.00 noon - Buses leave East Block for Phillips' Place on the Gatineau River to view settlement of restored early nineteenth century log buildings.
- Lunch in the Grange, an 1819 building recycled to be the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips.
- 3.00 p.m. - Return to Ottawa.

What will it cost you?

- Annual Membership in Heritage Canada if you are not already an individual member. Memberships available at the door - 3.00 single, 5.00 family which is a reduced rate to members of such corporate bodies as our Society which is a Corporate Member.
- Registration Fee for Meetings - 10.00
- Tickets for Annual Dinner - 12.00
- Heritage Tour including lunch - 10.00

What must you do?

- Telephone and make reservations to Heritage Canada on 237 1867 or 237 1066

We hope that you will take advantage of these interesting three days and we are sure that you will find it money well spent for the events alone as well as providing support for Heritage Canada.

AUGUST EVENT

Despite some cross winds and a few threatening clouds Auction Sale Day had sufficiently fine weather to give us a good sale with a large turn-out of bidders.

Our gross 'take' was 4,229.14 which included 114.25 from ticket sales for the two raffle items. This was a little less than last year. 54 members and friends consigned 318 items - down 50 from last year. Of these, 6 people donated to the Society a variety of items which sold for 115.50 for which we thank them.

We had 212 registered bidders and possibly the highlight of the day was being able to shut up shop at 6.45 p.m. - about 2 hours earlier than last year and the earliest in memory. We are still haunted by the recollection of the 1971 Sale, conducted in the rain, when we worked until after midnight to handle some 580 items.

Megan Richards and Jennifer Moore provided different and delicious sustenance to our many patrons throughout the day.

Thanks to the planning and effort of a very large number of willing volunteers we can 'chalk up' another successful sale - our sixteenth, with many of the original 'cast'.

JULY EVENT

A smaller than anticipated 'crowd' turned out on Sunday, 23 July for this event. With the help of friends and two welcome visitors from the Carleton-West Russell Historical Society, we mustered 20 for the walking tour of Aylmer.

Because of her intimate knowledge of her subject, Diane Aldred, who was our most competent guide, was able to make old Aylmer come alive in retrospect. On account of the many heritage properties remaining this was a most satisfying locale for a tour and we absorbed a lot.

To cap the day, Denise Friend, President, and others of the Aylmer Heritage Association did themselves proud and provided us with a delightful tea with delicious home-made sandwiches and cakes.

The whole afternoon can be classed as one of life's more pleasant experiences.

ISOBEL MARY RYAN

Known affectionately as Lid to a host of friends, she is another of the 'pioneers' of the Society....born Isobel Mary Wadsworth in Kamloops, B.C., she grew up in the Okanagan....attended St Michael's School for Girls....under the tutelage of an English drawing mistress she took the Royal Drawing Society exams and won a prize....this led to art training in Manchester, England and Oakland, California....worked in Vancouver for a dress designer....in response to an ad for girls with art training joined the Army.... honourably discharged 3 years later with the rank of lance-corporal....enrolled in Ringling Art School in Florida....spent 7 winters in Louisiana working for a decorator and in the summers worked at Candlelight House restaurant in Kingsmere which she later acquired.... married in 1954 to Ed Ryan she pursues her art and gardening activities in a lovely heritage home at Old Chelsea....has been a Director of the Society for several years and has contributed to it in many ways including acting as archivist & collecting local lore.

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Arthur Davison
Arthur Davison, President