



NEWSLETTER

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Purpose of the Society:

"...to promote matters of historical or heritage significance in the general area of the Gatineau Valley."

OUR NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, MARCH 19

8:00 p.m.

West Hull Community Centre
Old Chelsea

"MILLING THROUGH THE AGES"

with

Arthur Dunn

The curator of the Wakefield Mill will present a history of the milling trade over the past 4,000 years - complete with some ancient mill stones. His talk is intended to place the Wakefield mill in its historical context.

The meeting will be preceded by a social half hour beginning at 7:30.

Bring a friend!

MEET YOUR EXECUTIVE

(2) Beth McFie
(1st Vice President)

Born in Parry Sound, Ontario, Beth is descended from a United Empire

Loyalist grandmother and a Scottish great grandfather who made sure their children took an interest in family history. With a BA in historical geography from the University of Toronto and Edinburgh, she has worked for Ontario Provincial Parks and Parks Canada in public programs.

Following a move to Wakefield in 1984, Beth joined Heritage College as Head of Continuing Education in 1986.

A member of the Historical Society since 1985, she has served on the Advisory Committee and the Board since 1987. Her other interests include sailing on the Gatineau River, Ottawa Valley stepdancing, and gardening.

- Jay Atherton

1990 AUCTION SALE

The team to coordinate this summer's annual auction has been decided: Colin Chisholm and David Kirchmeyer have agreed to work with Yvonne Jurgens. Refreshments will be handled by Lynn Munro. A tip of the hat to all of you!

The date and place have also been determined: Saturday, August 18, at the West Hull Community Centre.

Members are reminded that we will be looking for good quality items for the sale. In addition, we have arranged to store your items safely until then, if you want to clear them out soon. Just call the Society's office (827-4432) and leave a message.

ARCHIVES BOOKS PICTURES

The Archives is almost ready for researchers. By Canada Day of 1990 all the archival documents, books, and pictures should have been identified, catalogues, and put on file or otherwise stored.

Obviously this will be a continuing chore as members of both the Society and the general public become aware of our efforts to garner and preserve the very rich heritage of the Gatineau and will either donate or let us copy personal or family documents and pictures, etc.

We have been collecting documentation on births, marriages, and deaths, family trees, and reunions. The founding and anniversary dates for a number of organizations, such as businesses, scholastic, social, sports, etc. might just provide the answer for which you are looking. We also have a small (as yet) collection of local and family histories.

Already we have been able to meet the demands of several researchers and have also benefitted by receiving copies of the fruits of their endeavours. We are fortunate that these contacts often take place on two-way streets. Do you happen to live on such a street?

- Patrick M.O. Evans
- Malcolm Nelles
- Anne Goodeve

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Please check your Newsletter mailing label to see if your membership expired at the end of December 1989.

If so, please complete the enclosed Membership Form, including the section on volunteer activities, and return it with your cheque for \$15 for one year or \$25 for two years - per household.

If you are one of the 25 early birds who have already sent a cheque for \$8 or \$15 (the old rates) for 1990, please be good enough to complete the form and send a second cheque for the balance. We hope you will understand the problems of making the transition fairly to the new rates. Thank you.

The following members have moved with no forwarding address. Can you help us find them?

Elizabeth Bate
Nicole Bruisma
J. Howard Hunt
Brian L. Nielsen

- Marilyn Lister

The Historical Society of the Gatineau Newsletter is published monthly. Editor is Jay Atherton. Comments and/or contributions are welcomed and encouraged, either by telephone (827-1703) or by mail (R.R.3, Wakefield, QC J0X 3G0).

HISTORICAL TOUR OF PRESCOTT AREA

Saturday, May 26, 1990

This historical tour for our members and guests has been arranged with the Grenville County Historical Society Inc.

Our full-day bus tour begins and ends at Chelsea, and includes visits to a historic house, Homewood, and the Forwarders' Museum, a short bus/walking tour of historic Prescott, and a visit to Fort Wellington.

The cost of the entire tour, including bus fare, admission fees, morning coffee, and restaurant lunch, will be \$20 per HSG member, \$25 per non-member.

Details: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Meet at Chelsea (specifics to be announced)
Pre-registration essential
Maximum number 40
Remember: walking shoes, camera

Registration: Reserved for HSG members and guests until April 15 (after which date any extra places will be opened to members of other local historical societies).

Please fill out form and disclaimer below and send with your cheque made out to: Historical Society of The Gatineau - Historical Tours, P.O. Box 485, Chelsea, Québec J0X 1N0.

Information: Marilyn Lister (827-4244), Carol Martin (827-1633)

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TOUR REGISTRATION

Prescott Area Tour, May 26, 1990

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

Telephone number - Office _____ Residence _____

Member of HSG? YES _____ NO _____

I understand that the tours arranged by the Historical Society of the Gatineau are conducted for the pleasure and education of its members and others who may participate, and that neither the Society nor the tour convenor assumes any responsibility for injury, damage, loss, or additional cost that may be experienced by members and others who participate in the tour.

May 26, 1990

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