

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU LA SOCIÉTÉ HISTORIQUE DE LA GATINEAU

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Newsletter

May - June
~~March - April~~ 1997

Spring Banquet, May 12

A reminder: the annual Spring Banquet is being held on Monday, **May 12**, at **Moorside**, the country home of former Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King at Kingsmere. Featured speaker will be **Frank Macintyre**, long time resident of the Gatineau.

Hospitality and tours of the house begin at 6:00 p.m., with dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. To reserve for this event (a few spaces are still available), call **Eileen Castleman** (827-4432) by **May 1**. You will be asked to pay in advance for the meal. Cost is \$27, taxes and gratuities included.

Society Participates in Heritage Fair, May 23 & 24

"Grandmother's Kitchen" will come alive again during the CRB Foundation Heritage Fair, at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Hull on May 23 and 24. The Society will be joining five other associations from West Quebec in a unique celebration of our heritage.

The Society's main exhibit at the two day fair will be a static presentation of the popular exhibit created by Stuart and Norma Geggie that was once the centrepiece of the Maclaren House Museum. A display of the Society's publications will compliment the exhibit.

The Outaouais Heritage Fair is an educational initiative of the CRB Foundation, designed to increase interest in Canadian history and heritage within a dynamic learning environment. Heritage Fairs are exhibitions of projects made by students about the history and heritage in which they are most interested--i.e. their family, local, or regional history--or, in fact, any Canadian heritage subject that intrigues them. In addition to student participation, the program encourages the general public to get involved, thereby creating links between young people and their community.

Established on a national scale in 1995 by the CRB Foundation, Regional Heritage Fairs will take place this year in more than twenty communities in the ten provinces.

Members of the Society are urged to attend in the First Nations Hall, Ground Floor, Canadian Museum of Civilization, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

For further information: **Ernie Mahoney** (459-1180).

Wakefield Bridge Tour, June 16

On the evening of Monday, June 16, members of the Historical Society are invited to a special tour of the reconstructed **Gendron Bridge** in Wakefield. The tour will be conducted by **Neil Faulkner** of the Wakefield Bridge Committee.

The tour will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the **east** entrance to the bridge (that is, on the shore opposite highway 105; if you are coming from the west, just take highway 366 across the new bridge and turn right immediately).

L'autrefois se raconte...

La Société historique de la Haute-Gatineau vous invite à son exposition "L'autrefois se raconte..." présentée en collaboration avec la Corporation **le Château Logue** et le Comité socioculturel de Maniwaki.

Tous les aspects de la vie de nos grands-parents se retrouvent à travers les objets exposés: meubles, outils, gramophone et objets d'utilité courante.

Quotidien oublié our révolu? L'ambiance qi se dégage de cet intérieur d'autrefois donne pourtant l'impression de nous y replonger, comme si c'était hier. Le travail et la vaillance de ceux qui ont bâti notre région méritent bien ce modeste hommage aux générations qui nous ont ouvert le présent siècle.

Plusieurs objets se retrouvent dans cette exposition proviennent de la **Société historique de la Gatineau** et étaient autrefois exposés dans la **Maison Maclaren** à Wakefield. L'exposition ce déroulera du 10 mai au 8 juin, au 3e étage du Château Logue à Maniwaki.

Wakefield Covered Bridge Jamboree and Dance, June 22

The Wakefield Covered Bridge sits again on its piers! Come celebrate its (near) completion at a jamboree, where you can dance or listen to entertainment provided by bands, step-dancers, fiddlers, and singers. The jamboree is set for Sunday, June 22, from 2 to 3 p.m. on and around the covered bridge. Bring your own lawn chair (but not your pet or cooler) and plan to make an afternoon of it. Beer, soft drinks, and food will be available.

The Racoons on Ice and Boulder Road will be the featured bands with lively and danceable music. Shawville's own Gail Gavin will sing Irish, French, and lumbering songs. Other entertainers will be Joe Sullivan and Davey Drummond, as well as the Debbie Reed Dancers from Arnprior.

The entrance charge for this historic event will be \$10, with children under age 10 admitted free.

Chelsea's Historic Cemeteries - Not a Dead Issue

Do you have old photographs, information, or stories connected with Chelsea's cemeteries? You can help the HSG preserve the story. I am writing a history of Chelsea's historic cemeteries, to be published later this year by the Historical Society of the Gatineau. If you have information, or you know of someone who does, I would like to hear from you.

- Carol Martin (827-1633)

Artistic Posters

...of Wakefield, 11" x 17", in colour, featuring the village, mill, train, etc. Usual price \$9.99, available to HSG members for special price of \$8 from **Huguette Poulin**, 827-3991 (fax 827-0044).

Changes to Society Constitution Being Considered

The Executive of the Historical Society is considering proposing revisions to the Society's constitution. There are two particular alterations being looked at that could profit from some advice from the membership at this time. They are:

Society Name

The traditional name, "Historical Society of the Gatineau," frequently becomes shortened to the "Gatineau Historical Society." This error creates misunderstanding, in that it could be misinterpreted to be the historical society of the City of Gatineau. To clarify matters, the Executive is considering proposing a change in name to:

Historical Society of the Gatineau Valley

OR

Gatineau Valley Historical Society.

Term of Office

The current term of office of members of the Executive Committee (president, two vice presidents, and five directors-at-large) is one year. Under consideration is a change to make the term two years, with half the committee being elected each year, to provide greater continuity and stability to the society.

What do you think about these proposals? Please send your comments, either by mail to the Society address given on the masthead, or directly to Jay Atherton or Carol Martin at the numbers given below:

Jay Atherton
Tel./fax: (819) 827-1703
E-mail: jather@ccs.carleton.ca

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Tel.: (819) 827-1633
Fax: (819) 827-5380
E-mail: 693595@ican.net

The Executive plans to take all comments into consideration and bring some proposals to a general meeting of the Society in the fall of this year.

"Tracing Your Family History"

The Ottawa Family History Centre, the Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society, and the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa will be offering a course on "Tracing Your Family History." The course begins at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 24, and continuing on the five following Saturday mornings excluding June 14, finishing on June 28. There will be three hours of lectures on each day.

All lectures will be given by **Norman Crowder**, a noted local genealogist, author, and lecturer. The course will include tours of local resource centres such as the National Library, the National Archives, and the Family History Centre (FHC). A loose-leaf binder of relevant handouts and course materials will be provided.

The course will be given at the FHC, 1017 Prince of Wales Drive. The fee for the course is \$30 for members of one or more of the sponsoring organizations or \$35 for non-members. Those interested should contact **Jack Moody** at (613) 731-6369.



1997 Auction Planned for August 16

The third Saturday in August is, by tradition, the date of the annual Antique Auction and Flea Market sponsored by the Historical Society of the Gatineau. **Spring cleaning** is approaching. Why not set aside some items for the auction? Details will appear in the July-August newsletter.

Each year's Auction is successful thanks to the contribution of volunteers. If YOU would like to help this year, please leave your name and telephone number with our Secretary, **Eileen Castleman**, at 827-4432.

Local Author Featured on Canada Book Day

Author and HSG member **Katharine Fletcher** celebrated the release of her brand new, second edition of *Historical Walks: The Gatineau Park Story* at TWO Canada Book Day events on April 23. The first was at Books Canada on the Sparks Street Mall, and the second took place at Chapters "on the Market." Katharine was Chapters' Celebrated Canadian Author!

HSG members may be interested in joining Katharine on her popular hikes of the park, or perhaps joining her on a bus tour. Here are some of the already-planned events in the works!

Bus Tour, May 3: from 2:00 to 4:00 Katharine will lead a lively bus tour into the Park for the Friends of the National Library, via Aylmer and Old Chelsea. After the two-hour tour, the Friends are putting on a tea and book sale at the National Library. Cost: for Friends of the National Library, \$18.00; for non-members of the Friends, \$20.00. For reservations call the Friends of the National Library at 992-8304. (Book early for a seat!) There are plans afoot for a fall tour, too!

Hikes: Katharine is also offering her popular hikes in Gatineau Park. Call early to make a reservation, for she takes a maximum of 14 people in these lively talks & walks. Call the Ottawa Board of Education at 239-2751 to reserve your spot (why not come with a friend and enjoy the spring flowers!).

The two series of hikes are:

a) "Historical Walks in Gatineau Park I." Slide show & walks. Course # (593) 846-81. Join Katharine for two two-hour slide shows at Brookfield High School and two four-hour hikes in the Park. Slide shows are 7-9 p.m. Thursday May 8 & 22; hikes are from 9 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on May 10 & 24. Cost is \$59.00.

b) "Historical Walks in Gatineau Park II." Walks only. Course # (593) 846-82. Two four-hour hikes in Gatineau Park. Meet at the Old Chelsea Picnic Grounds parking lot at 9:00 a.m. sharp for the first hike on May 11. The second hike is on May 25. Call the Ottawa Board of Education at 239-2751.

Talks: Katharine will be giving a slide show and talk at the Nepean Public Library on June 12 from 7:00 to

9:00 p.m. For information call the Library at 727-6660.

The new edition of *Historical Walks: The Gatineau Park Story* is now available in Ottawa book stores (cost: \$12.95).

Western Quebec Literacy Council

We are all aware that some adults in our community have trouble reading and writing, or may not be able to read or write at all. Western Quebec Literacy Council is a volunteer group that can help. It offers free private home tutoring in basic reading, writing, and mathematics to English-speaking adults.

The Council is currently experiencing a shortage of volunteers. Perhaps some of our members would like to participate. Requirements are few: reading and writing well in English, approximately three hours a week to prepare and present the lesson, and a caring and understanding attitude.

For more information contact the Council at P.O. Box 266, Shawville, Québec J0X 2Y0, phone or fax (819) 647-3112.



Portraits of Our Past at the Bytown Museum

The Bytown Museum's new exhibit features the works of well known Ottawa photographers: William James Topley, William Notman, Alfred G. Pittaway, Samuel McLaughlin, Alvra Lockwood (Ottawa's first woman photographer), Samuel J. Jarvis, Elihu Spencer, Paul Hordal, Michael Bedford, Yousuf Karsh, and Malak Karsh. Yousuf and Malak Karsh will officially open the exhibit on Friday, May 16, at 10:00 a.m.

In conjunction with the Photography Exhibit, the Museum has produced a 1997 calendar featuring several sepia photos from the display. It is available at the Museum or at various book stores in Ottawa (cost: \$5.00).

THE BRIDGE The Story of Wakefield's Covered Bridge

April 16, 1997... Rooney Productions of Lac-des-Loups has announced that they have begun work on a half-hour documentary on the **Wakefield Covered Bridge**. The program will trace the history of the bridge from 1915 to the present reconstruction and highlight its role as a community focal point and tourist attraction. **THE BRIDGE** is destined for television broadcast and will also be sold locally by the Wakefield Bridge Committee as a way for them to raise funds.

THE BRIDGE will be directed and co-written by local artist Vivian Hanwell, best known for her work on *Surviving the Fear*, *Remembrance Day*, and *Angels of Mercy*, which we re produced by Sound Venture in Ottawa.

She is in the research stage now and looking for people in our community who have photographs, paintings, film, videotape, or interesting stories to tell about the bridge over its long history. "This is a great time for members of the community to check their scrapbooks, attics, and closets for interesting images or artifacts for possible inclusion in the program," she says.

Interested individuals can call **Brenda Rooney** at 456-3522.

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Revue Outaouais: Aylmer

The Aylmer Museum recently received a grant from the Ministère de la culture et des communications, and some aid from the City of Aylmer to produce a special Aylmer edition of the *Revue Outaouais*, a periodical of the Société d'histoire de l'Outaouais.

Pierre Gosselin, Past-President of the SHO, and Museum President Michelle Mondoux are coordinating the project. Publication was planned for April 1997. The book will sell for \$10. Orders may be sent with a cheque payable to:

Musée d'Aylmer Museum
C.P./Box 311
Aylmer QC J9H 5E6

8th Annual Pontiac Artists' Studio Tour Scheduled

The 8th annual **Pontiac Artists' Studio Tour** will take place on the two weekends of June 7 and 8, and June 15 and 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

This is a unique tour, composed solely of professional visual artists. Admission is free. The tour will take visitors along the Eardley escarpment through Pontiac County up to historic Calumet island. It involves 9 artists at 7 studios.

For more information, contact **Dale Shutt** (819-648-2441), **Ruby Ewen** (819-455-2253), or **Marcio Melo** (819-647-3416).

The *Newsletter* is published regularly by the Historical Society of the Gatineau. Contributions and comments are always welcome. Editor/compiler is Jay Atherton (827-1703; e-mail: jather@ccs.carleton.ca). Distribution is handled, very ably, by Rae Moore and Marjorie Evis.

New Member

Welcome to our newest member, **Marcel Boulet** of Ottawa and Old Chelsea.

Castenchel Choir SPRING CONCERT

Wednesday, April 30
8:00 p.m.

St. Stephen's Church, Old Chelsea

CASTENCHEL presents a wide-ranging repertoire of classical and traditional choral music, including folklore and jazz.

Financial Statements for 1996

Members will find immediately below a copy of the financial statements of the Historical Society for the period ended December 31, 1996. Questions should be directed to the Society Treasurer, **Bonnie Adams** (827-0589).

Immunize your kids!







SHARON, LOIS & BRAM

If you want your children to be healthy, protect them from disease. Immunization can keep them safe from many serious illnesses.

But remember: Children need to complete their full schedule of shots to be protected.

So boost their chances for health. Immunize your children. On time, every time.

 Canadian Public Health Association
 Canadian Paediatric Society
 Canadian Medical Association
 Health Canada

Notice to Reader

I have compiled the financial statements of the **HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU** for the period ended December 31, 1996, from records and information provided by management.

I have not audited, reviewed or otherwise attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of such information.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Gonnie de Witte
March 22, 1997

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

BALANCE SHEET

(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

	YEAR ENDED	
	1996	1995
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank - Current	\$ 4,447.00	\$ 3,972.00
Bank - Savings	5,155.00	246.00
Loans Receivable - Note 1	7,200.00	0.00
Interest Receivable (CSB)	5,942.00	4,443.00
Inventory	0.00	275.00
INVESTMENTS		
Bank Certificates - Note 2b	21,610.00	20,661.00
Canada Savings Bonds	18,200.00	19,200.00
FIXED ASSETS - Note 3		
Computer Equipment	3,167.00	3,167.00
Equipment	328.00	0.00
Accumulated Depreciation	(3,232.00)	(3,167.00)
	<u>\$ 62,817.00</u>	<u>\$ 48,797.00</u>
LIABILITIES AND RETAINED EARNINGS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 265.00	\$ 141.00
Prepaid Membership fees	1,673.00	1,919.00
Grant - C. Martin - Note 4	4,900.00	2,800.00
OTHER LIABILITIES - Note 5		
Pioneer Cemetery Fund	4,000.00	4,000.00
A. Davison Fund	2,205.00	2,205.00
Memorials Fund	1,836.00	1,836.00
M.A. Phillips Fund	1,800.00	1,800.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 16,679.00	\$ 14,701.00
RETAINED EARNINGS	\$ 46,138.00	\$ 34,096.00
	<u>\$ 62,817.00</u>	<u>\$ 48,797.00</u>

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31	
	1996	1995
REVENUES		
Auction	\$ 12,182.00	\$ 4,228.00
Publications	4,270.00	2,404.00
Interest Income	2,565.00	1,806.00
Membership fees	2,121.00	2,355.00
Royalties	75.00	0.00
Donations	61.00	266.00
	\$ 21,274.00	\$ 11,059.00
EXPENSES		
(SEE SCHEDULES ATTACHED)		
Administrative	\$ 2,072.00	\$ 1,588.00
Projects & Activities	7,299.00	6,884.00
Museum/Mill	0.00	885.00
	\$ 9,371.00	\$ 9,357.00
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 11,903.00	\$ 1,702.00

STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS

(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

Retained Earnings	-opening balance as originally stated	\$ 34,096.00	\$ 32,394.00
Prior Period Adjustment	- Note 2a	139.00	
Retained Earnings	-restated	34,235.00	
Income from Operations		11,903.00	
RETAINED EARNINGS -CLOSING BALANCE		\$ 46,138.00	\$ 34,096.00

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SCHEDULES OF EXPENSES

(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31	
	1996	1995
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</u>		
Honoraria - secretary	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Accounting fees	450.00	400.00
Telephone	445.00	411.00
Office - Supplies/Postage	425.00	201.00
Interest paid	93.00	0.00
Depreciation	65.00	0.00
Financing and Banking charges	59.00	42.00
Miscellaneous	35.00 (a)	34.00 (a)
	\$ 2,072.00	\$ 1,588.00
<u>PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES EXPENSES</u>		
Publications	\$ 2,341.00	\$ 2,801.00
Auction	1,858.00	815.00
Newsletter - Mailing	918.00	1,316.00
Newsletter - Printing	616.00	517.00
Meetings - Publicity	521.00	291.00
Meetings - Awards/Annual Dinner	418.00	442.00
Meetings - General Expenses	152.00	119.00
Remembrance Day Activity	213.00	200.00
Donations and Gifts	150.00	195.00
Archives	112.00	188.00
	\$ 7,299.00	\$ 6,884.00
<u>MUSEUM / MILL EXPENSES</u>		
Moving Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 844.00
Office - Banking charges	0.00	41.00
	\$ 0.00	\$ 885.00

(a) Safety & P.O. Boxes;

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

Note 1: Loans Receivable

Loans receivable consists of:

- Interest free loan of \$6,000.00 to the Wakefield Bridge Committee. To be repaid: November 1, 1998.
- Interest free loan of \$1,200.00 to G. Lambton for the publication: "The wildest rivers-the oldest hills". To be repaid by September 1, 1998.

Note 2: Prior Period Adjustment

2a Interest income in the amount of \$139.00 was earned in 1995. Information related to this interest income was received after the 1995 statements were finalized. In 1996 this is recorded in the Retained Earnings Statement as a Prior Period Adjustment.

2b The \$139.00 of interest income was reinvested and has been included in the the investment portfolio on the balance sheet

Note 3: Fixed Assets

Computer equipment

Computer equipment has been fully depreciated and its current value is \$0.00

Cost	Current Year Depreciation	Accumulated Depreciation	Net
\$3,167.00	\$0.00	\$3,167.00	\$0.00

Equipment

A sound system was purchased for \$328.00 in 1996. It is expected to have a useful life of five years. The sound system will be depreciated on a straight line basis at the rate of 20% per year.

Cost	Current Year Depreciation	Accumulated Depreciation	Net
\$328.00	\$66.00	\$66.00	\$262.00

Note 4: Government Grant

A grant in the amount of \$4,900.00 for the publication: "In memory of the Chelsea Pioneer Cemeteries" by C. Martin has been received in 1996. Since the book has not been published yet, the amount of \$4,900.00 has been deferred for future use. On the balance sheet the grant is reflected as "Grant - C. Martin".

Note 5: Other liabilities

Other liabilities consist of funds held in various trusts. The monies in each Fund can only be used for specific purposes as described in the various Trust Funds Memoranda. There have been no additions or dispositions to any of the Funds in 1996.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31	
	1996	1995
<u>AUCTION</u>		
Revenues - receipts	\$ 12,182.00	\$ 4,228.00
Expenses	(1,858.00)	(815.00)
Profit (Loss)	\$ 10,324.00	\$ 3,413.00
 <u>PUBLICATIONS</u>		
Revenues - sales publications	4,270.00	2,404.00
Expenses - production and printing	(2,341.00)	(2,801.00)
Profit (Loss)	\$ 1,929.00	\$ (397.00)