

GATINEAU VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER



Next Meeting

Monday, January 15th, 2007
~ 7:30 p.m. ~

Chelsea Community Centre

Victor Suthren: Captain James Cook

As a follow-up to last year's fascinating presentation on Louis-Antoine de Bougainville, author Victor Suthren will this year recount the story of the early Canadian years of the another adventurer, Captain James Cook.

Captain Cook is very well known for his voyages to the Pacific Ocean, but he also has an important place in Canadian history as the cartographer of the - St. Lawrence River, Halifax Harbour, and, most particularly, the north, west, and south coasts of Newfoundland and the French islands of St Pierre and Miquelon.

Victor Suthren is a writer and historian with a special interest in the history of colonial seafaring and exploration. The former director general of the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, he sails frequently in traditional ships and small boats, retracing epic voyages of the flintlock era.



Painting Donation

Recently **Helen Hamilton**, a talented artist, donated a fine oil painting of the old Wakefield covered bridge to the GVHS. Helen painted the picture in March 1971 when she and her family were living in Ottawa.

Helen was raised in Weston, Ontario and shortly after graduating from the Weston Collegiate took up oil painting as a hobby. In 1952 Helen married Laurie Hamilton, a RCAF pilot. During a posting in Ottawa, 1963-1973, Helen taught oil painting for seven years and was active in several art associations.



Remembrance Day Services at the Chelsea Pioneer Cemetery

For 20 years the Gatineau Valley Historical Society has maintained the grave of Private Richard Rowland Thompson, the only Canadian to be awarded the Queen's Scarf by Queen Victoria over a century ago. The society hosts his former Regiment, the Royal Canadian Regiment Petawawa, in observing Remembrance Day at the Pioneer Cemetery in Chelsea. Troops from the RCR 3rd Battalion, Mike Company, mounted the vigil and provided an honour guard of 50 officers and men

About 300 people braved heavy rain to remember Private Thompson and all of the fallen from wars past and present. Members of the RCR are currently serving in Afghanistan and have in the last few months lost three of their fellows in battle.

The wreath-laying was led on behalf of the Government of Canada, by the Hon. Lawrence Cannon, Pontiac MP and Minister of Transport. He was followed by the Royal Canadian Regiment C.O. Lieut. Col. R.R. Barrett; RCR Mike Company's Maj. Paul Lockhart; Canadian Forces Health Services Group's Col. David Hogberg; Municipality of Chelsea's Deputy Mayor Claude Gervais; MRC Public Security Capt. Michel Regimbald; Regional Association of West Quebecker's Jay and Peggy Atherton, and Ernie Mahoney for the Gatineau Valley Historical Society.

At the Chelsea Cenotaph, wreaths were laid by Deputy Mayor Claude Gervais and Harold Milks for his brother Erle Milks who is named on the cenotaph.

The service at the Pioneer Cemetery was chaired by Marc Cockburn of the GVHS, with prayers by Larry Dufour for St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, the homily was given by RCR Padre Joe Johns and Rev. Christine Piper, St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church, and final blessing was given by Rev. Jane Griffiths, Chelsea United Church.

The Historical Society hosted a reception for the Regiment at the Cascades Club afterwards. Minister Lawrence Cannon made a short address to the officers and men of the RCR, referring to the conflict in Afghanistan, and assured them that the government support their efforts there completely.



Ernie Mahoney (Past-President) standing beside the Hon. Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport.



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

The Gatineau Valley Historical Society is a charitable not-for-profit organization which has acted to conserve and foster interest in history and heritage in the Gatineau Valley region for nearly 40 years since its founding in 1962.

Membership Renewal Reminder

Please check your membership status code, which is located on the right hand side of the mailing address label on the envelope of this Newsletter. If the code is 2006/12, please renew your membership.

All paid-up members will receive Volume 33 of *Up the Gatineau!*, (a \$7 value) due out in June 2007.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Society.

~ Help preserve our Gatineau Valley heritage ~

Membership includes the following benefits:

- *Up the Gatineau* - our annual local history journal
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