



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 for 50 years.

Spring Meeting & Event Schedule

History of the Larrimac Golf Club with Larry Dufour

Monday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m.

(*note date change from winter newsletter)

Larrimac Golf Clubhouse at 1148, Route 105, Chelsea

Join Larrimac Golf Club life member and past president Larry Dufour for a talk on the club's interesting 85-plus year history. Larry will supplement his talk with a slide show of historic photos from

the club scrap books. Come enjoy the lovely view from the clubhouse and view the Club trophies, historic photos, and scrapbooks from its early days that will be on display. A walk down memory lane.



Historic Walk in Gatineau Park with Katharine Fletcher

Saturday, April 28 and Sunday, April 29 - Rain or Shine

Starting at P11, O'Brien Beach at 9:45 a.m.

Katharine will lead participants on her favourite hike in Gatineau Park leading from O'Brien Beach to the ruins of Thomas "Carbide" Willson's superphosphate fertilizer plant, locally known as "The Mill." The 3.25 km (return) hike takes us through gorgeous forested trails and alongside Meech and Little Meech lakes, where we hopefully will see merganser ducks, loons, and spring ephemerals – early wildflowers.

Wear appropriate, comfy footwear for uneven footing/terrain, sunhat, sunglasses, camera and binoculars – and bring water and a snack.

Katharine always walks at a slow pace, giving ample time for examining plants, bird watching, and encouraging discussion from the group about natural and human history of Gatineau Park.



Note: There are limited spots for each day's walk and these are restricted to GVHS members. Please contact Louise Schwartz at 819-827-1429 or email schwartzla@rogers.com to reserve a spot and specify which day's walk you prefer. Also indicate if you would like to purchase Katharine's *Historical Walks*, a unique guide to the human and natural history of Gatineau Park. If either day is oversubscribed, a draw of names will take place. The final list of participants will be sent out approximately 1 to 2 weeks prior to the walks.

~ Annual Dinner & Awards Evening ~

celebrating 50 years of GVHS with special guests, displays & presentations!



**Monday, May 28th 2012 @ 5:30 p.m. - cocktails
6:30 p.m. - dinner**

Camp Fortune, Main Lodge, Chelsea, QC

\$35.00 per person

**Please contact Shirley Brown before May 23rd
at browncrest@sympatico.ca or 819-827-1999 to reserve your spot.**

Camp Fortune directions: <http://g.co/maps/rrsx3>

**From A-5 take exit 12 to Old Chelsea Road; go 1.1 km to Meech Lake Road; then 3.8 km to Dunlop Rd. for 1.6 km.
There is ample parking in front of the main lodge.**



Gatineau River Heritage Paddle

**Sunday June 10, 10:30 a.m. from Wakefield
or other access points along the river**

Explore the rich heritage of the Gatineau River by canoe or kayak in celebration of Canadian Rivers Day. Take a self-guided tour of the historic and natural highlights of the route, using an interpretive guide of the river, available on-line for free or for sale at the paddle. End the day at the

Grange de la Gatineau in Cantley with a raftsmen-style BBQ served at 4 p.m.

Non-paddlers can view a display of historic Gatineau River photos and maps, traditional logging tools, and the "Sacred River" artistic exhibit at the Grange from 1 p.m. on. Biologists will be present for a naturalist tour of nearby "Phillips' Island." This is a family event organized by Friends of the Gatineau River (FOG) with the GVHS and Cantley 1889. Further details will be posted on the GVHS website, or call 819-827-1429.



Vintage Wings of Canada Tour

Saturday, June 16 at 2:00 p.m., Gatineau Airport, Gatineau

The collection comprises 18 historically significant airplanes, such as Spitfires and Hurricanes, and is housed in a 23,000 sq. ft. hangar designed to resemble a wartime military hangar. The airplanes are not museum specimens but rather a collection of vintage airplanes which are all airworthy thanks to a team of 450 volunteers.

Tour space is limited, for information or to reserve a spot please contact Bob McClelland, at mccfarm@magma.ca or 819 827-0540.





Vintage Wings Canada

The latest "Vintage News" from the Vintage Wings of Canada website details the true story of a Lockheed Hudson bomber lost in a stormy sky in 1941, and its unlikely landing in the village of Ste. Cécile de Masham.

The GVHS's own Linda Bardell was one of those Gatineau Valley residents involved in solving the puzzle around this story, as was retired dairy farmer Doug Nesbitt and Black Sheep Inn owner

Paul Symes. Many of the photos accompanying the story come from the GVHS Image Bank. You can read the full story under the "History and Heroes" section at www.vintagewings.com.

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2012: A Year of Celebration - Save the Dates!



- Saturday, August 18** **49th Annual Auction of Antiques and Collectibles**
- Monday, September 10** **History of the Gatineau River Yacht Club - joint meeting & BBQ at the Yacht Club to celebrate its 50 anniversary**
- Monday, October 15** **Bill Mason: Filmmaker, Artist & Canoeist (1929-1988) with speaker Ken Buck at the Chelsea Library**
- Sunday, November 11** **Remembrance Day Ceremony, Chelsea Cenotaph, Chelsea, QC**
- Monday, November 19** **War of 1812 - a talk by Vic Suthren, Meredith Centre, Chelsea, QC**

Pat Evans Archives

At the 2012 AGM, Society members unanimously voted to accept the Executive Committee's recommendation to rename the Society Archives: In honour of Patrick Evans, who established the Archives of this Society, be it resolved that our Archives be henceforth known as the Pat Evans Archives of the Gatineau Valley Historical Society. (Forwarded: Marc Cockburn, President, Seconded: Carol Martin, Past President)

A writer and historian, Pat established the archives of the Historical Society of the Gatineau, as it was then known, and later became its honorary archivist. To mark the occasion the Society launched **The Pat Evans (Skipper's) Corner** on the GVHS website to honour his contribution to the Society and showcases some of his local research and writing - www.gvhs.ca/research/pat-evans/index.html

The GVHS Website continues to grow with additions to our digital information resources including new Low Down articles, Maps of the Gatineau Valley, local history articles from The Echo of Cantley written by members of Cantley 1889, and the Ottawa Ski Club Newsletter Archive.

The Society is in search of persons who have some spare time that they wish to donate to a good cause by joining our very dynamic and sympathetic Archives and website teams. The tasks to be performed may be routine or particular, on site, elsewhere or accomplished from home, but they always take in account the volunteers' interests and talents. If you have any ideas or particular skills to offer, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@gvhs.ca.

President's Report - 2011

Over the past several months, as the 50th anniversary celebration has been drawing nearer, I started digging into the Society's history and records to try and get a sense of how the GVHS became such an enduring and productive organization. What is the special recipe that makes this Society so special to everyone involved?

In the 1987 *Up the Gatineau!*, Bob Phillips, then the President of the Historical Society of the Gatineau, summed up the first 25 years of the Society's accomplishments which have since become the basis of our on-going activities. This is when our tradition in advocating for the recognition of historic places, our publications program, our archives, our work in establishing museums, our Remembrance Day service, and many other activities began to take hold. Bob ends his article with a rather daunting challenge. "That seems a reasonable start for a young organization. Won't you join us in our Twenty-Fifth Anniversary celebrations? Then it will soon be time to start working on an appropriate record for our first fifty years..."

When we began planning our 50th anniversary program, we decided that we wanted to highlight the Society's own history and record, and to let our audience discover for themselves our rich collection of stories, images and records. As well we wanted to bring some recognition to the people that have contributed so much in making this possible.

As a Society, we are generally defined as a group of like-minded individuals who come together for a common purpose. Ours is to make known the history and heritage of the Gatineau Valley, and our strength and achievements are the result of years of voluntary initiative, and of generating goodwill by assisting our community partners. To do so, we have been blessed with many individuals who have been willing to freely contribute their particular skills, knowledge and expertise to our mission.

What have we accomplished over 50 years? We've published 38 issues of the UTG and many other unique publications, helped launch the Fairbairn Museum, changed our name, assisted in the rebuilding of the Wakefield Covered Bridge. We have continued to maintain and improve our pioneer cemeteries; continued to offer a meaningful Remembrance Day service; we have helped put into place heritage recognition programs in both Chelsea and LaPêche; we've established a permanent archive, launched a website, and continue to meet monthly for both informative and social occasions. I think overall, that's a pretty good record!

But what about the future? Where will we be 25 years from now? Honestly, I can't predict what the world will look like then, but we are all seeing some pretty dramatic changes to our community lately, and I think our role will be to continue documenting these changes and putting them in historical perspective.

I believe as well, that as long as we can continue to tap into the Gatineau Valley spirit of volunteerism and collaboration, that we will always attract volunteers who want to build on the Society's record, and continue to make known our mission and collections known throughout the Gatineau Valley.

Marc Cockburn

48th Annual Auction Report

Carol Martin



Saturday, August 20, 2011, behind St. Stephen’s Church in Old Chelsea, the GVHS held its 48th annual auction. The weather was great: sunny and warm. The showers forecast in afternoon did not arrive until 2:00 o’clock—perfect! Chelsea’s mayor, Caryl Green, offered official greetings. Revel Stewart, of Cobden, ON, was Auctioneer.

Our donors, for both the Auction itself and the Silent Auction, numbered about the same as the previous year: 44 for the regular auction and 32 for the silent auction. For the Silent Auction, about a third of the businesses donated more than one voucher or certificate.

There were also some anonymous donors of items to the Auction. This year 75% of consignors *donated* their items, and will receive charitable receipts for 100% of the selling prices these items raised.

There were 139 registered bidders, (compared with 127 the previous year). Most of the bidders (41%) came from Chelsea. Next in order were those from Ottawa (18%), Gatineau (14%), La Pêche (9%) and Cantley (1%). The attendance was, of course, larger than the number of registered bidders, since families used one bidder card, and the cards were only needed for the Auction itself, not the Flea Market, baking or publications.

What did we sell? A set of china went for \$190, and a 3-foot-long sailboat for \$180. Six framed, coloured landscape prints sold for \$150. There were several rocking chairs, including one for a child (\$50-\$125). A blanket box and a wooden chest and an ice-box (\$110-\$140) all found new homes, and probably new uses. A “grandmother clock” (\$100), a child’s antique horse and cart toy (\$75), and a collection of ladies’ hats (\$75) were also vintage items. A large Bible, with silver clasps, sold for \$32.50, and a stand-up sewing basket for \$40. Among the outdoor items were a canoe (\$110), a fishing rod and reel (\$40), and a 100-year-old gun case.

What were the results? The GVHS netted \$5387.74. Details of expenses and receipts are available from the treasurer.



Nominations Committee Report 2012

Marc Cockburn & Carol Martin

Our Constitution stipulates that the terms of office of the members of the Executive Committee of the Society are two years long, and are staggered, so that the full terms of office of half the positions expires each year.

Motion: Whereby the Society By-laws stipulate that ‘a member of the society shall normally serve no more than two consecutive terms in any of the senior Executive position’, the Nomination Committee proposes a motion to the Society to approve the extension of the term of office for the President by a further one year.

Motion: The Nomination committee is pleased to nominate the following persons for election to the 2012/2013 Executive Committee of the Gatineau Valley Historical Society:

President
Marc Cockburn (1yr)

Directors
Shirley Brown (2yrs)
Robert Hughes (2yrs)
Erik Rask (2yrs)
Allan Richens (2yrs)

Publications Report - 2011 Carol Martin

Shirley Brown produces the quarterly GVHS Newsletter and GVHS members who have provided e-mail addresses receive the Newsletter electronically—a choice that gets the information to them immediately, and means they receive reminders about forthcoming events. It also saves postage costs! Please let us know if we can add your name to this list!

As part of their membership, GVHS members—300 of them—each receive a free copy of *Up the Gatineau!*, valued at \$7. Published in May each year, *Up the Gatineau!* is presented at the Annual Dinner (and mailed to those who are unable to attend). The dinner is also an occasion to recognize the authors who contributed to the latest volume. This year, five of the six authors with articles in Volume 37 are new to readers of *Up the Gatineau!*, while Louise Schwartz, the sixth, has written two previous articles for it. Those who assisted with this volume included: **Adrienne Herron** (cover photography and design), **Louise Schwartz** and **Margaret Coleman** as assistant editors, **Beth Macfie** copy editor, and layout by **Frances Curry** (Chelsea Books).

The new GVHS web site now includes an on-line version of the Index to all volumes of *Up the Gatineau!*, and a selection of 18 articles, including illustrations.

Harold and Margaret Reid handle publication sales, as part of the GVHS effort to create awareness of local history in the region. This includes selling copies of *Up the Gatineau!* and its Index in 16 local boutiques and stores, and making a range of our own publications and books by local authors available at GVHS monthly meetings and a number of other events in the region. We have back issues of all volumes of *Up the Gatineau!*, including complete sets sold at a special price, a historic map of Chelsea and a railway stations poster. In 2011 these publications were displayed and sold at seven events: the Gene-O-Rama sponsored by the Ontario Genealogical Society (Ottawa), the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa (BIFHSGO) conference (Ottawa), A Century of Cemeteries (Cantley), the GVHS/ Friends of the Gatineau (FOG) Heritage Paddle (Wakefield-Chelsea), the GVHS Auction (Chelsea), the Union Mission Church Memorial dedication (Kirk's Ferry) and the Wakefield Craft Fair held at Vorlage in Wakefield. Total sales from these seven events amounted to \$550.50.

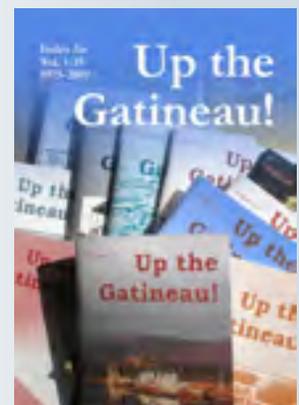
In 2011 we sold 280 copies of the most recent volume (37) of *Up the Gatineau!* (Sales of the current volume for the past five years have averaged 251 copies a year.)

Total sales (including *Up the Gatineau!*) amounted to 660 books, including 4 complete sets of *Up The Gatineau!*, 5 maps and 7 railway posters. Receipts for the year were as follows:

Direct sales:	\$2380.05
Retail sales:	\$1421.40
Total sales:	\$3801.45

At the annual dinner in 2011, I was awarded the **Arthur Davison Prize** for my article, "Dreams of Land (and Nightmares for Some) in Hull Township." I also stepped down as director in charge of publications and editor of *Up the Gatineau!* Working with authors and writing about the Gatineau over the years has been a thoroughly rewarding and enjoyable experience for me. Thank you.

Louise Schwartz is the new publications chairman and editor of *Up the Gatineau!* for 2012. As the author of three articles (in volumes 34, 36 and 37 of *Up the Gatineau!*), and a frequent contributor to "The Way We Were" column in *The Low Down to Hull and Back News*, Louise is already well-known for her active interest in local history. We look forward to many more years of interesting writing about the Gatineau.



Financial Statements - Fiscal Period Ending December 31,2011

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

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets

Current Assets

Bank balance	19,874
Bank GIC	10,000
Sub total	\$ 29,874

Long-term Assets

Bond	40,000
Sub total	40,000
Total	\$ 69,874

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue

Memberships	3,538
Donations	1,043
Publications	3,942
Archives	254
Annual Auction	5,388
Total	\$ 14,165

Expenditures

Administration	608
Publications	3,497
Archives	1,514
Annual Dinner	481
Cemetery	1,800
Meetings	50
Newsletter	477
Remebrance Day	714
Other Programs	2,224
Total	\$ 11,365

Notes

- i) Financial Statement prepared on a cash basis
- ii) Long Term Assets - GIC - Mature 2012; Bond P035C - Mature 2013
 Bond P058 - Mature 2017
- iii) The above does not include fixed assets and inventory of publications.

Treasurer: *David Yuill*

Executive 2012

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www.gvhs.ca

Pat Evans Archives

Chelsea Library • downstairs

Hours:

Monday & Wednesday - 1:30 - 4:30

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Gatineau Valley Historical Society Membership Application/Renewal Form

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- *Up the Gatineau!* - our annual local history journal
- *GVHS Newsletter*
- Access to our archival material
- Regular meetings on local and national heritage topics

Membership Fees (per family): 1 year — \$15.00 2 year — \$25.00

New Member _____ Renewal _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/town _____ **Prov** _____ **Postal Code** _____

Telephone _____

Email Address _____ **The newsletter will be emailed to you.**

I would like to help with: Auction__ Archives__ Cemeteries__ Executive__ Publications__