



**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 since 1962*

## **FALL ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS**

### **St. Martin's Rectory Tour**

**Sunday, September 29th, 1:00 to 4:30pm**

**282 ch. Martindale, Low, Quebec.**



Society members, friends and supporters are welcome to join our colleagues from the Low Cultural Association at the St. Martin's church rectory in Martindale for a multimedia presentation and tour covering the history of this historical community, which was at one time at the heart of the agriculture, forestry, transportation and hydro-electric development of the Gatineau Valley.

On the itinerary are guided tours of St. Martin's rectory, church and cemetery, a presentation on the demographic and cultural evolution of Low drawn from the 1851-1921 censuses, a look at the Quebec Historic Sites inventory for Low, and a virtual cartographic tour of Low and Martindale by Society President, Marc Cockburn. More details to follow.

Don't miss this opportunity to visit one of the prettiest and most historical back-road and scenic locations in the Gatineau Hills!



**Editor and Publisher Nikki Mantell  
reminisces about**

***The Low Down to Hull and Back News***

**Monday, October 21, 2013 at 7:30 pm**

**Chelsea Library, 100 Old Chelsea Road  
Chelsea QC**

### **Exhibit: Forty Years of *The Low Down to Hull and Back News***

**Main level, Chelsea Library, 100 Old Chelsea Rd.**

**Tuesday October 1 to Thursday October 31, 2013  
during Library hours**

October 2013 marks the 40th anniversary of *The Low Down*. This local weekly independent paper was started by Art and Kitty Mantell in October 1973. They were its publishers and editors until their daughter Nikki Mantell took over these roles. The exhibit includes memorabilia and photos from the past 40 years of publishing.





# Remembrance Day Ceremony

*Monday, November 11, 2013 at 10:30 am*

**Chelsea Pioneer Cemetery and Cenotaph  
587 Route 105, Chelsea**

**at the graveside of Private Richard Rowland Thompson  
the only Canadian to receive the prestigious "Queen's scarf".**

## **Exhibit: Remembrance Day Commemoration November 2013 - Chelsea Library Main Level**

To commemorate Remembrance Day 2013, the GVHS and the Chelsea Library will be displaying an exhibit of reproductions of three paintings by distinguished World War II artist Robert Stewart Hyndman (1915-2009). These reproductions were given to the GVHS in 2011 by the Canadian War Museum, which owns the originals. Robert Hyndman lived in Chelsea for over 35 years until his death in 2009.



## **The Story of the *Miracle of the Hudson at Ste. Cécile de Masham***

*Monday, November 18, 2013 at 7:30 pm*

**Wakefield Legion**

**27, ch de la Légion, Wakefield QC**



In 1941 the village of Ste. Cécile de Masham was the unlikely landing spot for a Lockheed Hudson Bomber lost in a stormy sky.

Come & hear **Dave O'Malley** from Vintage Wings of Canada describe this amazing story, a tale rediscovered after a photograph of the event surfaced seven decades later.

### **Fairbairn House Heritage Centre is open!**

Appreciate the stories of our Valley, understand the drive of our pioneers, watch the steam railway that pushed our development, meet the "Faces of the Valley", read local students' heritage research.

Please drop in - Click for directions or call 819-778-3382

Open daily 10-4 to August 30, then weekends till Thanksgiving.

### **Cantley's Trees...The Legacy Continues**

**Illustrated talk Monday, September 30, 2013 - 7:30pm  
at La Grange de la Gatineau**



**Walk - Saturday, October 5, 2013 - 10 am**

- A guided walk through an ancient Cantley forest at Nakkertok South (meet at Nakkertok South parking area (north end of Avenue Gatineau (#900), north of chemin Taché)
- Learn about our unique woodland environment, ancient trees and wood industry of Cantley. Talk and walk (1.5 hours) by Michael Rosen (executive member "Cantley 1889" & President of "Tree Canada"). Everyone welcome - free admission.

## 2013 Auction Report by Carol Martin

For half a century, the GVHS Annual Auction has found new homes for antique and collectible treasures. The weather on August 17, 2013 was perfect: sunny, warm and not too humid. Everyone seemed to have a good time, and the sales total was one of the best we've had over the years.

Chelsea's mayor, Caryl Green, welcomed attendees. Once more, Revel Stewart, of Cobden, ON, was Auctioneer. Auction director R.J. Hughes, assisted by Dave Dunphy, coordinated the efforts of a host of volunteers involved in the Live Auction, Silent Auction, Flea Market, and BakeTable. This was our second year at the Hendrick Farm, on the south side of Old Chelsea Road, and we are very grateful to Sean McAdam, Carrie Wallace, and Fred Brisco for the use of this wonderful site.



There were 149 registered bidders (compared with 139 the previous year). Our donors, for both the Auction itself and the Silent Auction, numbered about the same as the previous year: 35 for the Live Auction, with 37 items in the Silent Auction. This year half of consignors donated their items, and will receive charitable receipts for 100% of the selling prices these items raised.

What did we sell? Two antique day-beds or couches (banquettes) brought \$280 and \$225; a grandfather clock also realized \$225 and another antique clock \$210. Two Inuit jackets and two fur coats were modelled by one of the volunteers, despite the heat, and found new homes. An antique book case and chest brought \$240 and \$210, respectively. And there were boxes of china, silverware and crystal; many chairs, tables and bureaus, assorted antique toys and games, and several steamer trunks. Tools and equipment included a sickle, scythes, saws and planes. Sports fanciers bought a pair of old wooden skis, a single snowshoe and one paddle.



What were the results? The total amounted to \$10,753, with net proceeds of \$6492. (Expenses of \$2011 include the Auctioneer, equipment, and publicity.) The Live Auction brought in \$8309, with \$2150 returned to those who requested 50% of their sales. The Silent Auction raised \$1456; Flea Market \$245, and the Bake Table \$743.

Additionally, publications sold at the Auction brought in \$330.00 and new/renewal memberships for 6 persons amounted to \$120.00 The Castenchel Choir, who offered a BBQ at the Auction, reported that they made about \$500.

A big thank you to everyone who donated items, helped, and came to buy!

### Thank you to our Silent Auction Donors

Boucanerie Chelsea Smokehouse - Le Resto	Jamboree
Boulangerie dans un Village	La Cigale
Café Soup'Herbe	La Grange
Camp Fortune	Les Fougères
Cheezy Luigis	Les Saisons Café
Chelsea Mayor, Caryl Green	M&R Dépanneur
Chelsea Pub - Biscotti	National Capital Commission
Dave Dunphy	Pharmacie Isabelle Ménard
Demsis	Salon La Belle Passion (Jessica Tapp & Nadine Labelle)
Dunn-D's Mini Golf	The Low Down
Hendrick Farm	Wakefield Mill
Hogan Fruit & Vegetable Stand	



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The 2012 Awards presented at the annual dinner on May 27 at the Wakefield Mill

**Honorary Life Membership** - Marc Cockburn, Adrienne Herron

**Award of Honour** - Shirley Brown, RJ Hughes, Louise Schwartz, Margaret Coleman

**Certificate of Commendation** - Cantley 1889, Friends of the Gatineau, David Maitland

**Arthur Davison Prize** - Landon Pearson for "Pearsons Up the Gatineau" in Volume 38 of *Up the Gatineau!*

### Welcome to New Members

- Marion Anderson, London, ON
- Ron Dufour, Chelsea, QC
- Clinton Hickey, Valleyfield, QC
- Mark & Carol Froimovitch, Chelsea, QC
- Tom Ryan Wakefield, QC
- Gail Harris, Kamloops, BC

### • Pat Evans Archives •

Chelsea Library • downstairs

Hours:

Monday & Wednesday

Thursday

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

or by appointment - 819-827-6224

September 16, 2013 to December 13, 2013

Closed over the holidays until Sunday, January 12, 2014

### Gatineau Valley Historical Society Membership Application/Renewal Form

Box 1803, Chelsea QC J9B 1A1 ~ 819-827-6224 ~ www.gvhs.ca

- *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\_\_