

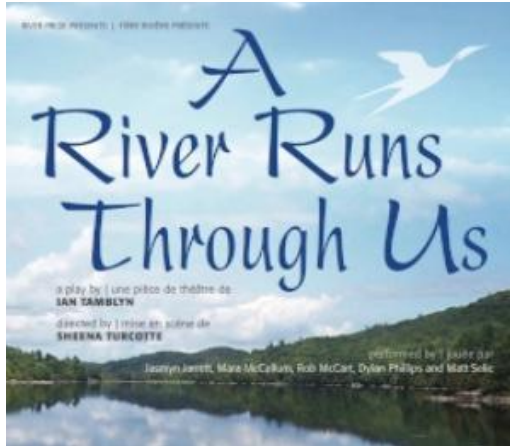


GATINEAU VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SOCIÉTÉ HISTORIQUE DE LA VALLÉE DE LA GATINEAU

Fall Newsletter

2016-3



Stories of the Gatineau River

Monday, September 19th 2016

Mill Road Community Space, 8 ch Mill, Chelsea, QC
7:00 pm - Exhibit - *Lost Villages of Chelsea* - 7:30 - play starts

The Gatineau Valley Historical Society in partnership with **River Pride** is presenting Stories of the River. The fifth event in the River Pride series of activities honouring the river, Stories of the River includes a photo exhibition of the *Lost Villages of Chelsea* and the latest musical theatre production, *A River Runs Through Us*, by Chelsea musician/playwright **Ian Tamblyn**.

British Home Children in Western Quebec

By Gloria Tubman

Monday, October 17, 2016, 7:30 pm

Mill Road Community Space, 8 ch Mill, Chelsea, QC

Gloria Tubman shares her research expertise on tracing British Home Children, some 129,000 of whom came to Canada as child workers between 1869 and the 1920s. Herself the granddaughter of a Home Child, she will focus on those placed in Western Quebec.



La Famille Alexander et la «Meech Lake House»

par Michel Lemaire

lundi, le 24 octobre 2016 à 19h30

Bibliothèque de Chelsea, 100 Old Chelsea Rd., Chelsea, QC



James Alexander et sa famille se sont installés au lac Meech à la fin du XIXe siècle où ils exploitaient une scierie. Pendant la guerre de 1914-1918, lui et son épouse ont loué l'auberge de Thomas Cowden, la «Meech Lake House». En 1930, Thomas Cowden a vendu la «Meech Lake House» et en 1970 la Commission de la Capitale nationale l'a acheté, puis a fait raser le bâtiment. Mais où était située – exactement? Plus personne ne le sait.

La présentation sera en français, mais M. Lemaire sera heureux de répondre aux questions en français ou en anglais. *The presentation will be in French but M. Lemaire will answer questions in English.*

“All the Things Never Done—The Last Days and Final Sacrifice of David Rouleau”
by Dave O’Malley from *Vintage Wings of Canada*

Monday, November 14, 2016
Wakefield Library, 38 Valley Dr., Wakefield QC
Refreshments 7:30 pm; talk starts at 8:00 pm

The subject of his talk is the story of David Francis Gaston Rouleau, a member of the RCAF killed in action at the age of 23 during the Second World War. As a result of the meticulous research undertaken by Dave O’Malley, he was able to reconstruct the short military life of David Rouleau—from his flying training up to the last week of his life.

The Rouleau family had many connections to both Chelsea and Wakefield, and local historian Norma Geggie has written about one element of this fascinating story in “David Rouleau’s Flight Jacket,” in Volume 36 of *Up the Gatineau!*

An evening not to be missed!



Remembrance Day Ceremony

Friday, November 11, 2016 at 10: 30 am
Chelsea Pioneer Cemetery and Cenotaph
587 Route 105, Chelsea, QC
at the graveside of Private Richard Rowland Thompson the only
Canadian to receive the prestigious “Queen’s scarf” .

Upcoming Events

Vorlage Fair – Nov. 5-6,
Vorlage Ski Lodge, Wakefield
Quail Christmas Bazaar – Dec. 3 –
Chelsea Elementary School, Chelsea

~ Photo & Map Exhibit ~

Lost Villages of Chelsea
Chelsea Library, 100 Old chelsea Rd.,
Chelsea QC

Folk Picnic in the Meech Creek Valley

Chemin Cross Loop (P16) - Sunday, October 2, 2016 – 10:00 - 3:00

Discover the historical interruption trail built through the Meech Creek Valley. Take a walk along the road and picnic at one of the beautiful scenic sites of the valley. Enjoy the entertainment organised for the day – see www.gvhs.ca for more information.

Our Help is Needed!

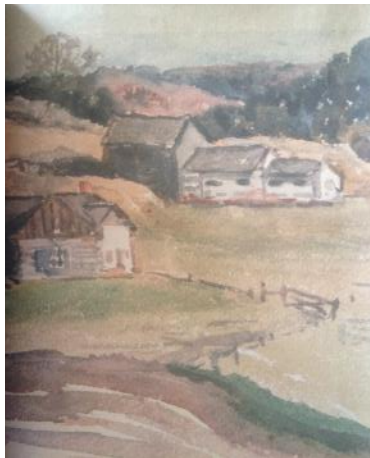
Toronto author Bill Allen is continuing his quest to identify the Gatineau Valley locations of several dozen sketches, drawings and paintings by Canadian landscape artist Florence McGillivray.

These were painted during her visits to the Gatineau region from 1915 to 1935. He would be interested in any insights from GVHS members and is hoping to return to our area soon to photograph as many locations as possible.

He has left a folder in the GVHS archives in the Chelsea Library for public consultation. Please feel free to drop by during our office hours on Monday and Wednesday afternoons or he can be contacted directly at wca55@sympatico.ca



The old white barn – circa 1928



Duclos barns – circa 1928



Log cabin farm – circa 1928

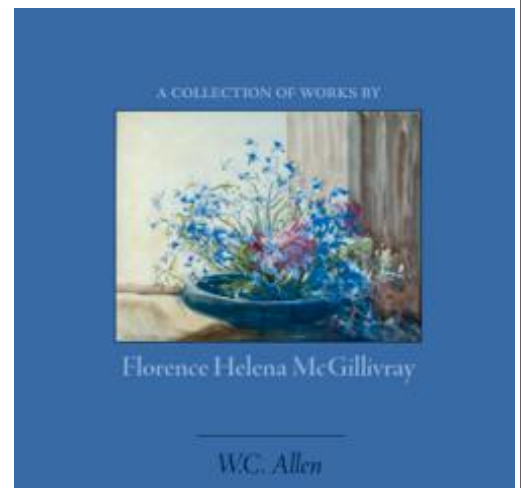
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A Collection of Works by Florence Helena McGillivray by Bill Allen

A large, high quality coffee-table style book with hundreds of images of oil and water colour paintings and other forms of art created by Whitby artist, Florence Helena McGillivray (1864-1938) in the early 20th century. With two sisters living in Wakefield, Florence visited the Gatineau Valley frequently, and made it the subject of many paintings.

Printed in limited edition, the book is available from the Society for \$120.00.

Bill Allen who gathered this collection of images also contributed an article on Florence in the latest volume of *Up the Gatineau!* and was guest speaker in May 2016 at our annual awards dinner.



Auction Report - Saturday, August 20, 2016

For 53 years, the GVHS Annual Auction has re-homed antique and collectible treasures. This year was no exception - the scope and quality of the items was as interesting as always. The weather was perfect: sunny and clear.

Once again, Revel Stewart, of Cobden, ON, was auctioneer. Shirley Grant Brown, Marc Cockburn, Amanda Dexter and a host of volunteers were involved in the Live Auction, Silent Auction and Bake Table.

Thanks to Gary McIntyre, John Parker, Dave Dunphy, Shirley McGlashan, Shirley Brown Louise Schwartz, Marilyn Liddiard, Diane and André Renaud, Adrienne Herron, Carol and Bob Martin, Rene & Bent Neilsen, Brian Beesley, Jennifer Phillips, Margaret Phillips, Bruce Jones, Suzanne Gibeault, Bob McClelland, Susan Courage, Wes Jamieson, Jennifer Baizana and Janet Bradley. This was our fifth year at the Hendrick Farm, and we are very grateful to Sean McAdam and Fred Brisco for the use of this wonderful site.

There were 87 registered bidders, 43 donors for the live auction and 15 Silent Auction donors. A special thanks goes out to all who produced the scrumptious baking.

What did we sell? A 60's Coca Cola sign fetched \$170. There were 3 bentwood rocking chairs that found new homes. Bidders snapped up a hand woven 19th century coverlet, a vintage horn and tuba, a second world war officer's coat, two framed samplers and two spinning wheels – one of which was found on the side of Highway 105 by a Director last winter. There was a circa 1950 Richardson cedar runabout; and many wooden chairs – arrowbacks & caned, to name a few.

The live auction netted about \$3500 – lower then last year - with the bake sale making \$550 and the silent auction bids at \$1200 giving a total of approximately \$5200.

Thank you to our Silent Auction Donors

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• Pat Evans Archives •

Chelsea Library • downstairs
September 12 – December 14

Monday & Wednesday

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

or by appointment

819-827-6224

info@gvhs.ca

• Welcome to our new members •

Brooke Broadbent, Ottawa ON
Gail Crombie, Val-des-Monts QC
Colleen Glass, Chelsea QC
Andrew Johnston, Lapeche QC



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The Gatineau Valley Historical Society - Membership Application/Renewal Form

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Benefits of membership -

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

Membership Fees (per family - January-December) - 1 year - \$20.00
 2 year - \$35.00

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* Please give us your email address if you have one - it helps with our mailing costs.