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**GATINEAU VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**SOCIÉTÉ HISTORIQUE DE LA VALLÉE DE LA GATINEAU**

**~ Annual General Meeting ~**

Followed by a special audio and video presentation  
"Gatineau Valley Voices" created by **Wayne Anderson**

**Monday, February 19, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Chelsea Library, [100 Old Chelsea Road, Chelsea QC](#)**



Nominations for the Board of Directors are being sought – please consider stepping forward to help the Society with its mandate. Feel free to contact any current board member or [info@gvhs.ca](mailto:info@gvhs.ca).

Nominations will be accepted until February 16, 2018.

Links to available reports can be found here - [Read reports](#)

A short audio and video presentation has been created by Chelsea's Wayne Anderson, a former CBC journalist and senior editor. He will draw on the Society's extensive collection of interviews with notable Gatineau Valley residents of the past.

This presentation is part of a larger project to digitize and standardize the Society's collection of audio and video clips, some of which are available on the GVHS website at <http://www.gvhs.ca/research/oral.html>

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**"A Promised Land" - by J. William Galbraith**  
author of *John Buchan: Model Governor General*

**Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Chelsea Library, [100 Old Chelsea Road, Chelsea QC](#)**

"John Buchan, Scottish-born renowned author of spy thrillers such as *The 39 Steps*, became Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada in 1935.

Unbeknownst to Buchan, his appointment almost caused a constitutional crisis, thanks to the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition at the time, Mackenzie King. King and Buchan had met a couple of times before, in particular in 1924 when John and Susan Buchan were guests of Mackenzie King in Ottawa and at Kingsmere.



**Bill Galbraith**, will introduce the model GG who endeared himself to Ottawans and Canadians generally and contributed so much to this country at so many levels. Buchan was an incurable fisherman, who was fortunate to have the Gatineau hills so close, where he could indulge his love of the outdoors."

Photo: Tweedsmuir, King and Roosevelt (and Roosevelt's son James) in Quebec City July 1936. Credit Karsh, Library and Archives Canada

Further information on Lord Tweedsmuir - [read more](#)



*GVHS President Marc Cockburn with Mayor Caryl Green at the Chelsea municipal offices on Old Chelsea Road.*

In the fall of 2017, in recognition of Canada 150, the Society was pleased to present the Municipality of Chelsea with a framed reproduction of the watercolour "Old Chelsea, Quebec" by Francis Fitz Roy Dixon.

This iconic scene of Old Chelsea was painted in 1898 by artist Dixon, who had a summer home in the Cascades section of Chelsea. The reproduction rights for this painting were generously given to the Society by Jon and Lyne Dellandrea of Toronto.

**New:Note Cards - \$4.50 each**

The Society is pleased to announce that we have 4"x6" note cards for sale with a watercolour picture of Old Chelsea by Francis Fitz Roy Dixon on the front - see the story about the painting above...



These are available at our publications table or by email -[publications@gvhs.ca](mailto:publications@gvhs.ca)

**Cemetery~ Update on the Chelsea Pioneer and Cenotaph**



The GVHS wishes to advise its members that the Society's board has taken the decision to transfer the ownership of the Chelsea Pioneer Cemetery and Cenotaph to the Municipality of Chelsea.

The transfer request was approved by Chelsea Council in October 2017, conditional on the completion of some capital and maintenance projects by the GVHS, as described below. The official transfer is expected to take place later in 2018.

[Read more](#)



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**Coming Spring Events**

**April 16, 2018 -  
Talk to be announced**

**May, 28, 2018 -  
Annual Awards Dinner at Camp Fortune**

**June 23, 2018 -  
Paddle-wheelerfund-raiser cocktail  
cruise on the Gatineau River**

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**• Pat Evans Archives •**

**Chelsea Library  
downstairs**

**Monday &Wednesday  
1:30-3:30**

or by appointment  
[819-827-6224](tel:819-827-6224)

[info@gvhs.ca](mailto:info@gvhs.ca)

~In Memoriam ~

**Vincent Hendrick**  
Honourary GVHS Member

One of the first members of GVHS who joined in 1962, Vincent Hendrick passed away in December...

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**Remembering Carol Martin**



A few months ago, George Henderson submitted this reminiscence about the Society's long-time editor of Up the Gatineau!, Carol Martin, who passed away in December 2016. George is a longtime member of the GVHS and lives in Wilton, just outside of Kingston, Ontario.

[Read more...](#)

~ Welcome to New Members ~

Wayne Anderson, Chelsea  
Jennifer Baizana, Chelsea  
Carol Bates, Chelsea  
Christine Claude, Chelsea  
Ginnie Galloway, Chelsea  
Jeanne Loughrey, Wakefield  
Stu Mills, Wakefield  
Stephanie Sewell, Chelsea  
Gail Touns / Claudette Blanchard, Wakefield  
Brenda Whalley, Wakefield

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