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SOCIÉTÉ HISTORIQUE DE LA VALLÉE DE LA GATINEAU

Fall Newsletter



LES JOURNÉES
DU PATRIMOINE
RELIGIEUX

Saturday, September 10, 2022
Sunday, September 11, 2022

at various locations throughout the Gatineau Valley

The annual Religious Heritage Days event aims to open the doors to heritage buildings of a religious nature from different construction periods, with the aim of making them known and appreciated.

The program is open to all religious traditions, including places that have been transformed, as well as to initiatives that make it possible to discover the religious diversity that is found in Quebec today.

The participating churches are shown below. Use the link to get more information about each church's activities.

St. Stephen's Catholic Church - Chelsea (upper left);
St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church - Chelsea (upper right)
La Fab Sur Mill - Chelsea (lower left)
Our Lady of Sorrows Church - Venosta (lower right)



<https://www.journeesdupatrimoinereligieux.ca/jpr2022-st-stephen-ou>



<https://www.journeesdupatrimoinereligieux.ca/jpr2022-ste-mary-magdalene-out>



<https://www.journeesdupatrimoine religieux.ca/jpr2022-lafab sur mill-out>



<https://www.journeesdupatrimoine religieux.ca/jpr2022-ols-out>



Chelsea Events - September 10-11, 2022

As part of Religious Heritage Days, the Recreation, Sports, Culture and Community Life Department and its partners have organized a rally that will allow Chelsea residents to discover the seven heritage and religious sites that are found on the territory. More details here - [rally](#) information.

Points of interest include:

- Old Chelsea Protestant Cemetery ~ 249 Chemin Old Chelsea
- Old St. Stephen's Rectory ~ 212 Chemin Old Chelsea
- St. Stephen's Church and Cemetery ~ 212 Chemin Old Chelsea
- St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church ~ 537 Route 105
- Pioneer Cemetery and Cenotaph ~ 587 Route 105
- La Fab sur Mill ~ 8 Chemin Mill
- Union Mission Church Interpretation Site ~ Kirks Ferry on Brown Road

Of particular note, on Sunday, September 11, from 1 to 4 pm, volunteer guides from the GVHS will be at the two heritage-designated cemeteries. GVHS volunteers will be at the **Pioneer Cemetery and Cenotaph** and the **Old Chelsea Protestant Burial Ground** to talk about the fascinating history of these two sites and those buried within.

Visit to Historic Sheffield Farm 51 Kingsmere Road, Chelsea QC

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 - Tour 1. 5:00 to 6:00 pm
Tour 2. 6:30 to 7:30 pm

David Yuill and Louise Sliger of "Les Jardins Sheffield" have generously invited members of the Gatineau Valley Historical Society to visit their magnificent grounds and historical buildings.

Originally settled by the Sheffield family, this unique property is celebrating its 201st anniversary this year. David and Louise are offering a tour of the property and some of the inside of the barns, with a talk about the history of the farm.

The tours are limited to 20 people maximum.
Questions will be answered in either language.
Parking is available on site.

To reserve your spot please call Louise Schwartz at 613-762-1429 or email her at schwartzla@rogers.com.

This is a not-to-be missed opportunity.



Mystery to be solved?

Chelsea resident Rémi Caradot is asking for help from members in a provenance search he is conducting for a painting found in a garbage pile on the right side of the 105 road (going North), between Gleneagle and Larrimac, 4-5 years ago.



You can read an article published in the Kedge Anchor, the magazine of the 1805 Club (UK), providing details about the find and the sitter, Captain Josiah Nibest, R.N. taken at the age of three years on the Isle of Nevis. W.I. [West Indies], son of Frances Herbert Nelson, and stepson of the Admiral Lord Nelson.
<https://www.gvhs.ca/news/Kedge-Anchor-Spring-2021.pdf>

After additional research and a detailed conservation report, he says the painting may not be an original portrait from the end of the 18th century but could be a 19th century reproduction of a lost original. No matter what it is exactly, the sitter attribution makes it still interesting to scholars of Nelson.

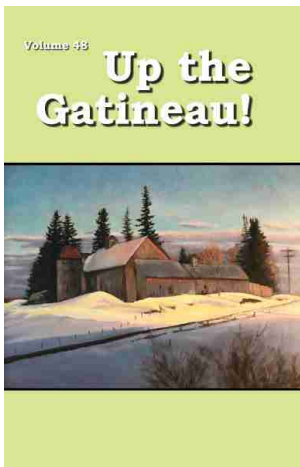
He has been in touch with various experts in UK, USA and Australia however, one key element is missing to determine the historical significance of the painting (if any): the provenance.

Rémi hopes that some GVHS members who have been living in the area for many years may have seen this painting in the cottage or home of a friend, a neighbour, or someone in their family.

Based on the other objects he picked-up on the same day, the past owner may have worked or travelled in India and Burma (Myanmar) around 1930.

His ultimate goal is that the painting would join a collection about Nelson in a museum, again if there is any historical significance associated with this artefact. The chain of ownership would be a key aspect to demonstrate the sitter's identity. Going up the chain is easier than going down, following Nisbet's descendance. Capt Josiah Nisbet died in Paris (France) in 1830 and he was the father of Frances Herbert Nisbet (1823-1898); Horatio Woolward Nisbet; Herbert Josiah Nisbet; Sarah Nisbet; Josiah Nisbet and Georgina Nisbet.

Up the Gatineau! - Volume 48



[Volume 48](#) of *Up the Gatineau!* was published in May 2022 and is available at many local retailers in the Valley or by contacting the Society directly.

This year's volume showcases the writings of five first-time and six returning contributors, plus one poetry selection chosen by our poetry editor, Paull Leamen. The selected online article for Volume 48 is "What We Ate on the Farm" by Jim Brown. It was translated to French courtesy of M. Frèdelin Leroux, de la Société Pièce sur pièce. Here are [English](#) and [French](#) versions.

Please check out the volume's [table of contents](#).

~ New Members ~

Michael Lawler, Chelsea QC
Margret Mitchell, Ottawa ON
Robert Petrera, Miami Beach FL
Geoffrey Rider, Victoria BC
Jill Watkins, Wakefield QC

~ Coming this Fall ~



- Awards Reception - October TBD
- Vorlage Craft Fair - November 6-7
- Remembrance Day Ceremony - November 11th



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