

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT EVENT

This will be our twelfth Annual Auction Sale in the Old Town Hall, Old Chelsea, on Saturday, 24 August 1974 commencing at 9.30 a.m. Please see the enclosed notice for complete details.

Your participation as a provider or purchaser will be welcomed.

LAST MEETING

Our joint meeting on 20 June 1974 attracted a great many people and a great deal of interest. Our stellar attraction was Mr R.A.J. Phillips, executive director of Heritage Canada who reviewed the heritage movement both here and abroad, told us something of the work of Heritage Canada and lifted the curtain on the future.

He easily conveyed some of his own enthusiasm to the audience and we hope that a few seeds have been sown which will take root and flower to the benefit of the future of the past in the Gatineau region, the National Capital area and the country.

This was a night of good "shop talk"!

RAWDON TRIP

Some information on this proposed venture was provided in our last News Letter and, on our request, a limited number of members indicated an interest in making the trip to this fascinating Canadiana Village operated by the Earl Moores at Rawdon, Que., north of Montreal. To refresh your memory the cost including the return bus fare and lunch and tea in the Grist Mill on the site will be \$14.00 per person. The date - 21 September 1974.

The next notice will be asking you to commit yourself by sending us a cheque but in the meantime it would help our planning greatly if you could telephone Sheila Strang at 827-0420 (if you have not already done so) on the understanding that, at this time, you would not by committing yourself definitely but simply giving us an indication of your interest in the trip. One thing we have to decide soon is whether to order one bus or two of either 38 or 46 capacity each.

We want to provide for all who wish to go but we do not want to be stuck with a number of vacant seats.

Will you please help us!

THE OLD RED SCHOOL HOUSE

A request has been received from a Mrs Glenn Cochrane of Toronto seeking information on whether or not there are any old one-room school houses in our area. She would particularly like to know of any which have been converted for use as residences, shops, studios, community halls, etc.

If you have any such knowledge will you kindly telephone Sheila Strang at 827-0420 or me at 827-2598.

Your interest will be appreciated.

STUDENT AID

A letter has been received from Algonquin College advising that our first \$250 bursary in the Museum Technology course was put to good use aiding more than one student of merit.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society on 9 July 1974 it was decided that we should offer to continue the bursary for the approaching term in an increased amount of \$300.

If we do not hear from you to the contrary we will assume that you agree with our decision.

This is one contribution we can make to the future.

PARTINGS

We are sorry to announce that the Executive Committee has suffered some resignations. Fiona Hyslop, a long-time Vice-President and conscientious contributor in many ways to the development of the Society has assumed career responsibilities which limit her available time. Marion Welsh, who was an active supporter and our representative in Aylmer is now in Paris for 3 or 4 years. Ray Watson, one of our younger activists and an able and popular teacher of history at Philemon Wright High School is returning to his native province of New Brunswick.

Our thanks to all for all you have done!

DOINGS

A fine old pine cupboard has recently come to our attention -- an early piece related to our area having been in the Asa Meech home at one time and more recently owned by the late Mrs Shirley Hope Johnston and later turned over to the N.C.C. through whose co-operation we hope to have it gracing our Moorside Museum soon.

Some work has been done in tidying up our cemetery above Chelsea and a special step forward has been made, thanks to help from the N.C.C., in the eradication of a healthy crop of poison ivy with which we have been plagued for some years.

DON'T FORGET THE 24th

DO PHONE ABOUT RAWDON

Arthur Davison,
President.

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AUCTION SALE 1974

The twelfth Annual Auction Sale of the Society will be held at the Old Town Hall, Old Chelsea, Que., on Saturday, August 24th starting at 9.30 a.m. sharp. There will be a viewing period on Saturday commencing at 8.30 a.m. immediately prior to the sale. Please keep this notice handy for ready reference.

You and your friends are again asked to search your attics, basements, barns and storerooms for articles in good condition for the sale.

Last year we had to handle 100 more items than the year before resulting in the sale running until 11 p.m. This made a very long and tiring day for our workers so it would be greatly appreciated if you could be as discriminating and selective as possible in your consignments. Let "fewer and better" be your watchword -- but not too few as we want something for everyone.

Again we would like to present for auction the best quality of items available including Canadiana, household effects, books, furniture in reasonable repair, silver, china, glass, guns, antiques of all kinds, pictures, tools, etc. The only clothing items we can accept are fur coats for which there seems to be a market. Because of handling problems and lack of any great buyer interest we can not accept electric ranges, heavy wood or coal stoves, refrigerators, large washing machines, mattresses and beds except, in the case of the latter, those of interesting design or antique quality such as brass or spool beds. Portable electrical appliances are acceptable if in working order, also floor and table lamps with shades but not separate lamp shades, please.

If there is any question in your mind about the acceptability of any item, particularly those of great bulk or weight, please check beforehand with one of the members of the committee listed below.

For many of the better items we have been getting some very good prices.

Items will be received at the Old Town Hall, Old Chelsea on Thursday, August 22nd from 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. and on Friday, August 23rd from 10.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. at the latest. Please bring your items in as early as possible as much work is involved in numbering and recording them. Ensure that your name, address and telephone number are accurately recorded to facilitate delivery of proceeds. Items cannot be received on the day of the sale.

When and if sold the donor will receive half the gross proceeds with the balance going to the Society to further its work. The Society pays all expenses out of its share. For more information call:

Mrs C.C. Walker	-	827-0809
Mrs G. Morisset	-	827-1447
Mrs A.W. Davison	-	827-2598

Please participate by producing the goods and by attending the sale. You will find it an interesting and possibly a profitable experience as some exceptional bargains have shown up in the past.

The sale goes on rain or shine and based on the crowds in the past it must be held outdoors. In case of rain bring protective clothing, a plastic sheet or an umbrella. As the sale runs all day without interruption a folding chair would add to your comfort. Last year the sale ended about 11.00 p.m. Take the weather into account and provide accordingly. We want you to enjoy this experience

Refreshments will be for sale next door.

Bring your family and friends to share the excitement of this popular community venture on August 24th. Plan to come early and stay late, if you can, as some of the best bargains are at the beginning and end of the day.

Arthur Davison,
President.

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