

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

This will be held on Wednesday, 1 March 1978 and, this time, it will be in the library of the Chelsea Protestant Elementary School.

Mr. Rolf Latté, Senior Heritage Officer of the National Capital Commission, will speak on 'Our Heritage' - a progress report, illustrated with maps and slides. Come and learn more about the designated heritage properties in our region from one who knows the territory and knows whereof he speaks.

Do not forget the change in location. The school is on the north side of, and visible from, the road between Chelsea and Old Chelsea and well in from the road. It is closer to Chelsea than Old Chelsea. The Library is reached by turning right down the corridor inside the main entrance.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

Despite its being a clear, starlit night (as promised) but thirteen of us turned up for this meeting on 31 January which had to be re-sited to St. Stephen's Old School from the Town Hall..... Brief reports revealed another active year of profitable operation.... Moorside Tea Room, largely because of poor weather, had a small decrease in gross sales from 1976 and was less than profitable. It was moved by Pat Evans, seconded by Marion Roberts and carried unanimously that we commend Elaine Albert and Sheila Strang for their continuing competent service to the Tea Room.....The donation box in our Museum yielded an unsolicited \$204.08. It is hoped to have the services of Pat Evans in the future in the capacity of curator to improve our displays.....We had events in each month of 1977 except December.... Ed Laberge reported on plans to expand publicity for our 1978 Essay Contest to try to attract more participants.....In the absence of our Secretary-Treasurer your President reviewed the financial situation which continues to be favourable with receipts exceeding expenses and both in the \$10,000 range..... The auction was second only to that of 1976 in value of sales and the final profit was \$2,017.64, made possible by good consignors and many willing workers.... Among our publications, 'Lapêche' by Norma and Stuart Geggie is sold out and their 'Unto the Hills' has returned a substantial share of the sum advanced and is still selling. 'Up the Gatineau' continues to be well received and plans are in hand to expand the distribution area of the 1978 issue which is now being edited. 'The Wrights' in a new and enlarged edition by Pat Evans will soon be off the press.....Your President represented the Society in Regional Council meetings of Heritage Canada in Merrickville in June and in Cornwall in Oct.... He and Pat Evans attended a most inspirational ecumenical bilingual service in the Church of Ste. Cecile-de-Masham on 22 January in celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the founding of that Parish..... An expenditure of \$67.50 was authorized to cover the cost of reproducing old photographs for Gatineau Memorial Hospital..... We may become involved in a search for archival material in our area, of which more news in due time.....The Executive Committee was re-elected for another year but 'new blood' is being sought..... The evening concluded with a most interesting program of 'Show and Tell' with one 'Show and Ask'. Many intriguing items came to light..... And so 1977 slips into history.

OUR LOSS

One of our cherished honorary members, Mrs. Marjorie Macintyre, widow of the well-remembered Colonel, died in the Gatineau Memorial Hospital and her funeral was held in the Wakefield United Church on 27 January 1978. Several members of the Society including your President were in attendance. We have all lost a highly respected member of the Gatineau community.

FEES, IF YOU PLEASE

Although there has been a good response to our appeal for annual fees there are still many outstanding. Avoid missing any of our 'perks' of membership by mailing your cheque TODAY to the Society - \$3.00 single \$5.00 family - c/o Miss Sheila Strang, Old Chelsea, Que. JOX 2N0. The sooner the better - for you, and for us!

WHO'S WHO

One of our members, Lillian Walton, has made the suggestion that we include in our Newsletters some biographical material on each member of the Executive Committee. In compliance therewith, we will reveal - with their co-operation, of course - something of the past (not too dark) and present of one member each month. This new feature will commence next month when more space should be available.

ESSAY CONTEST '78

Start gathering your thoughts and your material and plan to participate in our upcoming Contest, of which there will be an announcement soon.

Why should YOU not enjoy the pleasure of the research and the writing and the possibility of sharing some of the \$1,000 available for the main prizes?

GOURMET OF MOMENTS

"The only companion each of us has throughout life is the inner companion of ourselves. We need to cultivate that friendship.

When you watch a bird splashing in a birdbath or help a child build a sand castle or put some bread into the mouth of a baby duck, you share the moment with living creatures whose pleasure is happening that second. You need to become a gourmet of moments in order to experience life ~~life~~ most profoundly".

From 'Life is to Enjoy' by Eda LeShaw - submitted by Bertha Holt.

Arthur Davison
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