



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF THE GATINEAU

August 1988 NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 13, 1988
West Hull
Community Centre
Old Chelsea
8:00 p.m.

Harrington Lake

with

John Almstedt

a fascinating look at the early history
of the lake, its residents and the impact
of the PM's residence and
NCC management.

The talk will feature early 16mm
film footage taken by one of the lake's first
residents, Pat Edwards.

*Members are reminded about the
Social Half Hour which begins at 7:30 p.m.*

Last Meeting

The Society's Annual Auction and Flea Market was held on Saturday, August 13.

Auction Coordinator **Dave Castleman** had reason to smile as members and friends gathered under blue skies and brilliant sunshine for the 26th edition of HSG's most popular event and fund-raiser. Past-President **Bob Phillips** was master of ceremonies and kept the crowd informed of the many canteen and flea market specials.

The many treasures were auctioned off with masterful skill by auctioneer **Bev Street** who was ably assisted by relief auctioneer **Cliff Quince**. **Stuart Geggie**, **John Hazen** and **Bruce Williams** kept the goods coming all under the watchful eyes of **Lydia Morrissette**,

Beth MacPhie, **Paul Fydenchuck**, **Dave Miskelly** and **Joan Evans**.

Randolph and **Joan Gherson**, **Freda** and **Jill Frewer**, **Rita Hendricks** manned the Registration booth and **Diane Gay** handled the cash. **David Geggie**, **Eric** and **Katharine Fletcher** distributed copies of *Up the Gatineau* from a special publications table. The auction crowd also had an opportunity to buy a copy of *Katharine Fletcher's hot-off-the-press guide to Gatineau Park*, a publication which the Society supported financially (see the enclosed insert for an opportunity to order).

The Flea Market, always a popular feature of the auction, had a successful day due to the tireless efforts of **Carol Martin** and her dedicated crew: **Bob Martin**, **Rolf Latte**, **Rene Neilson** and **Eileen Castleman**.

Ann Fleming's canteen, as always, was a busy spot supplemented this year by the sale of corn thanks to **Les Street**. Many thanks to helpers **Sarah** and **Meghan Lewis** and **Michael** and **Mary Sproule**, **Ann Schwartz**, **Louise Krops** and **Andrea Jones**, **Gerda Ramsey**, and **Myrtle Gordon**

Community Picnic and Concert

The Friends of the Historical Museum of the Gatineau will be holding a community picnic on the lawn of the Museum on Saturday evening, August 27, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Entertainment will be light classical music and bilingual commentary provided by *Rhapsodie*, a quartet consisting of bass, piano, flute and clarinet.

Society members and Friends are asked to bring their own picnic and chairs.

The 'Hat' will be passed for collection to help pay for costumes for the Wakefield Mill staff.

This very special event is sponsored by **Julia MacLaren**.

Renaissance Fair

Come to Wakefield on Sunday, September 18, when the MacLaren House becomes an Elizabethan Inn welcoming Queen Elizabeth I for an afternoon's rest and recreation on her way home to the palace.

Members of the Twelfth Night Society of Ottawa will entertain the Queen with courtly dances and renaissance music. There will be food and displays including a fortune teller and a renaissance gardening and apothecary exhibit. The fair starts with the Queen's arrival at 2:00 pm and ends at 4:00 pm.

Your hosts are the Friends of the Historical Museum of the Gatineau.

West Hull Festival

Saturday, August 27, 10 am - 1 am
at the Chelsea Soccer Field
Admission \$2.00

Daytime: petting zoo, clowns, pony rides (\$1.00), trout fishing and more ...

Supper: Beef BBQ with music by the Castenchel Choir

Evening: Country Band and dancing

Buy a \$1.00 raffle ticket at the Society's display for a chance to win a selection of books by our author members:
Bob Phillips, John Starnes,
Tony German, Charles Lynch and
Norma and Stuart Geggie.
Our thanks to them for their donations.

Local History at Heritage Campus

History and Folklore of Pontiac County:

A series of five Saturday bus tours with Venetia Crawford, departing from Ottawa:

September 10—Quyon

September 17—Calumet Island

September 24—Portage du Fort and

Campbell's Bay

October 1—Otter Lake, Ladysmith, Shawville and Greenmount

October 15—Fort William and Fort Coulonge

Fee: \$117.00 (\$72 for retired Québécois over 59), or \$28.00 per day.

Ottawa Valley Ramble:

Nine Thursday evenings at Heritage College learning about the history, folklore and plant life of the Ottawa Valley with Roy McGrath, and three Saturdays exploring selected parts of the Valley on foot.

Starts September 22

Fee: \$55.00 (\$10.00 for retired Québécois over 59), plus car pools.

Classes at Heritage College only \$38.00

Saturday Rambles only \$26.00

For information call 778-2270.

For HSG MEMBERS ONLY

Saturday, October 1st. What a glorious day to see the Gatineau Hills in all their delightful fall colours.

Why not join us in a car rally designed to let you and your whole family enjoy the scenic beauty of the Gatineau Hills while learning a bit about the history of the valley. The clues are all related to historical fact and fantasy. You may take roads seldom traveled by tourists, and see sights seldom viewed by other than valley folk.

The car rally starts at 9:00 am (rain or shine) at the West Hull Community Centre and should be completed by 2:00 pm somewhere not too far away. The results of the rally will be announced at the end and valuable prizes will be awarded.

Bring your family and a picnic lunch.

The pre-registration entrance fee is \$5.00 per car regardless of the number of passengers. Participation will be limited to 50 vehicles.

Event coordinator is Cliff Quince.

Society members may pick up their copy of this year's Up the Gatineau at the September meeting.

Now Available!

**Historical Walks
The Gatineau
Park Story**

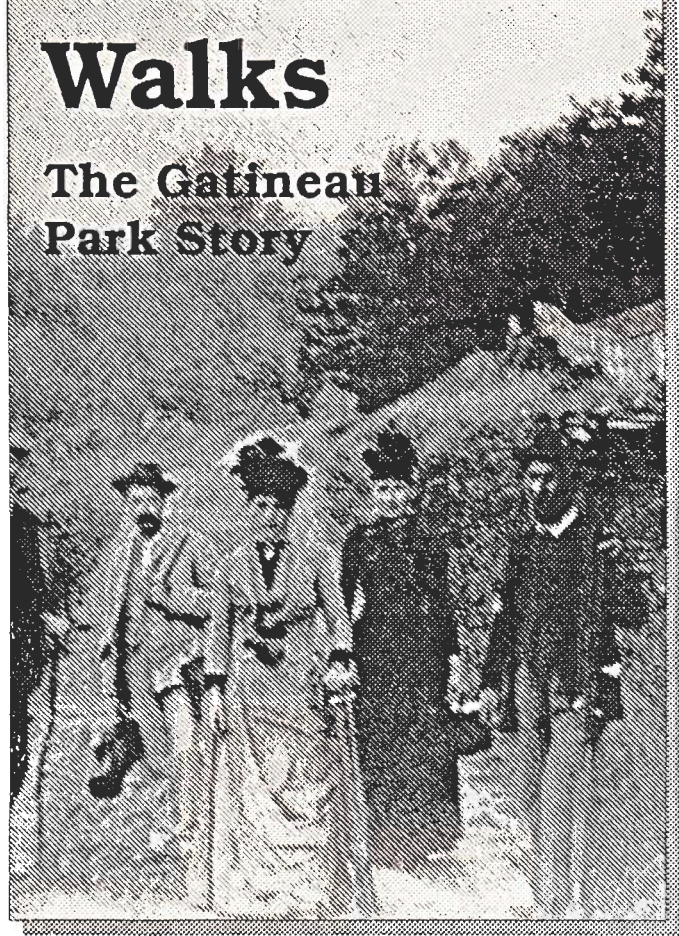
by Society member
Katharine Fletcher

Reduced price of \$9.95 for Society members if purchased from the Society office (telephone 827-4432 to place your order) or at the regular Society meetings throughout the year.

Regular retail price is \$11.95 at bookshops throughout the region.

Historical Walks

The Gatineau Park Story



Discover local history and explore the walking trails of the Gatineau Park...

Read about the history of explorers, pioneers, recreation and industry "up the mountain" in part one.

In part two, Ottawa author Katharine Fletcher sets the mood for the hikes, describing different ecological zones of the Park. Meet the denizens of the woods, meadowlands and of the Eardley Escarpment.

Part three presents walks for every level of hiker...complete with maps and descriptions.

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