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Newsletter

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SPRING BANQUET. Larrimac Golf Club. April 24, 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:00.

Special buffet: hip of beef, chicken cacciatore, six salads, entrées, assorted desserts.
Bar service available.

Cost: \$22.00/person (please reserve at 827-4432).

Speaker: **Donald Hogarth:** *The Geological History of the Gatineau Region*

Dr. Hogarth has spent a lifetime studying the geology of the Gatineau Hills. He obtained a BA and MA in geology at the University of Toronto and a PhD in the same field at McGill. Since graduation he has been a professor of geology at the University of Ottawa. Dr. Hogarth has published a number of reports and studies, both technical and non-technical, on the geology of the region. He is also interested in the more recent human history of the region, and has written about mining activity in the area.

Dr. Hogarth will speak on the geological history of the region, starting one billion years ago and ending at the present.

PLEASE NOTE LOCATION AND CHANGE OF DATE: NOW APRIL 24

MURDER TO TAKE PLACE AT THE BLACK SHEEP, APRIL 17

The Wakefield Covered Bridge Committee is hosting a dinner on Monday, April 17, at which it is expected that a murder will occur. The event will feature a local cast, and local plot references. Location: L'Auberge Mouton Noir - The Black Sheep Inn, Riverside Drive, Wakefield. Time: 4:30 p.m. Three-course dinner. Cost: \$30/person.

Tickets for this entertaining event may be obtained from Les Délicatesses d'Old Chelsea, the Chelsea Freshmart, Expéditions Radisson, and the Black Sheep Inn itself. For information, call Ann Chudleigh at 827-1560.

Antique Auction and Flea Market Set for August 19

Spring cleaning time is upon us! Are you keeping the upcoming auction in mind while engaged in cleaning out your attic, shed, or basement? One person's junk is often another person's treasure (it may also be just junk - but you may not be the best judge of that). Why not set it aside and bring it to the auction and flea market on August 19.

James Strate is again looking after overall direction of the event, assisted by Blake Watson, who is coordinating the work of the volunteers.

Update: Maclaren House and Wakefield Mill

Members of the Society will be aware that the NCC has issued a "leasing proposal call" for the Maclaren House and the Wakefield Mill. The purpose of the proposal call is to solicit offers for the leasing and operating of the two properties. Among other things, a successful applicant will have to respect the heritage designations of the two buildings. Selection process to be completed in May. The Historical Society has declared its interest in working with whomever might be the successful applicant, to enhance the historical interest in the property, in whatever way might be appropriate. One presumes that things will be much clearer in a month's time.

Notes from Here and There

From the Historical Society of Ottawa newsletter for February we learn that they are moving ahead with their project to erect a plaque commemorating the achievements of Colonel John By as the builder of the Rideau Canal. Approval is being sought from the planning authority of the London Borough of Lambeth to affix the commemorative plaque to a wall that itself is a "Heritage" structure. The Society's April meeting will feature historian Larry Turner speaking on "The Application to the United Nations by the Friends of the Rideau for World Heritage Status for the Rideau Canal." To date no canal has received World Heritage Status from the U.N. (April 27, 2:00 pm, Glebe St. James United Church (First and Lyon, Ottawa).

The Grenville Sentinel, sent to us by the Grenville County Historical Society, issue for March, reports that the Society has terminated its thirteen year partnership with the Ontario Heritage Foundation to operate the Homewood Museum, and will be vacating the building this spring.

The 1994 Report of the Aylmer Museum indicates that its 1995 exhibit will be "Housebuilders and Homemakers," paying "homage to the men who built the homes of Aylmer, and to the women who made each house a home. The exhibit will feature the tools and skills of carpenters, stonemasons and bricklayers who practised their crafts in Aylmer a century ago. The handiwork of the housewife will be displayed in a home-like setting, with spinning wheel and loom and samples of the articles made and used in everyday life." Currently located at 10 Principale Street, the Museum is engaged in a fund-raising initiative to support the move to a permanent location.

Composting Workshops and Soilsaver Compost Bins Now Available!

The second year of the Municipality of Chelsea's composting campaign is now under way. All those living in sector two (homes on Old Chelsea Road, Scott Road, Highway 105 from Scott Road to Kirk's Ferry Road, and all roads off them) are encouraged to attend a workshop and purchase a Soilsaver bin for the subsidized rate of \$20. Call 827-4273 for more information.

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