

# THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU LA SOCIÉTÉ HISTORIQUE DE LA GATINEAU

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## Newsletter

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*"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." - George Santayana*

### **Special Event** **GUIDED TOUR OF GATINEAU MINES**

Dr. Donald Hogarth, a devoted member of the Historical Society, has written several scholarly articles on mines and mining in the Lower Gatineau: "The Haycock Iron Mine" (vol. 10); "Stanislas Franchot and his Buckingham Mines" (vol. 24); and "West Hull's Phosphate Pits: Mines, Miners, and Motives" (vol. 25).

Here is a special opportunity for members. On **Saturday, June 19**, Dr. Hogarth will be conducting an all-day tour of four historically important mines in our area. They are:

- the Haycock phosphate and mica mine;
- the Forsyth iron mine on Mine Road;
- the Haycock iron mine in Cantley; and
- the Miller apatite pits, at Lac McGregor.

Bring your car and assemble at **9:30 a.m.** in the Library parking lot, Chelsea, where you will receive a detailed itinerary and map. The group will then proceed in convoy.

You will need to bring a lunch, drinking water, geological hammers (if you like), and insect repellent. Dr. Hogarth advises participants to wear slacks and sturdy walking boots or shoes, and a hat. Don't forget your camera!

### **ANNUAL ANTIQUE AUCTION AND FLEA MARKET**

**Saturday, August 23:** our annual antique auction and flea market - proceeds going to support the Historical Society's projects. Details and instructions will appear in our next Newsletter, at the end of July. In the meantime, why not set aside your valuable antiques now. A favourite summertime event!

**Volunteers needed** If you are interested in participating in the annual Auction, helping the Society and having fun at the same time, call our Secretary: Eileen Castleman, 827-4432.

### **10th annual PONTIAC ARTISTS' STUDIO TOUR June 12, 13, 19, 20**

Everyone is invited, during the second and third weekends in June, to experience the beauty of the West Quebec countryside on the drive between **8 studios** featuring **12 professional visual artists in Pontiac County**.

Brochures with maps are available at gas stations and stores along Highway 148 west from Aylmer to Fort Coulonge - and the route will be clearly marked with signs featuring the Tour colours of magenta and blue. Balloons of the same colours mark the entrance to each studio.

**Admission is free.** For further information,  
- call Marcio Melo, (819) 647-3416  
- e-mail: [pontiac.artists@canada.com](mailto:pontiac.artists@canada.com)  
- web site: [www.mha-net.org/users/pasta](http://www.mha-net.org/users/pasta)

### **Financial Report, 1998-1999**

A copy of the financial report for the last fiscal year is appended to the end of this newsletter, for the information of Society members.

### **HSG Archives Closes for Summer**

Members take note: the Historical Society Archives will be closed from mid-June to mid-August. Emergencies should be referred to Jay Atherton, (819) 827-1703.

***Osgoode Township  
Pioneer Day and Strawberry Social  
July 24***

Noon to 4:00 p.m., at the **Osgoode Township Historical Society and Museum**, Old Highway 31 and Rideau Street in Vernon. Live demonstration of horse shoeing and a blacksmith; antique farm machinery and artifacts; historical records and publications; display of antique cars; live entertainment. Everyone welcome!

***PONTIAC ARCHIVES OPEN HOUSE***

*Archives du Pontiac Archives* will be having a week of open house, **Monday July 5 to Saturday July 10**, inclusive (Monday to Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.). The Archives is located to 125, rue Elsie, Campbell's Bay.

***GATINEAU HISTORY WEB SITE  
LAUNCH JUNE 14***

Historical Society members are invited to attend the official launch of the "History of the Gatineau Valley" Web Site, on **Monday, June 14**, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.. at **Resort to Work**, 737 Riverside Drive, Wakefield. The project was co-sponsored by Industry Canada, Resort to Work, and the Historical Society.  
Everyone welcome!

***NEW BOOKS***

Several recent publications likely to be of interest to Historical Society members:

- *Up the Gatineau!*, volume 25 (silver anniversary edition) - "celebrates the golden days of Gatineau summers." Distributed free to all Society members, and available separately for \$6.00.
- *Up the Gatineau! Index to Volumes 1-25*. Cumulated subject and author indexes of the first 25 volumes. \$3.00
- Norma Geggie, *A Place Apart: A Search for the Pioneer Cemeteries of the Lower Gatineau Valley*. Facts, folklore, and legends surrounding burials and graveyards in the lower Gatineau Valley. \$8.00
- Katharine and Eric Fletcher, *Québec - Off the Beaten Path*. A general tourist guide to our home province, featuring out of the way travel pleasures. \$19.95

These books are available in local book stores. *Up the Gatineau!* vol. 25 and the *Index* may be ordered by mail from the Historical Society. Please add \$1.25 for postage and handling. Mrs. Geggie's book may be ordered directly from the author, Box 188, Wakefield, QC J0X 3G0, (819) 459-2393. Please add \$2.00 for postage and handling.

***New Newsletter Editor***

In the near future a new editor will be taking over responsibility for the bi-monthly newsletter of the Historical Society: **Michael Cooper**, educationalist, heritage promoter par excellence, and a member of the Society's Board of Directors. Welcome, Michael! [Whew!]

***1940: A Summer Poem***  
by Stan Cross

Steve Cross had a few cottages to rent which required advertising. He read the Luster Lake account [*Newsletter*, August-September, 1998] and asked me if I could write a jingle for him, with the following results:

Cottage Time

If you'd like a summer cottage,  
In a snappy little joint,  
Don't pass the ones located  
At the south end of Farm Point.  
They have shade and view and flowers too,  
Good swimming near the door.  
I'll say that they have everything,  
And I couldn't ask for more.

They've a shingle roof, that is waterproof;  
And are lit with electric light.  
To all they sure are marvellous,  
When they're lighted up at night.  
They've a hardwood floor and what is more,  
They have water fresh and sweet;  
A while up there in the country air  
To any man's a treat.

In short I'll say, that it is gay  
For all who live up there,  
Take it from me, you'll never see  
A place just quite so fair;  
For the owner, Steve, will never leave  
One little thing not right,  
And that is why, for both you and I,  
The place is always bright.

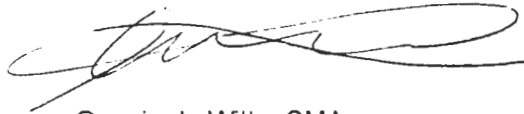
[Thanks, Stan!]

## Notice to Reader

I have compiled the financial statements of the  
**HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU**  
for the period ended December 31, 1998, from records  
and information provided by management.

I have not audited, reviewed or otherwise attempted to  
verify the accuracy or completeness of such information.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be  
appropriate for their purposes.



Gonnine de Witte, CMA  
March 15, 1999

# THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

## BALANCE SHEET

(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31	
	1998	1997
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Bank - Current	\$ 999.00	\$ 1,172.00
Bank - Savings	168.00	5,157.00
Accounts Receivable	284.00	0.00
Loan Receivable	- NOTE 1 2,000.00	10,494.00
Interest Receivable (CSB)	8,920.00	7,731.00
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
Bank Certificates	25,857.00	18,317.00
Canada Savings Bonds	24,200.00	24,200.00
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
	- NOTE 2	
Furniture	500.00	500.00
Accumulated Depreciation - furniture	(100.00)	(50.00)
TOTAL	\$ <u>62,828.00</u>	\$ <u>67,521.00</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND RETAINED EARNINGS</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,737.00	\$ 769.00
Prepaid Membership fees	995.00	1,708.00
Government Grant	- NOTE 3 4,900.00	4,900.00
<b>OTHER LIABILITIES</b>		
	- NOTE 4	
Pioneer Cemetery Fund	4,000.00	4,000.00
A. Davison Fund	2,205.00	2,205.00
Memorials Fund	1,836.00	1,836.00
M.A. Phillips Fund	1,800.00	1,800.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ <u>17,473.00</u>	\$ <u>17,218.00</u>
RETAINED EARNINGS	\$ 45,355.00	\$ 50,303.00
TOTAL	\$ <u>62,828.00</u>	\$ <u>67,521.00</u>

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## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31	
	1998	1997
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Auction	\$ 5,156.00	\$ 6,281.00
Publications	4,163.00	4,420.00
Membership fees	2,413.00	1,869.00
Interest Income	1,949.00	2,845.00
Donations	23.00	197.00
	<b>\$ 13,704.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,612.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
(SEE SCHEDULES ATTACHED)		
Administrative	\$ 2,535.00	\$ 2,810.00
Projects & Activities	10,117.00	8,395.00
	<b>\$ 12,652.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,205.00</b>
<b>INCOME FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 1,052.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,407.00</b>
<b>UNUSUAL ITEM - NOTE 5</b>		
Forgivable Loan	\$ 6,000.00	242.00
<b>INCOME AFTER UNUSUAL ITEM</b>	<b>(4,948.00)</b>	<b>4,165.00</b>

## STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS

(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

Retained Earnings	-opening balance	\$ 50,303.00	\$ 46,138.00
Income from Operations		(4,948.00)	4,165.00
<b>RETAINED EARNINGS - CLOSING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$ 45,355.00</b>	<b>\$ 50,303.00</b>

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## SCHEDULES OF EXPENSES

(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31	
	1998	1997
<b><u>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</u></b>		
Honoraria - secretary & treasurer	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 975.00
Accountant	500.00	400.00
Telephone	470.00	640.00
Office - Supplies/Postage	371.00	630.00
Miscellaneous	104.00 (a)	35.00
Office - Depreciation	50.00	71.00
Financing and Banking charges	40.00	59.00
	<b>\$ 2,535.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,810.00</b>
<b><u>PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES EXPENSES</u></b>		
Publications	\$ 5,021.00	\$ 3,361.00
Archives	1,225.00	686.00
Meetings - Publicity	1,141.00	532.00
Auction	821.00	1,184.00
Newsletter - Mailing	549.00	1,128.00
Newsletter - Printing	498.00	600.00
Meetings - Awards Dinner	251.00	445.00
Meetings - General	0.00	188.00
Pioneer Cemetery	261.00	0.00
Remembrance Day Activities	200.00	175.00
Donations and Gifts	150.00	96.00
	<b>\$ 10,117.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,395.00</b>

(a) Safety & P.O. Boxes:

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

### **Note 1** Loan Receivable

Loan receivable consists of:

- Interest free loan of \$2,000.00 to Katharine Fletcher for the french publication of "Historical Walks: the Gatineau Park Story".

### **Note 2** Fixed Assets

#### Furniture

In 1997, a wooden display cabinet was purchased for \$500.00. It is expected to have a useful life of ten years. The cabinet will be depreciated on a straight line basis at the rate of 10% per year.

<b>Cost</b>	<b>Current Year Depreciation</b>	<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<b>Net</b>
\$500.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$400.00

### **Note 3** Government Grant

A grant in the amount of \$4,900.00 for the publication: "In memory of the Chelsea Pioneer Cemeteries" by C. Martin was received in 1996. The book was not published in 1997 or 1998. It is expected that the book will be published in 1999.

### **Note 4** Other liabilities

Other liabilities consist of funds held in various trusts. The monies donated to each Fund can only be used for specific purposes as described in the various Trust Funds Memoranda. During 1998, the Executive Committee continued to co-mingle the various fund accounts in order to obtain a better rate of return.

### **Note 5** Unusual item: Forgivable Loan

In February 1998, it was decided that the interest free loan in the amount of \$6,000 to the Wakefield Bridge Committee would be forgiven. The loan is no longer considered as a receivable. In the Statement of Operations, it is shown as an Unusual Item.

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## REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31		
	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	
<b><u>AUCTION</u></b>			
Revenues - receipts	\$ 5,156.00	\$ 6,281.00	
Expenses	(821.00)	(1,184.00)	
<b>Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 4,335.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,097.00</b>	
 <b><u>PUBLICATIONS</u></b>			
Revenues - sales publications	4,163.00	4,420.00	
Expenses - production and printing	(5,021.00)	(3,361.00)	
<b>Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (858.00)</b>	<b>\$ 1,059.00</b>	