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NEWSLETTER

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Coming Events

Monday January 20, 2003, 7:30 p.m.
Chelsea Community Centre

Marie-Louise Perron: *The Canadian Genealogy Centre - An Overview*

The Canadian Genealogy Centre is quickly on the way to becoming a reality. The on-line version of the Centre will be launched in the early months of 2003 and will offer a wide selection of Canadian genealogical resources: authoritative content, services, and research tools in both official languages.

Growing out of a close working relationship between the sectors responsible for services to genealogists at the Library and Archives of Canada and with resources made available through the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Centre is designed to improve services to genealogists and at the same time increase Canadian content on the Internet. A prototype is now in place which can serve as a laboratory for experimental projects and can also be used to demonstrate the potential of the Centre as it is developed.

Ms. Perron is currently Content Specialist with the Canadian Genealogy Centre project team. Her knowledge of the Canadian archival and genealogy communities, as well as her expertise in different types of service delivery for a wide variety of clients gives her a key role to play in the implementation of the Centre.

Monday February 17, 2003, 7:30 p.m.
Chelsea Community Centre

HSG Annual General Meeting

HSG Annual Business Meeting: Speaker TBA., awards, election of officers, special art exhibit (see page 3 for details).

Wakefield Cenotaph

The new Wakefield cenotaph was dedicated, Sunday, November 10, to the memory of the ten young men from the Wakefield area who gave their lives for Canada in the World Wars of 1914-1918 and 1939-1945. Finishing touches to the structure were completed on November 7 by landscape architect, Steve Armstrong, who was responsible for the site design.

The ceremony chaired by Judy Grant included guests Bill Gonzalez, representing Federal MP Robert Bertrand, Provincial MNA Réjean Lafrenière, Lapêche Mayor Robert Busière, NCC Chair Marcel Beaudry, Pat Cashman, president Wakefield Legion, Pat Murphy, Royal Canadian Legion Deputy District Commander, and Ernie Mahoney, president of the Historical Society of The Gatineau.

Rev. Tom Wilson, Anglican Church of Canada, unveiled the monument, and Lorne Shouldice and Pat Cashman presented the wreath. Members of the following families laid poppies on a cushion at the monument in memory of the fallen. 1914-18: James Russell Brown, Robert Willard Carman, Sebra Kimber Hall, and Robert Henry Neeley. 1939-1945: John Donald Bates, *(Continued on next page)*



Wakefield Cenotaph Committee: Lorne Shouldice, Anita Rutledge, Shirley Shouldice, Neil Faulkner, Jenny Temple, Norma Walmsley. (Photo by Robert Boisvert)

(from previous page) Edwin Albert McCorkell, Lawrence Joseph McGarry, James Allan Reid, Sydney Gordon Stephenson and Glenn Allen Stewart.

The new cenotaph replaces one erected by volunteers from the Wakefield Legion 25 years ago. Rather than make extensive and expensive renovations to the old memorial, a modern-style cenotaph design was approved. Lorne Shouldice, a Legion veteran and one of the original volunteers who erected the 1977 monument, led the funding drive which raised over \$30,000. This money will erect a new memorial, and significantly enhance the site with attractive stone work.

A sub-committee of the Historical Society of The Gatineau, chaired by Mr. Shouldice, worked with a group of volunteers, including Norma Walmsley, Shirley Shouldice, Neil Faulkner, Jenny Temple, and Anita Rutledge. ((EM))

Unveiling of new cenotaph in Wakefield

Remarks by Ernie Mahoney on behalf of the HSG

Judy, honoured guests;

It isn't often that we have the opportunity to unveil a new cenotaph. Last year in Chelsea the Historical Society took the initiative in establishing the first monument at the Chelsea Pioneer Cemetery. While the society is delighted to be of assistance here in Wakefield - the approach was a little different - there was already a cenotaph that was erected years ago, but, it showed it's age and was incomplete, lacking the names of the men who did not return from the two wars. As you will see shortly they have now been added.

But I must stress that it was with the initiative of one man, Lorne Shouldice, who incidentally was also instrumental, with Lyle Wells and others in putting the original monument in place in 1977. While Lorne on his own can be most persuasive - he prevailed upon a group of very special people dedicated to this community

and who have substantial fundraising experience - they were responsible for raising the funds to rebuild the Wakefield Covered Bridge - and they came through yet again and believe me, without their expertise this beautiful area would not have

been created - would you please recognize. Norma Walmsley, Shirley Shouldice, Neil Faulkner, Jenny Temple, and Anita Rutledge. Also not forgotten is Donald Honegger who created and donated all the art work used in the promotional posters.

Then of course, there is a very special thank you to Wakefield landscape architect Steve Armstrong who is responsible for the attractive design and landscaping that you see before us. He was wise to choose Allan Mackenzie as the man who acquired the handsome stones and for doing the engraving on the cenotaph.

Last but not least - we cannot forget the people of this community who were so generous in their support of this commemorative site that will enhance the beauty of Wakefield for years to come. That being said it is my great pleasure and privilege to call upon Lorne Shouldice to unveil the monument. ...

Correspondence

Re: Seeking Ottawa Ski Club News

Historical Society member Jean-Paul Murray is researching the history of the Federal Woodlands Preservation League, the organization responsible for creating the Gatineau Park. The League grew out of the Ottawa Ski Club in 1934 and operated until 1947. Its members included Governor General Tweedsmuir, Mackenzie King, R.B. Bennett and Percy Sparks. To piece together the League's story, Mr. Murray needs to consult issues of The Ottawa Ski Club News and would appreciate information on how to locate them. He can be reached at 827-8085 (Old Chelsea Inn) or by email at jp.murray@sympatico.ca



Exhibit

February 18 to March 31: Local Artist Ed Robinson has created an art exhibition entitled "Chelsea: The Historic Series". Using oil on canvas as the medium, the series depicts various Chelsea historic sites and scenes at the turn of the century. Ed's deep interest in the history of the Gatineau, along with the generous assistance of the Historical Society of The gatineau and their image bank provided Ed with his inspiration for the series. A simplified palette (monochromatic/sepia like) was used to better capture the wood of the old photographs.

The series will be presented at the HSG's general meeting on 17 february, 2003, then will move to the chelsea library and remain onb display until March 31, 2003. For further information concerning the art exhibition please contact Ed Robinson at 827-4606

Membership

A reminder that 2003 membership fees are due for those members whose membership expired at the end of 2002. please check your address label. Membership dues are unchanged; i.e. \$15 for 1 year or \$25 for 2 years. All paid-up members will receive a free copy of the 2003 issue of *Up The Gatineau!*

HSG Publications

Desperate for gift ideas this holiday season! HSG publications will be a welcome addition to any home in the Gatineau Valley.

Up the Gatineau!

Any of vols 23, 24, 25, 26, 27,28 (1997-2002)- **\$6.**
 All earlier issues are **\$3**
Up the Gatineau! Index (covers 25 years)- **\$3**
Sets of Up the Gatineau! 25-volume set including a 25-year Index- **\$75 (Note: this is a saving of \$12 from the individual volume purchase price.)**

Other Publications Available from the HSG.

Historic Map of Chelsea -1875 (1997 edition) - \$6
Historical Walks: The Gatineau Park Story (New Edition-1997) : Katharine Fletcher's guide to 25 hikes in Gatineau Park - \$12.95
Hurling Down the Pine - the story of logging days in the Gatineau by Courtney Bond \$5
The Extra Mile - the journal of Wakefield's Dr. Harold Geggie \$10
A Place Apart: A Search for the Pioneer Cemeteries of the Lower Gatineau Valley, Norma Geggie, \$8

For information about ordering these publications, call: (819) 827-2077

Do you Know?



This is photo 01595 from the Image Bank. It was taken about 1935. It's a little creased, torn and spotted, but it's still a charming image from our past. Can any of our readers identify the people on the hay wagon? Note that the rails of the wagon are made of saplings. This picture was taken on the Cowden Farm at Cascades. These may be members of the Cowden family.

Many thanks to Ray Daly for sending in the names of the boys pictured in the image that appeared in the last newsletter.

They are (1st row L-R) ?? Snow, Jack

Plunkett, Francis Carroll (2nd row L-R) Neil Guilfoyle, Coach Jim Farrell, ??Moreau, Miller Woods, Patrick Carroll, Norbert Plunkett, ?? Farrell, Wilfred Carroll, (back row L-R) Redmond Carroll, Frank Farrell and Anthony Daly. Ray also mentions that the photo was taken about 1937-1938. The and the league at this time allowed each team to have two imports, Snow and Moreau were imports from Ottawa for Farrellton



LaPêche's Heritage Designation Program

LaPêche's ambitious program to celebrate its heritage buildings saw ten sites designated in 2002. Building owners each received a plaque and citation outlining the history of the building. Since the programs inception, more than 100 properties have been recognized.

Receiving the unique barnboard and blackboard slate plaques from Mayor Bussière were Richard Martin (Tom Daly House), Kathleen Nesbitt (Outpost General Store), Roger Cartier (F. J. Farrell Store) Margaret Ozols (James Robb House), Ingeborg Mueller (Taggart / Orange Hall) Ruth Pritchard (Pritchard Homestead), Joyce and Cliff Quince (Anglican Rectory), Joyce and Richard Gagné (McClinton Homestead), Keith Nesbitt (Wakefield General Store), Rick Unsworth (Methodist Manse)

The principal criteria for the recognition is that the home or building be built prior to 1902. The Heritage Committee, chaired by Ward 6 councillor Bill Gonzalez, provides the research to authenticate the age and history. The committee members include Ernie Mahoney, Norma Geggie, Anita Rutledge, Ghislane Sincennes, and Doug Nesbitt. The program does not affect the tax status of the property, nor does it limit alterations. The committee plans to publish a book of the municipality's heritage-cited buildings.

