

# GATINEAU VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Newsletter — Winter 2009

**Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**

Chelsea Community Centre - 220 Old Chelsea Road, Chelsea, QC

### "The Ottawa Ski Club's role in developing lodges and shelters in the Gatineau Valley"



In the 1920's - 1950's, as the Ottawa Ski Club multiplied in size, and drew many to the beauties of the Gatineau Valley, a remarkable collection of lodges and shelters was constructed by and for the members of the OSC, both on their routes to and from Camp Fortune, and on the network of trails around the Fortune Valley. **Arnold Midgely**, a former Chair of the Canadian Ski Museum who grew up in the Ottawa Ski Club, will present a slide show and commentary from the Museum's records, illustrating some of the buildings constructed, and the pioneers involved.

**Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**

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### "Northwest Passage" and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Robert Grenier**, Head of Underwater Archaeology, Parks Canada, Officer of the Order of Canada, world leader in archaeology and underwater conservation including a chairmanship in UNESCO, and Cantley resident, has, during the past 40 years, made numerous discoveries and innovations and has been associated with many films and projects. He is most famous for his work at Red Bay — and remembers speaking to GVHS members about this project in its early days in 1979.



This time he will speak to us about his most recent, and very exciting, underwater archaeological project — investigating the mysteries of the Franklin Expedition. This is a unique and special opportunity for GVHS members — not to be missed! In January, both French CBC 's "Decouverte" and Peter Mansbridge's "CBC News-world One On One" will broadcast special documentaries about Robert Grenier and this project.

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### "Changes in the Forests of the Gatineau Valley — From First Nations to the Future..."

**Michael Rosen**, the President of *Tree Canada*, is both an historian and a forester. *Tree Canada*, winner of the Canadian Environmental Award (2007), is a charitable organization established to encourage Canadians to plant and care for trees in urban and rural environments. *Tree Canada* engages Canadian companies, government agencies and individuals to support the planting of trees, the greening of schoolyards, and other efforts to sensitize Canadians to the benefits of planting and maintaining trees.



Michael Rosen received the Amethyst Award for his work especially during the Ice Storm. He has been an advocate and adviser for various levels of government and organizations for policy and bylaws. Currently, he is responsible for securing private and public partnerships and overall project management for Tree Canada. He lives in Cantley and cares deeply about our natural environment. In his talk, he will give us perspective about our natural heritage and the forests that make our Gatineau Valley so magnificent!

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**2009 Calendar of Events**

- **April 20** - Andrew Rodger (LAC) on William James Topley
- **May 25** - Annual Dinner
- **June 20** - Excursion
- **August 22** - Auction

**Purpose**

*"...to promote matters of historical or heritage significance in the general area of the Gatineau Valley."*

The *Gatineau Valley Historical Society* is a charitable organization which has acted to conserve and foster interest in history and heritage in the Gatineau Valley Region since its founding in 1962.

**~ 2009 Membership fees are now due ~**

**I**f you have a highlighted "2008" on your mailing label, please fill in the application below and mail your fees to the address on the form.

If you receive the newsletter by email—there will be a message in the email saying your 2009 fees are due. Please follow the above instructions re payment. *If there is no message, then your fees are current.*

**Gatineau Valley Historical Society ~ Membership Application**

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- *Up the Gatineau* - our annual local history journal
- Access to our archival material
- GVHS newsletter
- Regular meetings on local and national heritage

**Membership Fees (per family): 1 year — \$15.00      2 year — \$25.00**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ New Member -       Renewal -

**E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **The newsletter will be emailed to you.**

**Areas of Interest:**

- Auction
- Archives

- Cemeteries
- Executive

- Publications
- Special Events

- Youth Programs
- Web Site

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