

# GATINEAU VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Fall Newsletter

**Monday, October 18, 2010 @ 7:30 pm**  
**Chelsea Community Centre, Old Chelsea, QC**

## *Artifacts at the Canadian War Museum*

**Jim Whitham**, Director of Collections Management and Planning at the Canadian War Museum, will speak about the artifact collection at CWM.

He is an artifact conservator by trade and was responsible for acquiring, restoring and managing the tanks and artillery at CWM before he joined the executive.



**Thursday, November 11, 2010 @ 10:30 am**  
**Chelsea Pioneer Cemetery, 587 Route 105, Chelsea QC**

## *Remembrance Day Ceremony*



Since 1986 GVHS has hosted the Remembrance Day service at the Chelsea Pioneer Cemetery to keep alive the memory of Private Richard Rowland Thompson, Queen's Scarf recipient, who is buried in the tiny cemetery.

As in past years, Private Thompson's regiment, the Royal Canadian Regiment, stationed in Petawawa, will form a guard of honour. Personnel from Canadian Forces Health Services will be attending as well.



**Saturday, November 20, 2010**  
**Cascades Club House, 100 ch. de la rivière, Chelsea QC**

## *90 years of Cascades Club History*

The GVHS will join with Cascades Club members to celebrate the Club's 90th birthday with an evening of reminiscing and a slide show featuring a selection of historical photos about the club from the GVHS Archives collection.

Details to follow.



# Local Events



Allan Richens, centre, leads the GVHS hikers on their September 19th hike to Meech Lake.

About 50 hikers enjoyed the beautiful, sunny day stopping for lunch at the Carbide Wilson Mill and then to Meech Lake to a small sandy beach not well known by many visitors. A few people even went for a swim.

The outside renovations to the **William Fairbairn House** are complete. September 28th marked the start of the fundraising campaign for the interior renovations.

One of Wakefield's oldest houses, the Fairbairn House was the home of Scottish settler William Fairbairn, who erected the first grist mill on the La Pêche River in 1838, which led to the rapid growth of Wakefield in subsequent years. The house was also the first in the village to be built of sawn lumber. It is thus considered an appropriate setting for a history museum.



**Saturday, October 23 2010**  
**9:30 a.m.**

## **Interpretive Hike to Brown Lake in Gatineau Park**

Enjoy a hands on history lesson about the Browns of Brown Lake and other early settlements of the early 1900s by joining local historian Ken Bouchard in a repeat of his popular guided interpretive hike. Participants will gather at the far west end of Carman Road before 9:30 a.m. Half the cars will remain there with participants shuttling to Parking Lot 17. The walk will end back at Carman Road and will take between 2-3 hours.

Sturdy walking shoes and a supply of water recommended. Contact Ken for pre-registration or other questions via [bouchard.ken@sympatico.ca](mailto:bouchard.ken@sympatico.ca). If registration warrants it, a second walk will be offered at 1:30 p.m. that same day.



**Chelsea Library**  
**Oct. 15th to Nov.15th**

GVHS will feature a display of the war time experience of **Marion Milks** who lived and grew up in Chelsea Village (the photo is circa 1941).

Marion served in the Royal Canadian Air Force, Women's Division. She sailed to England with a group of airwomen and served in London England in the Royal Canadian Air Force Headquarters. She kept track of the thousands of Canadians who were stationed there and sometimes met some of the Chelsea boys who were passing by as they moved from one airdrome to another and who were on leave for a few days.

## Auction Report - Carol Martin

On Saturday, August 21, the day of the GVHS 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction, the weather forecast called for a cool day with rain. We were lucky, once again! The cloudy skies produced a brief showers around 10:30 a.m., but held off until after 1:00 p.m., just as we were finishing the clean-up. Then, it poured.

The Flea Market and Home Baking booth started in business before 8:30, and some prospective bidders had registered and were browsing the items for auction.

There were 127 registered bidders (compared with 120 last year). They came from Chelsea, La Pêche, Cantley and villages "up the line", from Ottawa and Gatineau and a few visitors from farther afield. The attendance would easily have been double that number, since a family would use one bidder card, and the cards were only needed for the Auction itself, not the Flea Market, baking or publications.

Some 70 individuals and businesses donated items to be sold at Auction. Our members and supporters also provided the home baking and items for the Flea Market.

What did we sell? This year, an antique ice box brought \$240 and a wooden wash stand \$260. Complementing our outdoor location came a kayak (\$200) and a canoe (\$210). Beaded moose-hide mitts (\$100), a sterling dessert set (\$115), an umbrella stand (\$120), a spinning wheel, a copper ship's kettle, and chairs, tables, beds, dressers, and trunks all sold, along with crocks, china and woodworking tools. A Union Jack flag, dolls' furniture, toys, and some ladies' 19th-century finery (including a boned corset, a colourful "waist," and lace caps), framed photographs, paintings, a milk can, and a bird cage all found new homes.

The Silent Auction featured a wide variety of items from local merchants. Think local food, from ice cream to pizza, smoked fish, shawarmas, restaurants, wine and groceries; someone will also be having lunch with Chelsea's mayor at a local restaurant. For the sporty types, there was golf and mini-golf, the Camp Fortune Aerial Experience, the Step-Up Gym, a winter overnight at Camp Fortune and a cross-country ski pass and more. . . Adding to the variety were a newspaper subscription, auto care, dog grooming, a set of cushions, a painting, and a night at a local b& b.

What were the results? When final bills are in, the Society will realize approximately \$5500.

A big **thank you** to all the wonderful volunteers who made this possible, and to all the supportive public who came and purchased items. Also, many thanks to the fabrique council of St. Stephen's Church, who made their grounds available for the event.

### *Thanks to our Silent Auction donors...*

- Art Ladouceur
- A Step Up
- Camp Fortune
- Caryl Green
- Charles IGA
- Chelsea Auto Repair
- Chelsea Pizza
- Chelsea Pub
- Chelsea Smoke House
- Demsis Recreational Services
- Dog Elegance Old Chelsea
- Dunnderosa Golf Club
- Dunn-d's Mini Golf
- Fortune Aerial Experience
- La Cigale
- Larrimac Golf Club
- La Vallee Restaurant
- Les Saisons Cafe
- Moorside Tea Room
- N.C.C. Gatineau Park
- Old Chelsea Slip Cover Co.
- Parkway General Store
- Pizza de Luigi
- Shawarma Chelsea
- Service Routier Ben
- The Low Down
- Wakefield Mill Inn & Spa

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### Coming Events Hither & Yon..

**"A Tribute to Huguette Poulin"**

**October 3rd to November 30th**

**Chelsea Library**

**100 Old Chelsea Road, Chelsea QC**



**The Vorlage Christmas Craft Fair**

**Nov. 6-7, Vorlage Ski Hill, Wakefield QC**

**Volunteers are needed at the GVHS booth  
to sell our publications  
Contact Harold Reid- reidh@travel-net.com  
or 819-827-0138**

## Archive Hours

**Monday & Wednesday - 1:30 to 4:30**

**or by arrangement by e-mail at: info@gvhs.ca  
or telephone at: 819-827-6224**

### Gatineau Valley Historical Society Membership Application/Renewal Form

*Box 1803, Chelsea QC J9B 1A1 ~ 819-827-6224 ~ www.gvhs.ca*

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

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

**New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_**

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I would like to help with: Auction\_\_ Archives\_\_ Cemeteries\_\_ Executive\_\_ Publications\_\_