



"The Halifax Explosion: The Untold Story of Canada's Worst Disaster"



Speaker ~ Ken Cuthbertson

Monday, September 17, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Chelsea Library Old Chelsea Rd., Chelsea QC

Just over one hundred years ago, on December 6, 1917, a French munitions ship and a Norwegian war relief vessel collided in the harbour at Halifax, Nova Scotia. The accident sparked a fire and an apocalyptic explosion which levelled half the city, killed 2,000 people, and injured 9,000 more.

Ken Cuthbertson recounts the untold story of Canada's worst disaster. It's a haunting tale that in many ways is uniquely Canadian. It's also a cautionary tale that all Canadians should know.

Kingston-based author-editor Ken Cuthbertson has more than 35 years' experience writing for newspapers and magazines in Canada, the U.S. and the U.K and is the former editor for the Queen's Alumni Review magazine. His latest publication is *The Halifax Explosion: Canada's Greatest Disaster*.

Return Engagement ~ Not to be missed

The Irish and Gaelic Language in Canada and the Ottawa Valley

Speaker ~ Danny Doyle

Monday, October 15, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Centre Wakefield La Pêche, 38 ch de la Vallée, Wakefield QC

Mr. Doyle explores the Irish language in Canada and the fate of Irish Gaelic immigrants to this country. Bringing together census data and historic accounts, he shows the prevalence of the language-- once spoken from Newfoundland through to the Yukon -- and discusses the reasons for the language's abandonment and near-total exclusion from the Canadian folk memory, unlike other immigrant languages.

Danny Doyle (Dónall Ó Dubhghaill) holds a Masters Degree in Arts Conservation and works as an archaeological conservator for the Government of Canada. He has lectured on the Irish language in Canada numerous times, as well as through the Irish Language Department at Ulster University. He is also a published Gaelic poet and winner of the 2016 Oireachtas Gaeilge Cheanada Award for Poetry.





Remembrance Day Ceremony

Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 10:30 am

Chelsea Pioneer Cemetery and Cenotaph
587 Route 105, Chelsea Quebec

At the graveside of Private Richard Rowland Thompson, the only Canadian to receive the prestigious "[Queen's Scarf](#)" for heroism in the Boer War.

Everyone welcome.

The Underwater Archaeology of the Franklin Shipwrecks

Speaker ~ Thierry Boyer, Underwater Archaeologist with Parks Canada

Monday, November 19, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Larrimac Golf Club 1148 Hwy 105, Chelsea QC

Join us for an evening of underwater discovery with Chelsea's Thierry Boyer, one of the Parks Canada team of underwater archeologists who have been exploring and documenting the wrecks of the Franklin Expedition's HMS Erebus and HMS Terror in the northern waters of the Arctic.

Mr. Boyer was our speaker in March 2016, and he returns with exciting discoveries from the excavation of the shipwrecks.



In Memoriam ~ Anita Rutledge

It is with sadness that the Gatineau Valley Historical Society learned of the passing of our friend and colleague Anita Rutledge (née Barber) on Friday August 17, 2018 at the Wakefield Memorial Hospital.

A long-time resident of the village of Wakefield, Anita Rutledge grew up in the Clarendon district of the Ottawa Valley. After retiring from a career in communications in the federal government in 1985, she began applying her skills to many local and regional community heritage initiatives. She had a passion for researching and writing about local heritage sites, for collecting documents and images of local interest, and for sharing and displaying them in a number of creative ways.

She was a community builder and an organizer, having been a member of our Society's Board, the Wakefield Community Association, the Wakefield Covered Bridge Project Committee, the Fairbairn Museum Steering Committee and Board of Directors, the Heritage Committee of the Municipality of La Pêche, the Wakefield Cemeteries Pioneer Monument Committee, and the Wakefield Cenotaph Restoration Committee.

[Read more](#)



Anita (2nd from left) and some of her long-time friends (L to R),Joan Garnett, Norma Geggie & the late Shirley Shouldice at the 2015 Annual Awards dinner at Mont Cascades Golf Club.

Society Awards Dinner

2017 awards presented on May 28, 2018



Click on this link - [Award Winners](#) Click for [Photos](#)

One of the *Up the Gatineau* judges, Andrew Johnston (right) presents Jon Dellandrea with the Arthur Davison prize for his outstanding contributions to UTG! Volume 43 "Remarkable Lost Art of the Gatineau Valley: Paintings of Francis Fitz Roy Dixon" and "Discovering Francis Fitz Roy Dixon"



GVHS Vice-President Louise Schwartz presents Sheila Thomson with a belated Award of Honour for her work in documenting memories of long-time residents in her *Recollections of Early Days in the Gatineau Hills* and making it available to the GVHS.

Visit our publication table:

- Vorlage Christmas Craft show ~Nov. 3 & 4, Wakefield
- Quail House Christmas Fair ~ Dec. 1, Chelsea Elementary, Chelsea

•Pat Evans Archives•

Opening September 10

Chelsea Library
downstairs

Monday & Wednesday
1:30-3:30

or by appointment
819-827-6224

info@gvhs.ca

Chrisalis II Cruise ~ June 23, 2018

Even with a few showers, cruising down the beautiful Gatineau was a memorable experience for all the GVHS members & guests. We raised \$4200.00 to help with our goal of preserving and promoting the history of the Gatineau River Valley.



Our thanks to Melanie Hopkins and her son Chris for making this happen...

See the photos -[click](#)

Cultural Day in Low Municipality

September 29, 2018 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Low Heritage Hall, Low QC

Fieldville Low Manitou Brennan's Hill Venosta

A variety of activities at the Heritage Hall will revolve around this year's Quebec theme of Les Mots/Words – Our Heritage Past and Present. These activities will include local municipal Scrabble and trivia challenges and a chance to plot your individual family name(s) on a Low Municipality Tree. Picture and video presentations from Low Municipality – Reflections of the Past will be on continuous display.

As a way to promote our rich heritage in Low Municipality, there is a continuous effort to capture pictures that depict Low's past history prior to 1945. Those who may have such items are encouraged to share them in a computer heritage photo file being developed by Donnie Kealey. Photos can be scanned on the upcoming September 29th Cultural Day and returned to owners immediately. For more information, please send emails to: lowquebecbook@gmail.com.

Low Cultural Day



~ New Members ~

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