



## **Annual General Meeting**

Monday, February 18, 2019 at 7:30 pm  
Chelsea Library, 100 Old Chelsea Rd., Chelsea QC

The Annual General Meeting will start at 7:30 pm with elections and distribution of our annual reports.

Nominations for the Board of Directors will be accepted until February 15, 2019 — contact [info@gvhs.ca](mailto:info@gvhs.ca)

[Relevant documents will be available here](#)

8:00 pm – Highlights from 2018

We will highlight new additions to the GVHS website and sample some of our recent photo and AV acquisitions including a video filmed by Wayne Anderson of the presentation by Chelsea's Harky Milks & RJ (Bob) Hughes, in June, at the Mill Rd. Community Space AGM - Stories from Mill Road from the 50's & 60's. See the photo above of Jimmy (Harky's brother), RJ and Harky circa 1950 in front of Chelsea Elementary School.

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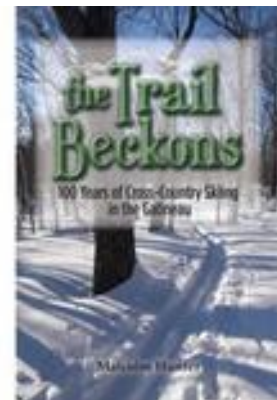
## **The Trail Beckons: 100 years of Cross Country Skiing in the Gatineau**

**with author Malcolm Hunter**

Monday, March 18, 2019 at 7:30 pm  
Wakefield Library, 38 Valley Drive, Wakefield QC

The numbers tell the tale of cross-country skiing in Gatineau Park, whose history is documented in a new book by author and avid skier, Malcolm Hunter. Thousands enjoy skiing the Gatineau trails each winter and thousands more hike many of the same trails. We have been doing so for 100 years.

Meet the original trail builders in the 1920s, Charles Mortureux and Joe Morin, and the trails they made, The Western, Little Switzerland, Highland and Merry Go Round. Hear the many stories related to them; how Penquin Parking Lot got its name, how Camp Fortune became the centre of the trail system well before the establishment of the Gatineau Park in 1938.



Hunter, who skied for Canada at the 1972 Winter Olympics and is a past director of Cross-Country Canada, first skied the Gatineau Park trails in 1957 as a boy. He has been a ski coach and a consultant to the NCC as it expanded the trail network to where it now covers more than 200 kilometres of the park.

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## Finding Traces of the Early Settlers in Pre-Gatineau Park

with Bill McGee

Monday, April 15, 2019 at 7:30

NCC Visitor's Centre, 33 Scott Rd., Old Chelsea QC J9B 1R5



Join intrepid amateur researcher and local historian, Bill McGee, for an evening of figurative exploration of the early Gatineau Park area. For almost 25 years, Bill has collected maps of the Park and researched its early settlers from the 1800s—mainly Irish families who settled along Ridge Road (now Trail 1) and who farmed most of the high land between Kingsmere Road and Wolf Trail.

Some of the still-familiar family names include McCloskey, Ryan, Keogan, Fortune, McKinsty and Dunlop. Bill has given similar talks to Friends of Gatineau Park and the Ottawa Historical Society.

This meeting is in collaboration with Friends of the Park.



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## A Tour of Cantley's Famous Sculpted Rocks

Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 pm

Meeting place to be announced later

Geologist Dr. David Sharpe will take us on a guided walk explaining how the Cantley rocks give us insight into how our planet was shaped. He has been bringing students here for years & treated Cantley 1889 to a similar walk in 2013. Since then there have been new scientific findings he will talk about.



For more information you can read Dr. Sharpe's article in Volume 41 of Up the Gatineau!. He writes "...the rocks of Cantley never cease to amaze us - whether from the scientific curiosity they arouse or by the sight of their natural beauty."



Watch the video - [Cantley Quebec, Monument of the Ice Age](#)

This tour is in collaboration with Cantley 1889.

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## Web Site Updates

[The Historical Legacy of the Gatineau from Cantley to Low](#)

This show came from Canada's Digital Collections program funded by Industry Canada.

It is a good overview of Gatineau Valley history.



## [Glass Slide Collection](#)



Photos from a collection of glass plate positives stored in a wooden box acquired from Victor Castonguay, son of well-known photographer Joseph Alexandre Castonguay.

Victor Castonguay remembered his father getting these plates from a photographer who was going out of business, but does not remember the name of the photographer.

## [The Builders Book](#)

A record of those who helped restore the historic covered bridge at Wakefield, Quebec 1987-1998. Compiled by Jay Atherton, Anita Rutledge, Joan Garnett and Danielle Vnette.

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## **Chelsea Pioneer Cemetery News**

A beautiful new fence, a legacy from Carol Martin, was finished in time for the Remembrance Day ceremonies on November 11, 2018.

Thank you to all those who contributed to this project - André Renaud, Ernie Tardiff, John Pomeroy, Jeff Mullen, Erik Rask, Marc Cockburn, John Udvarhelyi, Dan Paré, Rick Hofer, Bob McClelland & Marilyn Liddiard.



## **•Pat Evans Archives•**

**Chelsea Library  
downstairs**

**Monday & Wednesday  
1:30-3:30**

or by appointment  
819-827-6224

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## Chelsea Community Trail Update



There are now 24 interpretive panels highlighting early settler history posted along the Chelsea Community Trail.

If you prefer to get your history indoors, drop by the reception area at the Chelsea municipal offices to see copies of the trail panels

on the "History Wall" or go to the GVHS website. <https://www.gvhs.ca/trail/index.html>

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### ~ New Members ~

Patricia Etue, Chelsea QC  
Shannon Jurgenson, Kelowna, BC  
Louis-Philippe Labelle, Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, QC  
Brenda Monteith, Saskatoon, SK  
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Douglas Rogers, Winnipeg, MN

**We are always looking for volunteers for our archives.**

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**~ Save the Date ~**

**May 27th**

**Annual Awards Dinner**

Location - TBA