



**GATINEAU VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**SOCIÉTÉ HISTORIQUE DE LA VALLÉE DE LA GATINEAU**

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## *Winter* Newsletter

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### **Annual General Meeting and Archives Open House**

**Monday, February 17, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.  
Chelsea Library, 100 Old Chelsea Rd., Chelsea QC**

The AGM will start promptly at 7:30 pm with elections and distribution of our annual reports followed by our archives open house program.

Following this, there will be a presentation highlighting some interesting 2019 acquisitions to our photo collection, including photos from Ernie Mahoney, the McCord Museum, Bill Reid, and many more. We will also preview the latest website projects – the local clubs archives, Bill McGee's Gatineau Park map collection, and additions and upgrades to the online clippings and image banks.

Nominations for the Board of Directors will be accepted until February 14, 2020 - contact [info@gvhs.ca](mailto:info@gvhs.ca)

[Relevant documents will be available here.](#)



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### **~ Film Presentation ~**

### **Driving into the Past - A History of Covered Bridges in Quebec**

**Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.  
Larrimac Golf Club, 1148 Rte. 105, Chelsea QC**

During the heyday of covered-bridge building in Canada, at least 900 covered bridges were built in Quebec. Today 81 remain.

In *Driving into the Past*, Eastern Townships filmmaker **Louise Abbott** looks at the history of covered bridges in the province through interviews with historians, timber framers, conservationists, and locals.

She examines different bridge-building styles and follows the restoration of a covered bridge in Eustis. She looks at the way in which covered bridges have connected communities literally, and, more recently, figuratively, as preservationists have worked together to save or reconstruct these historical buildings.



Louise is a professional writer, photographer, and documentary filmmaker in the Eastern Townships of Quebec. She has dedicated most of her career to exploring the culture, heritage, and natural environment of rural and indigenous communities in Canada and abroad as well as the social and environmental challenges facing these communities.

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## The Paugan Falls Albums

**Monday, April 20th 2020 at 7:30 p.m.  
Wakefield Library, 38 Valley Drive, Wakefield QC**



"Everybody's talking about something frightening and exciting. Somebody's going to build a dam. Right here. And the falls will disappear."

These words from the title character in Brian Doyle's *Mary Ann Alice* express the child-like wonder and anxiety about the looming natural and social upheaval that would soon change life forever when the Paugan Dam was built in 1926-28.

**Don Kealey** and **Marc Cockburn** will present a series of rare photos, maps, documents, and aerial photos drawn from the McCord Museum, Hydro Quebec Archives, the GVHS, and the NAPL to illustrate how the Gatineau River appeared and changed during the 10 years leading to the construction of the Paugan Dam, and how it affected the local farmers and vacationers in the area.

Don Kealey is the well-known local author of *Low Municipality - Reflections of the Past*. Marc Cockburn, the President of the GVHS, has done research and presentations on the flooding of the lower Gatineau River and the *Up to Low!* display for the NAC production of the same name.

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## Remembrance Day Ceremony - November 11, 2019

The Gatineau Valley Historical Society welcomed the community to its 34th annual Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Pioneer Cemetery in Chelsea.

This year's Master of Ceremonies, Chelsea Councillor and former UN Peacekeeper, Greg McGuire, invited various military, federal, provincial and municipal government levels, community groups - churches, Scouts, elementary school students and special guests to lay their wreaths at the grave of Private Richard Rowland Thompson.



[Read more ...](#)

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## Transfer of Chelsea Pioneer Cemetery and Cenotaph

A ceremony handing over the Chelsea Pioneer Cemetery & Cenotaph on Highway 105 to the Municipality of Chelsea was held October 7, 2019. The occasion also highlighted the recent completion of a \$30,000 renovation project funded by a generous \$25,000 gift from late Past President, Carol Martin, with the balance from GVHS & the municipality. The project was led by former Board member André Renaud with the assistance of the GVHS Board and members of the community.

The annual Remembrance Day ceremony will continue to be hosted by the Gatineau Valley Historical Society on the site. [Read more](#)



Pictured L to R - Chelsea Councillor Greg McGuire, GVHS President Marc Cockburn, Chelsea Mayor Caryl Green & André Renaud

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**Local club histories are now available  
on our website...**

**[Larrimac Golf Club](#) and [Gatineau River Yacht Club](#)**

The Gatineau Valley has been the home of many local clubs and organizations over the years. Many of these organizations have made significant contributions to the local community through their activities and its membership.

The information and records collected by these clubs contain historical information of value and the Gatineau Valley Historical Society has embarked on a project to publish the archives of these clubs and organizations on our website.



We have set an arbitrary date of the year 2000 as the cut-off for relevant contents. We would be please to discuss and review your club materials and help to digitize any contents. Please [contact us](#) if you would like to participate.

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**•Pat Evans Archives•**

**Chelsea Library  
downstairs**

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

**or by appointment  
819-827-6224**

[info@gvhs.ca](mailto:info@gvhs.ca)

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~ Welcome New members ~

Keith McNally, Ottawa ON  
Louis Marcotte & Louise Dumouchel, Gatineau QC  
David Jaclin, Chelsea QC  
A. David Hill, Jackson Heights NY  
Louise Erikson, Morris MB  
Louise Dumoulin, Gatineau QC  
Hélène Dumouchel, St. Remi QC  
Francois Cousineau, Wakefield QC  
Sheila Comeau, Chelsea QC  
Grace Kelly, Ottawa ON  
Christian Loyer

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~ Of interest to GVHS Members ~

**Regard profane sur les mines anciennes du parc de la  
Gatineau (conférence)**

**dim. 9 févr. 19:00 - 21:00**

**Centre des visiteurs du parc de la Gatineau, 33 Chemin Scott,  
Chelsea, QC**

[More information](#)

Vous connaissez probablement les mines de mica du lac Pink. Peut-être, aussi, vous êtes-vous déjà demandé où est la mine du chemin de la Mine? Mais, saviez-vous que ce ne sont pas les seules qui ont existé dans le Parc?

La présentation sera en français et les questions pourront être posées en français ou en anglais.



**Board Members**

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~ Save the date ~

**Monday, May 25, 2020**

**Annual Dinner &  
Awards Evening**

**at Camp Fortune**