



GATINEAU VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SOCIÉTÉ HISTORIQUE DE LA VALLÉE DE LA GATINEAU

 **Fall Newsletter**  

~ Notice ~

Due to the measures taken to prevent the spread of Covid-19, the public programs and activities of the Gatineau Valley Historical Society are suspended until further notice.

In the meantime, Society volunteers will continue to maintain our virtual collections; to plan and develop new digital products for our website and social media; and to produce the next issue of the Up the Gatineau!

As well, research inquiries and request for archival assistance can be sent to info@gvhs.ca, or by leaving a message at 819-827-6224.

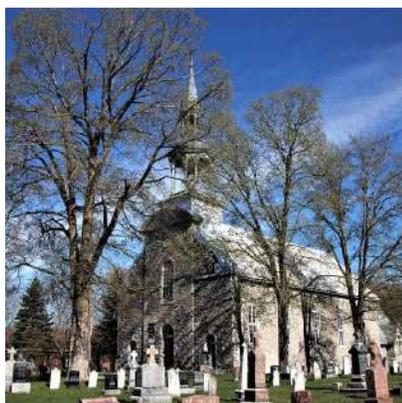
We hope that everyone remains healthy and active as we close out 2020, and we look forward to discovering and sharing even more historical stories and images of the Gatineau Valley in 2021!

The GVHS Board of Directors

St. Stephen's Church, Chelsea ~ Open Door

Saturday, September 12, 2020 - 10:00-3:00

Many churches across Québec will open their doors to the public as part of the province-wide event for Les Journées du patrimoine religieux - Religious Heritage Days.

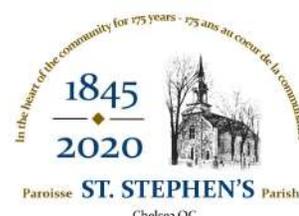


St. Stephen's in Chelsea is one of 138 participating churches, and one of five in the Outaouais region. The event's objectives in opening the doors of religious heritage buildings from different faiths and periods of construction, is to allow visitors to learn about their architecture, their religious traditions and ministry, their beautiful artwork, and note their historical presence in their communities.

Note that volunteers will be on hand to ensure all protocols will be in place for safe visitation and social distancing during this time of COVID-19.

Follow the link to enjoy [a visit of the various churches](#) participating in 2020.

St. Stephen's is celebrating its 175th anniversary this year. Read the article by GVHS Vice-President Suzanne Gibeault [here](#)



In Memory of Moiya Anne Wright

The GVHS is saddened to announce that Moiya Anne Wright (nee Wilkie) passed away on August 12, 2020. A long time resident of Meech Lake, Moiya was a founding member of the Gatineau Valley Historical Society in 1962, and its first President until 1965. She continued serving on the Board of Directors until 1982, and was awarded an honorary life membership shortly after.



In 1962, Moiya helped start the tearoom at Mackenzie King Estate in Chelsea with the NCC, and which the Society ran for several years. She was also instrumental in the recognition of the gravesite of Queen's Scarf of Honour holder, Pvt. Richard Thompson, at the Chelsea Pioneer Cemetery, and in the 1964 acquisition of the cemetery by the Society.

A true Chelsea pioneer in grassroots community engagement through the promotion of local history and culture, Moiya significantly contributed to the creation of some long lasting Gatineau Valley institutions and resources.

Her obituary can be read [here](#).

More about some of Moiya's lifetime accomplishments can be found in the "[The Way We Were articles](#)".

~ Up the Gatineau! ~

The publication of the latest volume of our local history journal, Up the Gatineau!, is continuing its unbroken 46-year history...

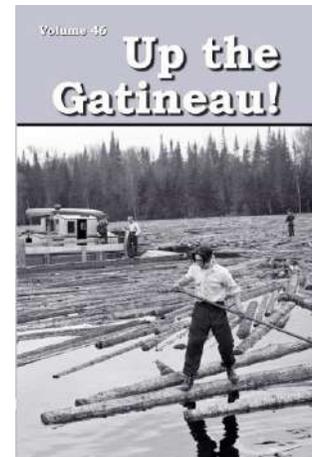
Check out the table of contents for Volume 46 to see what diverse topics they've written about - [read more](#)

The featured online article this year is Rick Henderson's "[Gatineau: Paddling through the History of a River's Name](#)".

Il est également disponible en français - [cliquez ici](#)

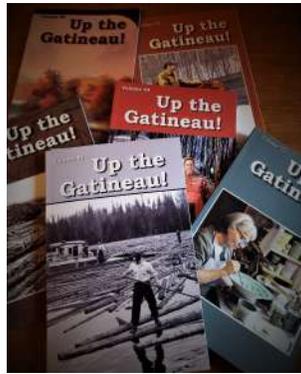
Click [here](#) to see where it is available throughout the Gatineau Valley.

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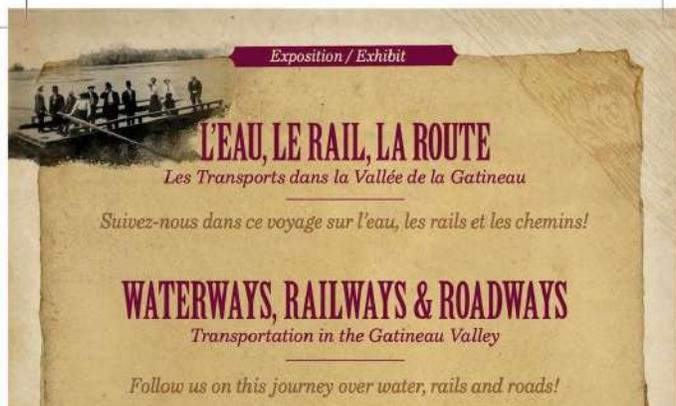
Why not share this newsletter to encourage your friends to become GVHS members and support our mission of preserving and promoting the heritage and history of the Gatineau River Valley. A GVHS membership also makes a perfect gift.



Click [here](#) to become a member and enjoy the following benefits:

- The Society's annual journal *Up the Gatineau!*
 - The quarterly [GVHS Newsletter](#) containing Society news, events, and items of interest to the local heritage community
 - Access to the Society's growing collection of local archival records and digital resources.
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- Meetings and events with speakers on topics of local and national heritage interest.

~ Exhibit ~



Fairbairn House Heritage Centre, Wakefield
weekends - September 5 to October 18, 2020

In less than a hundred years, the Gatineau Valley has seen the early hiking trails turn into railways. For thousands of years, the Tenagadin Sibi (Gatineau River) was the living environment and highway of the Anishinàbeg (Algonquins). [More...](#)



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Up the Gatineau!
online

Volumes 1 to 20 are now available [here](#).



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Cantley 1889's Annual General Meeting



Sunday, November 1 ~ 2 pm

Join us via ZOOM to celebrate our 10th anniversary.
Discover Cantley and Cantley 1889 through images and memories.
Everyone is welcome.

To reserve, contact info.cantley1889@gmail.com

~ Welcome New Members ~
Anne Nicol - Ottawa

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