



Fall Newsletter

~ Notice ~

Due to the on-going measures taken to prevent the spread of Covid-19, the public programs and activities of the Gatineau Valley Historical Society are still on hold.

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

As well, research inquiries and request for archival assistance can be sent to info@gvhs.ca.

We look forward to discovering and sharing even more historical stories and images of the Gatineau Valley in 2022!

The GVHS Board of Directors



**LES JOURNÉES
DU PATRIMOINE
RELIGIEUX**

**Saturday, September 11, 2021
Sunday, September 12, 2021**

At various locations

throughout the Gatineau Valley

The annual Religious Heritage Days aims to open the doors to heritage buildings of a religious nature from different construction periods, with the aim of making them known and appreciated.

The program is open to all religious traditions, including places that have been transformed, as well as to initiatives that make it possible to discover the religious diversity that animates Quebec today.

The participating churches are shown below. **Click on the photo** to get more information about each church's activities.

St. Stephen's Catholic Church - Chelsea (upper left);

St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church - Chelsea (upper right)

Grace United Church - Rupert (lower left)

Our Lady of Sorrows Church - Venosta (lower right)



Chelsea Events - September 11-12, 2021

In Chelsea, the Municipality and the **La Fab Arts Centre**, in keeping with the Les Journées du Patrimoine religieux theme, have organized a tour of the area, called a **Discovery Walking Tour of Chelsea's Religious Heritage Sites** featuring five points of interest. A map and informative questionnaire for each point of interest will be available for pickup on those days at the La Fab Arts Centre on Old Chelsea Road.

Other points of interest, besides the above mentioned churches, include:

- the former Grace United Church at 8 Mill Road and future home of the La Fab Arts Centre;
- the Old Chelsea Protestant Burial Ground at 249 Old Chelsea Road in Old Chelsea;
- the Pioneer Cemetery and Cenataph at 587 Highway 105.

The self-guided tour covers about three kilometres and may also be done by car.

Of particular note, on Sunday, September 12, from 1 to 4 pm, volunteer guides from the GVHS will be at the two heritage-designated cemeteries. David Yuill and John Udvarhelyi will be at the **Old Chelsea Protestant Burial Ground** and André Renaud and Louise Schwartz will be at the **Pioneer Cemetery and Cenataph** to talk about the fascinating history of these two sites and those buried within. Volunteers are also planned to be at the other sites noted above.

Visit to Historic Sheffield Farm - 51 Kingsmere Rd., Chelsea QC

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 - 3:00 to 4:30 (English)

Jeudi, 23 septembre 2021 - 15h00 - 16h30 (français)

David Yuill and Louise Sliger of "Les Jardins Sheffield" have generously invited members of the Gatineau Valley Historical Society to visit their magnificent grounds and historical buildings.

Originally settled by the Sheffield family, this unique property is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year. David and Louise are offering a tour of the property and some of the inside of the barns, with a talk about the history of the farm.



With COVID restrictions, this outside tour is limited to 20 people maximum (with only 10 individuals allowed inside at a time). Questions will be answered in either language on both days. Parking is available on site.

To reserve your spot please call Louise Schwartz at 613-762-1429 or email her at schwartzla@rogers.com.

This is a not-to-be missed opportunity.

David Yuill et Louise Sliger de Les Jardins Sheffield ont chaleureusement invité les membres de la Société historique de la Vallée de la Gatineau à visiter leurs magnifiques jardins et bâtiments historiques.

Établi à l'origine par la famille Sheffield, cette propriété unique célèbre son 200e anniversaire cette année. David et Louise proposent une visite de la propriété et des bâtiments tout en discutant sur l'histoire de la ferme.

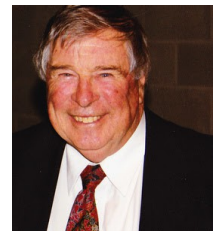
Avec les restrictions COVID, cette visite extérieure est limitée à 20 personnes maximum (avec seulement 10 personnes autorisées à l'intérieur à la fois). Les questions pourront être répandues dans les deux langues. Un stationnement est disponible sur place.

Pour réserver votre place, veuillez téléphoner Louise Schwartz au 613-762-1429 ou lui envoyer un courriel à schwartzla@rogers.com.

C'est une opportunité à ne pas manquer.

~ Remembering Larry Dufour ~

A pillar in the Chelsea community, including St. Stephen's Church and the Larrimac Golf Club, Larry dedicated his life to helping others. His 84 years were filled with wonderful adventures and incredible accomplishments, but what mattered to him most were his family, friends and community.



He was a featured speaker at two GVHS meetings. In April 2012 he spoke about the history of the Larrimac Golf Club and in October 2015 he gave another history lesson on St. Stephen's Church in Old Chelsea. He also contributed to an article in volume 36 of Up the Gatineau! on the Collins Sawmill with Archie Pennie.

Unsolicited submissions for Up the Gatineau!, our local history journal, have become a regular occurrence. I enjoy receiving these offerings, but not all are a good fit for the journal. Such is the case with the following piece, which was sent in by Ottawa's Don Ferguson. However, it was a fun read, and I thought GVHS members would enjoy it via our newsletter.

Louise Schwartz, Editor, Up the Gatineau!

Sugar from the Gatineau by Don Ferguson



My late father, Neil Ferguson, was manager of the Lower Ottawa Forestry Protective Association from 1930 to 1948. This association was owned by C.I.P., Eddy, Booth, Maclaren and Singer. Its purpose was to detect fires, using observation towers, and to stop them, covering an area north of Hull and south of the CN rail line.

In the summer, one of the functions of his job was to visit towers and equipment depots (he claimed he wore out a car each year). In mid-1945 he returned home from a visit with a 100 lb. bag of white sugar in his car, purchased at one of the lumber camps.

As sugar was still being rationed, my mother was horrified that our neighbours would see the sugar. She ordered that the bag be covered (it was, by a black rubber raincoat) and that the car trunk be locked. After dark, with all outside lights off, my brother and I were ordered to bring the sugar in, still covered by the rain coat, using our wheelbarrow at our back door, and then to carry it to the kitchen.

I presume there was a frenzy of baking after...

Up the Gatineau! - Volume 47

Volume 47 features a dozen stories, penned by new and returning contributors such as John Trent, RJ Hughes and Susan Trudeau, to name but a few. Favourite local author, Brian Doyle, returns with another reminiscence of his youth in Low.



The price for a complete set of volumes 1 to 47 remains at \$160, the same price as it was in 2020, when it had one less volume. Order at - publications@gvhs.ca.

~ New Members ~

Marc Fournier, Wakefield QC
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**Coming in
Spring 2022**

talks by
Gilbert Whiteduck
and Rick Henderson

\$ ~ Fee Increase for 2022 ~ \$

The Board of Directors has approved an increase to the membership fee - from \$20 to \$25 for one year, and from \$35 to \$40 for two years. Please note that this is a family membership.

This increase will take effect on **January 1, 2022**. Any new or renewing memberships, whether for one or two years, received before that date will be accepted at the current fee level. You will get a renewal notice for 2022 in early December, giving you ample time to renew at the current rate.

We hope members will feel these fees are still a bargain, when one takes into account the complimentary copy of the current year's *Up the Gatineau!*, now valued at \$15.

Your membership fees are our major source of income, and support the Society in its mandate in preserving and promoting awareness in the history and heritage of the Gatineau Valley.

A GVHS membership makes a perfect gift!

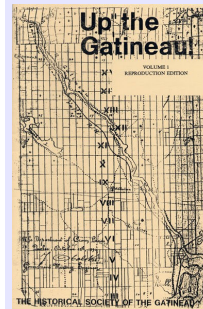
Share this newsletter to encourage your friends to become GVHS members and support our mission of preserving and promoting the heritage and history of the Gatineau River Valley.

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

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

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



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