

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT EVENT

We are going to "jump the gun" in commemorating Quebec Heritage Week, June 20 - 26, by having our event on Sunday, 19 June 1977.

This will take the form of a Walking Tour of Wakefield under the capable guidance of our two authors - Norma and Stuart Geggie. We are asked to foregather at the Maclaren Mill sharp at 2 p.m. where there is adequate parking. To reach the Mill turn left on the main street of Wakefield after having entered the Village from the approach road from Highway 105. Proceed along the main street $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to Mill Road (between Chateau Pearson and Whelan's Ford Dealership), turn left and go up Mill Road $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and there you are.

After a short walk around this interesting area we will re-enter our cars and, under direction, return to the main street, turning left off Mill Road and proceed to Mance (Manse) Road just north of the train turn-table opposite Orme's Bakery, turn right and park in a large lot close by.

Then we start the walk beginning in this area and then southerly through the Village for about 1 mile until we reach Earle's Shop where we have a special surprise in store. Landmarks will be pointed out and described along the way by our guides.

From this point we return on foot to the Wakefield United Church on the main street where the Society has made arrangements for tea to be served (with sandwiches and cakes) - all gratis, as one of our dividends of membership.

This event takes place "rain or shine" and, in the case of the former, the initial gathering point will be the United Church at 2 p.m. where Norma and Stuart will cover the tour for us in a talk with the tea to follow.

For this occasion you may bring a friend or two and you should bring comfortable walking shoes, a modicum of energy, enthusiasm and a camera. In the meantime do what YOU can to ensure a bright sunny day like we had for last year's walk through Chelsea. We are sure that you will enjoy this occasion - a happy mixture of mental stimulation and physical exercise, topped with a cup of tea.

LAST MEETING

In our last Newsletter we promised you something different for our meeting on 25th May and that is exactly what we had - different and a bit special.

We not only had a most interesting talk by two of the girls involved in the quilt making and research program which was accompanied by a variety of colourful slides but, at the end of the evening, the Society was presented with three of the four quilts - one requires a little more work - and these four, with a beautifully prepared written and pictorial record, are to be displayed at Moorside.

We were amazed at the depth and extent of research done in the Outaouais and by the amount of work accomplished on the lovely quilts, all within the last six months.

So we congratulate and thank the team of Karen Woods, Willa Kimmerly, Denise Renaud, Lise Lauriault and Heather Quipp for these memorials to their creativity and craftsmanship.

A SAD LOSS

A good friend of the Society and one of its long-time members, Mrs. Selwyn (Nora) Wilson, passed away in Ottawa on Monday, 23 May 1977.

Her life was one of devoted service to the community in many fields. She was a past president of the Ottawa Branch of the Red Cross Society, the May Court Club and the Women's Canadian Club of Ottawa. She was active in various organizations in her church, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, and she had many other active affiliations. She had been particularly helpful to our Society for the past two years in her effective organization of volunteer workers for our annual Auction Sale.

She is survived by a son, Christopher and his family, by a daughter, Elizabeth, and by a host of friends.

We shall all miss her enthusiastic, cheerful and out-going presence!

GIFT

One of our members, Howard Warner, has kindly donated to the Society a copy of his most recent book - Antiquarian Quest - a diary of his trip to the British Isles and the Continent in 1950. It is a handsome, well-written volume with many illustrations and we thank Howard for this interesting addition to our library.

'UP THE GATINEAU!'

Because of critical timing, this Newsletter will probably be printed before our 1977 issue of 'Up the Gatineau!' is actually off the press but we have every hope that they will be mailed to you concurrently.

FINAL NOTICE

No free copy of our booklet and no more Newsletters for those who have not paid their 1977 dues - sorry - but there is still a chance if you act quickly. Telephone Sheila Strang at 827 0420 or 827 2364. We will miss you!

NEIGHBOURLY NEWS

Aylmer Heritage Association announces: (1) a Heritage Home Tour on 10 June - phone Donna Hamilton for tickets at 827 2840, (2) a Flea Market on 11 June - phone Heather Lawson for information at 771 2727, (3) Diane Aldred's new book on heritage buildings sometime this summer. Our best wishes for all their ventures!

8 June 1977

Arthur Davison,
President.