

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

This will be quite different than anything which we have had before and it will be held in a different place. What we are planning is an open meeting, to which everyone is invited, to be held on Wednesday, 10 June 1981 in the gymnasium of Chelsea Protestant Elementary School at 7.30 p.m. (note different time). The school is on the north side of the road between Chelsea and Old Chelsea, the entrance being 0.7 km. west of Highway 105 in the village of Chelsea.

Featured for this occasion will be William and Mary Commanda of the River Desert Algonquin Band, Maniwaki, Que. William is a former Chief of the Band and they are both noted for their proficiency in the traditional Algonquin Indian crafts. In this connection they have travelled widely including having had invitations to the Smithsonian Institution, Washington and to Denmark.

For our meeting there will be an illustrated talk on the Algonquin History of the Gatineau - Tenakatin - and on their crafts.

We recommend your attendance on this special occasion and for this open meeting you are asked to invite friends and associates who might be interested. All are welcome.

LAST MEETING

Lt. Col. Harry Wethey resolved the mystery posed by our announcement of his address to us on 29 April 1981. He did so in a most appealing way with a nice touch of added drama. The result was a thoroughly researched revelation of events and actions which preceded the collapse of the bridge across the St. Lawrence River at Quebec in 1907. He provided some detailed display material to illustrate and augment his talk and his biographical outlines of the 'players' in this dramatic, and tragic, event made the whole affair a vivid picture. We were all affected and suitably impressed.

DISH DISPOSAL As a by-product of our winding up the Tea Room operation at Moorside we have withdrawn all the china on which the name of the Society appears. Some of the items are plain and some have a picture of Moorside under the glaze as indicated in the schedule below. In all cases the name of the Society appears on the back except for one item. There are a few small chips off the edges of some items but they are basically intact.

For those members who are interested in acquiring some of these items we have listed below what is available and the price of each. It is obvious that we cannot ship this material to you - packing properly and shipping would be much too costly and time-consuming. Depending on the interest shown by the members we may have to limit the quantities sold to each member - in some cases to one souvenir item. Items will be allocated proportionately in the order in which requests are received.

We have offered these, first, at the meeting of the Society on 29 April 1981. In order that all interested members may have a chance we will accept telephone orders by calling me on 235 1064 and, after 1 June, on 827 2598. You may also call Sheila Strang on 827 0420 after she returns from overseas on 25 May 1981. We will accept orders until 4 June 1981 after which we will start allocation and dispersal. We will advise you where and when you may pick up your order. Items not sold will probably be included in our anticipated Auction Sale on 29 August.

Item	Total Quantity	Design	Price Each	
			Unchipped	Small chips
9" Plates	68	Picture on top, name on underside	\$1.55	\$1.30
7" Plates	33	" " " " " " "	1.35	1.10
6" Plates	27	" " " " " " "	1.25	1.00
Cups & Saucers	25	Picture on cup, name under saucer	1.90	1.65
Extra Saucers	15	Plain, name on underside	.95	.70
Sugar Bowls & Tops	14	Picture & name on bowl, tops plain	3.65	3.40

We also have a few new ornamental souvenir items to offer which we will show you when, and if, you are picking up a china order.

DUES PAST DUE

It is with regret that we have had to remove a few names from our mailing list and, accordingly, this is the very last Newsletter which will be received by those who have not paid up or do not do so by return of mail. Of course, this also means that you do not get your complimentary copy of 'Up the Gatineau!' for 1981 and you forfeit other membership privileges. There is only one way that you can alleviate our distress at losing you. A prompt cheque will do it. \$3.00 single \$5.00 family to Sheila Strang, Old Chelsea, Que., JOX 2ND.

RESTORATION

With an eye to restoring the natural beauty of the Chelseas and, particularly to replacing some of the greenery lost in the road construction between the two villages last year, June Roots and the Girl Guides, of which she is the local leader, have generously volunteered the 'personpower' to do much of the work of planting and subsequent care. What they need is something to plant and care for. Will you help to make our lovely countryside lovelier by contributing some 'shekels', saplings or shrubs (flowering crab-apples)? Please telephone June Roots on 827 1602 at your early convenience.

TOUR TIME

The Historical Society of Ottawa is sponsoring a bus tour to Lanark and Perth on Saturday, 20 June 1981 leaving the Voyageur Colonial Bus Depot on Catherine Street in Ottawa at 9.00 a.m., returning late in the afternoon.

The tour will include a stop at the Glenayr Kitten Factory in Lanark; visits to the Museum and to Silversmiths with lunch at Fatterson's - all in Perth. The cost including bus fare, lunch and entrance to the Museum is \$16.00 per person. Miss Myrtle Mills, who is organizing the tour, feels that they could accommodate a limited number of our members. For more information and seat reservations please call Miss Mills on 232 8529.

Arthur Davison
Arthur Davison,
President

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