

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

AUCTION SALE 1982

The Twentieth Annual Auction Sale of the Society will be held at the West Hull Community Centre at the easterly end of the Village of Old Chelsea, Que. (the same location as last year) on Saturday, 28 August starting at 9.30 a.m. sharp. There will be a viewing period on Saturday commencing at 8.30 a.m., immediately prior to the sale.

We have made arrangements to use the main floor, as before, with the consignments being received through, and the sale conducted from, the rear entrance to the building.

You and your friends are once again asked to search your attics, basements, barns and store-rooms for articles in good condition for the sale.

Last year, we handled 403 lots and, because of your co-operation, the quality was very good. Will you, once more, be as discriminating and selective as possible in your consignments. The better the items, the better the prices and the greater your returns. But please also remember that without your participation there can be no sale at all.

Again, we would like to present for auction the best quality of items available including Canadiana, household effects, books, furniture in reasonable repair, silver, china, glass, antiques of all kinds, pictures, tools, etc., etc. The only clothing items which we will accept are fur coats, for which there seems to be a market. Because of handling problems and lack of buyer interest we can not accept electric ranges, heavy wood or coal stoves, refrigerators, big washing machines, large carpets, mattresses and beds, except, in the case of the latter, those of interesting design or antique quality such as brass or spool beds. Portable electric appliances are acceptable if in working order (which should be so indicated on the item), also floor and table lamps with shades but not separate shades please. Nothing too heavy, bulky or hard to handle.

If there is any question in your mind about the acceptability of any item, please check before delivering it with me or one of the members of the committee listed below. This is IMPORTANT!

For many of the better items we have been getting some very good prices in past sales.

Items will be received at the Community Centre, just west of St Stephen's Church, Old Chelsea, Que., on Thursday, 26 August from 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. and on Friday, 27 August from 10.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. at the latest. Note particularly that the items must be brought to the rear, or northerly, entrance and the approach thereto must be through the field to the east of the building. Please bring your items in as early as possible as much work is involved in numbering and recording them.

Items cannot be received on the day of the sale. This is definite.

When sold, the consignor will receive half the gross proceeds from the sale of his or her items with the balance going to the Society to further its work. The Society pays all of the not inconsiderable expenses out of its share.

For more information, telephone: Mrs. Gerald Morisset - 827 1447; Mrs. Arthur Davison - 827 2598 or Miss Sheila Strang - 827 0420.

Please participate by producing the goods and by attending the sale. You will find it an interesting, and possibly a profitable, experience as some exceptional bargains have shown up in the past.

The sale goes on rain or shine and, based on the crowds in the past, it must be held outdoors. In case of rain, bring protective clothing, a plastic sheet or an umbrella. As the sale runs all day without interruption except for draws and raffles, a folding chair would add greatly to your comfort. Last year, the sale ended at about 7.50 p.m. - a long time after the 9.30 a.m. start. Take the weather into account and provide accordingly for a comfortable, lengthy, stay. It may be well worth your time and we do want you to enjoy the experience.

Bring your family and friends to share the excitement of this popular community venture on 28 August 1982. Plan to come early and stay late, if you can, as some of the best buys are at the beginning and end of the day.

SAD EVENT It is with a feeling of sadness and loss that we record the death of Don Munro on 21 June 1982. Don was a popular member of the team of auctioneers who had been with us for all 19 of our annual auction sales beginning with the first one in 1963 which was held in the old Town Hall in Old Chelsea. The Town Hall is no longer in its original location and, sad to relate, Don will no longer be taking bids in his inimitable style at our 20th auction sale. We shall miss him.

LAST EVENT Our last regular meeting was held on Wednesday, 26 May 1982 when we were entertained and enlightened by Wesley Mattie, Curator, Canadian Centre for Folk Culture Studies, National Museum of Man, who spoke on "Folk Art in Canada". The talk was most interesting in itself and with the accompaniment of colourful slides, the whole made for an evening to recall with pleasure.

NEW DEVELOPMENT All historical artifacts belonging to the Society have been removed, on request, from Moorside in Kingsmere. Some are on temporary loan to the N.C.C. for display at the Log Farm in Nepean, Ontario, and the balance of them are stored in the residential basement and garage of Patrick M.O. Evans who has graciously provided this facility, pending our finding a suitable place to re-locate our small museum, hopefully in the Gatineau.

14 July 1982

PLEASE KEEP THIS SHEET FOR REFERENCE

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