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TIME FOR AUCTION!

THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT THIS MONTH WILL BE THE ANNUAL AUCTION SALE, ON WHICH THE WORK OF THE SOCIETY DEPENDS. IT WILL TAKE PLACE ON

AUGUST 22 9.30 AM AT ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH CHURCH GROUNDS, OLD CHELSEA (VIEWING BEGINS AT 8.30 AM)

Your help is needed in three ways:

* Bring antiques and collectibles for the auction, and household articles for the flea market on

FRIDAY AUGUST 21ST BETWEEN 12 AM AND 8 PM.

There is storage space if you need to bring articles before that time. For special arrangements to pick up antiques and collectibles in advance please call 827 2237.

Any one may bring antiques and collectibles; flea market articles ONLY from members of the Historical Society of the Gatineau.

* Come to the Auction on Saturday morning. VIEWING AND FLEA MARKET START AT 8.30 - AUCTION AT 9.30.

Articles may be sold on consignment (50 % on sale) or may be donated in return for a charitable receipt for full value.

Reserve prices may be put on antiques and collectibles; owners of flea market items must agree to accept their share of whatever is realized from the sale. Unsold articles are donated to a worthy cause unless the owners reclaims them Saturday noon.

* Talk to friends during the weeks before the auction about providing articles and coming to the auction. We need:

Antiques and collectibles of every kind: bottles, stoneware, tins, pictures, books, picture frames, tools, harness, old clothes pins, wooden barrels, wooden wheels, wooden wagons, non-plastic toys, cooking moulds, cutlery, egg baskets, sad irons, lanterns, stained glass, wickerware, pre:1940 chairs, bird cages, chamber pots, pre:1945 magazines, inkwells, washbasins and jugs, old dinnerware, farm implements, dressing table items, non-synthetic yard goods, woodenware, scrubbing boards, walking sticks, woodboxes, churns, afghans, shawls, pre-1940 calendars, wooden cheese boxes, milking stools, old trays, silverware, fine china, candlesticks lecterns, hair wreaths, iron bedsteads, sleds, buggies ... and much, much more.

Contributions of baked goods for refreshment during viewing (8.30am - 9.30am on 22nd) will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to contribute in this way or as volunteer at the auction call 827 2237.

With your help it will again be a great day for the Society.

COMING EVENTS

Next Meeting Monday Sept.21st 8 pm at Chelsea United Church, Mill Road, Chelsea. The speaker will be Jacques Lecours of the Gatineau Power Company

Further details on this and future meetings in our September newsletter.

THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE and staff are proud of the Mill/Museum exhibits this year and invite members of the Historical Society of the Gatineau to take the opportunity of visiting their museum during August free of charge. The exhibits include quilts dating from 1860 and woven bedcovers dating from 1849. Members should identify themselves and their guests on arrival. The museum is open 7 days a week between 10am and 5pm. Mill staff are prepared to register new members who will then be able to visit the museum free of charge, receive the annual Up the Gatineau and monthly newsletters and to attend monthly meetings to listen to speakers on a large variety of historical subjects. Family memberships are \$15.-- for one year, \$25.-- for two years.

The West Quebec Post, the oldest community newspaper in the Outaouais (founded 1895), with a weekly readership of 11,000, offers a reduction of \$ 5.-- off their regular and senior subscription rate to members of the Historical Society of the Gatineau.

The offer applies to membership renewals and new members who join the Society.

This means that the regular rate of \$ 22.-- is reduced to \$17.-- and for senior members the cost is reduced from \$ 17.50 to \$ 12.50 (taxes are paid by subscribers).

The <u>Post</u> is prepared to make a direct contribution of \$ 1.-- to the Society from each new subscription generated through this program, and would provide a special subscription form for use by the Membership Secretary to facilitate accounting for this project.

Oral History Questionnaire: Any one wishing to contribute to a bilingual inventory of Canadian Oral History to be distributed in 1993 (recorded recollections, speeches, etc.) please contact Normand Fortier, Canadian Oral History Association, Box 2064 Station D. Ottawa, Ont. KIP 5W3 Tel.(613) 996 6996

Gatineau Valley Studio Tours.

Make a note of the dates for studio tours Artists in their Environment - on two weekends when the Gatineau valley looks its best, those of Sept.19th and Sept.26th. Sixteen Gatineau valley artists will show their work in eleven studios. On Sept.19th there will be also be a special celebration at Vorlage (8pm) featuring Ian Tamblyn, Phil Jenkins and Vivienne Laxdal. Brochures describing these events will be available in local stores and restaurants. More in next newsletter.

THE WEST-QUEBEC POST

Dear fellow members of the Historical Society of the Gatineau,

Most of you know that Scott Stevenson and I are now publishers of the new West Quebec Post which serves the English-reading population of the Gatineau. Both by personal conviction and by editorial policy, we are strong supporters of the Historical Society.

We have been discussing with the executive ways to give better continuing support in the community press to the Society's regular and special activities. We are planning better coverage of monthly meetings, and of course we will be promoting the Annual Auction. Recently we have been pleased to make a financial donation to help sponsor a display of the Society's Gatineau River photographic collection. And we are introducing more articles on Gatineau history.

Frankly, we can develop and continue this emphasis on the Historical Society only while our readers respond favourably. We are therefore grateful to the executive to be given this opportunity to ask you to read *The Post* regularly, to write letters to the editor, or contribute and suggest items of interest to the Society and Gatineau history. Naturally, we would like to see all Historical Society members become *Post* subscribers. We particularly address those who live outside the Gatineau for at least part of the year. We think *The Post* is a good way to keep in touch with *all* the interests of the Gatineau.

You can get a subscription for \$22 a year (\$17.50 if you are a senior citizen)— including all taxes— by phoning 986-8557, or by sending a cheque to 585 James Street, Buckingham, J8L 2R7; or by dropping in at our Wakefield office in Place 1870 where Ernie Mahoney will happily give any Society member a free sample copy.

We look forward to keeping in close touch at the Society's events, and through the pages of *The Post*.

Bob Phillips

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