

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU
LA SOCIÉTÉ HISTORIQUE DE LA GATINEAU

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Newsletter / Bulletin

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Next Meeting
Monday, May 25th, 8.00 pm
Chelsea United Church
Mill Road, Chelsea

Norma Geggie
"Spinning & Weaving
from Early Settlement"
Mrs. Geggie will discuss the
development of the spinning
wheel & the role spinning
and weaving played in the
settlement of this country.

Coming Events
June 15: Dr. George Bolotenko,
National Archives of Canada.
"1867 - the Year of
Confederation."

Sept. 21st: Jacques Lecours
"The Gatineau Power Company"

In October, the geologist
Donald Hogarth will discuss
"Mining in the Gatineau."

President's Message

I am sure that all of us were
horrified to hear of the
tragedy that befell our former
President, Bob Phillips, with
the loss by fire of his home,
The Grange, and most of his
valued possessions. I have
been in touch with Bob to
offer the support and
assistance of the Society
in his recovery.

Your Executive has agreed on a
set of priorities for the
coming year. I can do no
better than to report to you
on each of the areas of
concern so identified.

1. Museum/ Mill and Train.

The Museum/Mill Committee has
been meeting to formulate plans
to deal with the expected
onslough. Vice President
Allan Richens is attending
the meetings and ensuring
coordination and liaison.
Advertisements will appear in
local papers for student help
at the Mill/Museum this summer.
Andrew Geggie has agreed to
serve as the manager of this
project. This will be a major
undertaking, with a plethora
of small problems to be solved.
However, as Allan Richens says,
if we reduce the number of
problems by half (say, 100 to
50) by the beginning of June
we should survive.

2. Auction. Colin Chisholm &
Jim Strate are making good
progress. The date this year
will be early September, the
place, Stephen's Church, Old
Chelsea. The church has ample
storage space. If you have items
to be picked up for the auction,
call C. Chisholm at 827 0512.

3. Up the Gatineau! Carol Martin
has our annual publication well
in hand and expects to have it
ready for the presses by June.

4. Membership. Our membership has
fallen over the past few years. A
couple of initiatives are being
undertaken by Yvonne Jurgens and
her membership collaborators.
First, a telephone blitz to lapsed
members, i.e. those whose member-
ships have expired, to encourage
them to rejoin. Second, to have

President's Message (contd.)
existing members approach
their friends (see below).
Meanwhile, our monthly programs
continue. Those of you who
could not make our last meeting
with Gilles Lachance missed a
stimulating evening. M. Lachance
is an infectiously enthusiastic
speaker with a genuine love of
history. We must have him back
another time.
Cheers! Jay Atherton

The Historical Society of the
Gatineau has received a report
on the year 1991-1992 from the
Outaouais Centre of the Quebec
National Archives. Their number of
researchers has risen by 30%
and they now have 200 microfilm
reels, 10 000 architectural plans
and many other documents at the
disposal of any one interested in
historical research.

Important acquisitions are the
architectural plans by René Richard
who was responsible for more than
350 projects.

Useful for researchers is a
Guide to Private Archives now in
preparation, with a short
description of 170 archives
available at the Outaouais centre
open Mon-Fri. 8.30am - 4.30pm;
Tues/Wed. evenings 7pm - 10 pm.)

The Aylmer Heritage Society
offers Aylmer Heritage House Tours
Sunday, June 7th (call 684 6809
for details).

The Historical Society of Ottawa
offers the Historical Society
Spring Tour Tues. June 9th.
Call 733 3316 (Flora Blais)
or 777 2340 (Lauretta Black)

The Brockville & District
Historical Society has a
1850s & 1860s Queen Victoria
Birthday Celebration ,
Courthouse Square, Brockville
On May 24. 1pm - 4pm

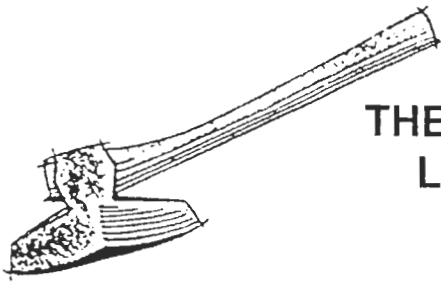
Photo Contest. Remember the
deadline for Photos of
"Logging up the Gatineau"
is June 30th. Photos (b & w
or colour, 5 x 7" or 8 x 10",
mounted for hanging) should
be taken to the Wakefield
Mill/Museum between June 25th
& 30th, 10 - 11am. Entry fee
\$5.- non-members (or H.S.G.
membership). Maximum three
entries. For information call
Muriel How (827 1274)

The Outaouais Alliance with
which we are now affiliated
offers a Community Resource
Manual - a comprehensive
guide to educational, media,
government, church and
service organizations in the
Outaouais region, provided
at cost to any O.A. member.
(Phone 777 0177 for details.)

<p>HIGH SCHOOL / CEGEP STUDENT SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Bilingual Tour Guides / Interpreters WAKEFIELD MILL & MUSEUM 8 Weeks+, 40 hr/week 5.50/hr Resumés by May 21. to The Secretary of the Historical Society of the Gatineau, Box 485, Chelsaea. Que. JOX 1N0</p>
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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our membership year is
well underway and not all our
members are in good standing.
Please note the expiry date
on your name label for your
status. We would like to keep
all of you informed of what
is happening within the
Historical Society of the
Gatineau and send you, later
this summer, the 1992 Up the
Gatineau! Attached please
find a form outlining the
purpose and activities of the
Society for new members.



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PURPOSE

".. to promote matters of historical or heritage significance
in the general area of the Gatineau Valley."

ACTIVITIES

- ▶ monthly meetings; interesting speakers
- ▶ annual journal *Up the Gatineau!*
- ▶ monthly newsletter and special historical publications
- ▶ Pioneer Cemetery, Chelsea
- ▶ annual antique auction and flea market
- ▶ historical tours
- ▶ Wakefield Mill and Maclaren House Museum
- ▶ Wakefield Covered Bridge Committee

PLEASE JOIN US AND HELP TO PRESERVE THE HERITAGE OF THE GATINEAU

Name _____ Address _____

Telephone _____

Postal Code _____

Membership is for the whole family. Options are: 1 year (\$15) ___ 2 years (\$25) ___

New Membership ___

Renewal ___

Please make your cheque payable to **The Historical Society of
the Gatineau** and mail to Box 435, Chelsea, Québec J0X 1N0.

Areas of Interest

The activities of the Society rely upon support and help from the membership. To participate in areas that are of interest, please indicate your choice below:

Auction _____ Cemeteries _____

Publicity _____ Historical Research _____

Publications _____ Historical Tours _____

Wakefield Mill _____ Maclaren House Museum _____

Special Events _____

Other (please specify) _____

