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**Next Meeting**

Monday, May 17, 8:00 p.m.

Chelsea Community Centre  
Old Chelsea

RUTH LATTA

"Writing Your Memoirs"

Ruth Latta has a Masters Degree in History from Queen's University, Kingston. She is interested in the personal histories which make up a history we all share. Since 1985 she has been teaching courses in memoir writing for Continuing Education, Carleton Board of Education, at Brooklane School, and for the City of Ottawa Department of Recreation and Culture at the Sandy Hill Community Centre.

Ruth Latta's articles have appeared in *Ontario History*, *Fiddlehead*, *Our Times*, and *Today's Seniors*. Her book *Life Writing: Autobiographers and their Craft* was published in 1988, and *The Memory of All That (Canadian Women Remember World War II)* has been published this spring (both by General Store Publishing House). She is currently writing a biography of the late Grace MacInnis, M.P.

Refreshments at 7:30 / Meeting at 8:00

**Coming Events**

June 21 - Monthly Meeting (Wakefield Mill): Show and Tell (details in next newsletter).

**AUCTION**

A reminder: Annual Auction and Flea Market, Saturday, August 21, St. Stephen's Church grounds, Old Chelsea. For information or to offer items for the auction or flea market, call James Strate (827-2237).

**FOURTH ANNUAL PONTIAC ARTISTS  
STUDIO TOUR**

June 12 & 13 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
ADMISSION FREE

Visit twelve artists at seven studios in beautiful Pontiac County.

Bus tours available through Ottawa Board of Education. Contact Shirley Claydon (613/239-2309).

Brochures and maps available at gas stations along Highway 148 West. Look for the magenta and blue tour signs.

For information contact Dale Shutt (819/648-2441) or Ruby Ewen (819/455-2253).

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**Mill/Museum Consultation a Success**

Between 20 and 30 friends of the Historical Society from the Wakefield area gathered on Sunday, April 25, to discuss the future of the Wakefield Mill and the Maclaren House Museum. The National Capital Commission has agreed to cover operating costs on both buildings over the next summer, and the Historical Society will be running both buildings from May 24 to Labour Day, September 6.

The meeting produced a number of useful ideas, and several people have come forward with offers of help. Once these have been confirmed, the details will be passed on to Society members in future newsletters.

Jay Atherton



**GONE TO REST:** Allan Jamieson, a long-time member of the Historical Society of the Gatineau. He will be remembered as the spouse of Frances, who at one time addressed the members upon her illustrious ancestor Sir Benjamin Thompson, Count of Rumford, an inventor of note.

Allan and Frances, parents of Catherine Pawley and grandparents of Kim and Mandy, with father, Bill, were for years staunch supporters of the Society's annual auctions, with both Kim and Mandy serving as runners and carriers at the function.

We are sad at his untimely departure but are glad to have had him in our midst. Farewell, good and faithful friend.

P.M.O. Evans

## NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members of the Historical Society:

Erma and William Place, Chelsea  
Mrs. Minerva Andrews, Grenville, Qué.  
John Irvin, Wakefield  
Mr. & Mrs. Neil Faulkner, Wakefield  
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Britton, Wakefield



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