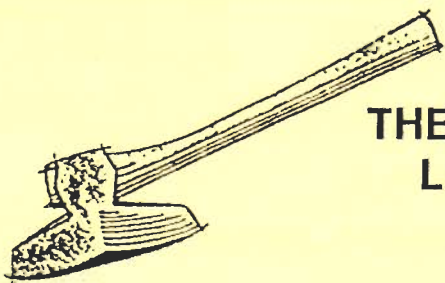


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ANNUAL AUCTION SET FOR AUGUST 19

The date of our annual antique auction and flea market is fast approaching. Overall coordinator again this year is **James Strate**, assisted by **Blake Watson**, who is coordinating the work of the volunteers. Location is the same as last year: the grounds behind St. Stephen's Church in Old Chelsea. The auction itself will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 19.

Those who wish to supply items for the auction sale or the flea market are invited to bring them along on Friday evening, August 18. For help with large items, or advice on matters concerning the auction, please call James Strate at 827-2237. If you wish to help out or have any questions concerning the work of the volunteers, call Blake Watson at 827-3583.

WHITHER THE WAKEFIELD MILL AND MACLAREN HOUSE?



Why are the Wakefield Mill and the Maclaren House closed this summer? Briefly, because the National Capital Commission is trying to complete negotiations with some people from Wakefield who have indicated an interest in operating a commercial venture on the site. Until that process has been completed, the NCC does not wish to see any activities taking place in either building.

Members may recall that both buildings, having heritage designations, were acquired by the NCC in 1980. In recent years the Commission has operated under guidelines that encourage the generation of revenue on all their properties. Hence the recent "request for proposals," and the resulting negotiations. Throughout this exercise, the Historical Society has consistently indicated its interest in cooperating with whoever the new tenants might be, to have a Society presence on the site, with a view to promoting interest in the history of the two buildings.

We hope that the negotiations will come to a successful conclusion shortly, and that suitable arrangements can then be worked out to protect the interests of the Society as well as to enhance the attractiveness of the Maclaren House and the Wakefield Mill for visitors and the citizens of Wakefield.

LAPECHE ESTABLISHES HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Under the leadership of its Mayor, Marie-Hélène Courtemanche-Boyle, the Municipality of Lapêche recently created a Heritage Committee, to promote interest in the history and heritage of the region among the citizens of Lapêche. Chair of the Committee is Winnifred Johnston, a Lapêche councillor, and the members are: Gunda Lambton, Norma Geggie, William Gauthier, Ernie Mahoney, Ray Daly, Thomas Foran, Hilaire Gauvreau, and Jay Atherton (representing the

Historical Society). The first meeting took place on May 12.

The Committee meets monthly, and has now had three productive sessions. Projects in which it is engaged include:

- identification of heritage buildings in the municipality, leading to their being recognized with suitable plaques;
- similar identification of heritage farms and other historical sites (where the original buildings themselves no longer exist);
- documenting heritage cemeteries;
- preparing a list explaining the origins of all road names in the municipality, and taking steps to encourage the use of the names of historical persons and places in new road names.

Look for further information on the work of the Lapêche Heritage Committee in future issues of the Newsletter.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Historical Society extends a warm welcome to the following new members:

Pierrette Bellefeuille Evans
Patrick and Karen Brown
Robert Woods

Janette Hamilton and Brian Silcoff
Grace Strachan
Mrs. H.A. Warren Nicolson

HAS YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED? Check the date on the address label below. To ensure a continuation of your membership (and the receipt of your copy of *Up the Gatineau!*), send a cheque today. A one-year membership costs \$15; two years, \$25.

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