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"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to fulfil it." - George Santayana

Coming Events

ANNUAL AUCTION - AUGUST 15

Saturday, June 20

2ND ANNUAL BRIDGE JAMBOREE

Wakefield Covered Bridge

Entrance Fee: \$ 10.00

FREE PARKING

Featuring a **Quality Craft Fair** on the bridge between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Thirty artisans will be displaying their wares.

Food and Drink (including hot and cold beverages, beer) will be available, thanks to the Wakefield Men's Club. **Sweets** provided by the local ladies.

An exciting **musical program** will take place between 2:00 and 8:00.

Special Children's Activities

(A family-oriented event sponsored by your friendly **Wakefield Covered Bridge Committee.**)



Saturday, June 13

Brockville House Tour

The Brockville and District Historical Society is sponsoring its annual House Tour on Saturday, June 13. Tickets at \$15 must be obtained in advance. For information call 613-342-4397.

Our annual auction (proceeds to support the work of the Historical Society) traditionally takes place on the third Saturday in August - and this year is no exception.

Watch for details in the next Newsletter. During Spring Cleaning, why not set some things aside for the auction or the accompanying flea market.

From the Archives

For the record, here is a list of the items displayed at the "Archives Treasures" evening on April 20.

Patrick M. O. Evans, *The Wrights: A Genealogical Study of the First Settlers in Canada's National Capital Region* (National Capital Commission, 1978).

Framed "Resolution of Condolence" to the family of Thomas Brigham Prentiss, from the officers and members of King Solomon Masonic Lodge, Aylmer, 14 May 1895.

"Plan Showing Lands Affected by the Power Development on the Gatineau River..." between Wakefield and Chelsea (blueprint, 1926).

Kirk's Ferry with Brown family farm, panoramic photograph, ca. 1910-1920.

Three photographs of property of Percy Selwyn, Kirk's Ferry, taken before flooding of Gatineau River in 1926.

Photograph of the Lambe cottage, Larrimac, early 1920s, later moved and became club house for Larrimac Golf Club.

Photograph of the original Larrimac Golf Club House (situated on the present number 5 tee!).

Copies of two photographs of the Cowden house and farm at the south end of the Meech Creek Valley (date uncertain).

Two panoramic photographs of the Village of Cascades, taken in May 1926 (the entire village was flooded as a result of the hydro dams in late 1926).

Two detailed framed photographs of the staff and students of La Pêche School, Wakefield, in 1894 and 1897.

Photograph (framed) of the mouth of La Pêche Creek looking southeast towards Wakefield Village, ca. 1900.

Framed photograph of the Maclaren complex at the falls on the La Pêche River in Wakefield, ca. 1900.

Gatineau Power Corporation, Distribution Map of the Village of Wakefield, 1940 (on loan from Councillor Bill Gonzales of La Pêche).

For information on the Archives (services, hours, etc.) please call the Archivist, Jay Atherton, in advance. His telephone number is (819) 827-1703.

Archives du Pontiac Archives SUMMER HOURS

The Pontiac Archives, located in Campbell's Bay, will be open the first week of July, the 6th to the 11th. Hours will be: Monday to Thursday, and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For information, contact Elsie Sparrow, Archives du Pontiac Archives, Box 346, Campbell's Bay. QC J0X 1K0.

OGS Annual Seminar 2000 to Take Place in Ottawa

The annual seminar of the Ontario Genealogical Society in the year 2000 will be hosted by the Ottawa Branch, and held at the Ottawa Congress Centre, May 12 - 14. Watch for details in future Newsletters.

Active Writer - II

Katharine Fletcher is still looking for ideas for her series of articles in the *Ottawa Citizen* on heritage homes in the National Capital Region. If you know of **a pioneer home that is still a residence** (i.e. not a business or commercial venture), you can call Katharine at (819) 458-2090 or contact her via electronic mail at chesley@netcom.ca.



Telephone Etiquette

The useful little answering machine or service seems to be everywhere these days. Here are a few ideas aimed at increasing its effectiveness. When leaving a message, be sure to **speak clearly** and make sure your message includes:

- your name and telephone number,
- day and time,
- your message,
- repeat your name and telephone number.

And to the person on the receiving end, here is a useful suggestion: do not in your haste, confusion, or due to fatigue, accidentally delete the message before you have written down its details.



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