



# **Rideau Township Historical Society**

North Gower, Box 56, Ontario, KOA 2TO

# **April 2007 Newsletter**

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• Meeting Wednesday, April 18, 2007, 7:30 p.m.

at the Rideau Township Archives Main Street, North Gower

Speaker: Mark Brus, Parks Canada

Topic: Rideau 175 - an update

Mark Brus is the Project Officer for the Rideau 175 anniversary celebrations. He will discuss the possible World Heritage designation for the Rideau Canal, and will talk to us about "getting involved" in the celebrations. Individuals and communities are encouraged to participate.

Light refreshments

Bring a friend

For a ride call Brian Earl 613-692-2371

### Last meeting:

Colin Churcher was our entertaining and informative speaker with great photos of Ottawa's railways, trains and stations from a by-gone era. Well done!

### • Rideau Warriors:

Mark Jodoin has written about the Eastmans, U. E. L, who struggled for peace and finally settled in Kars, North Gower and Carsonby. See *Esprit de Corp*, April 2007.

## • Newspaper article:

Watch for the Ottawa Sun's story about the Prince of Wales Highway, Old 16, and Coral Lindsay with a photo of Manotick Main Street c 1920.

### Upcoming events:

April 15 The Rideau Route – Ken Watson

> The title of Ken's talk is "Planning and Surveying the Canal: Choice of routes"; the talk is at 2:00 p.m. at the Merrickville United Church. Next lecture May 27, Victor Suthren: War of

1812.

April 21, 22 Rideau Seniors **Garage Sale**, Manotick Mews,

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Kars Public School Used **Book Fair**. April 21, 22

Donations welcome before April 17.

April 21 The Canal Workers Commemoration Group

will honour the people who died during the Canal

construction with a memorial concert organized by Kevin

Dooley at Dominion Chalmers United Church.

www. Rideau175.org

April 25 RTHS executive meeting at the home of Pat de St. Croix

May 5 **CHOO/COPO** annual general meeting, 2:00 p.m.

at Knox Manotick Presbyterian Church

Guest speaker Mark Jodoin.

Presentation on some of the Loyalist veterans of the

American Revolutionary War who settled the Rideau in the 1790s, with a particular focus on the first settler on the Rideau within the recently amalgamated City of Ottawa,

Ensign Roger Stevens.

Fundraising BBQ in Dickinson Square, noon.

www.choocopo.ca

May 13: St. Paul's Anglican Church at Beckett's Landing will host

> the first of a **Rideau 175** series with Coral Lindsay and friends and the steamboats coming and going from Eligh's

Wharf west of the Landing. Call 613-489-2029.

May 22 Rideau 175

Event at Rideau Canal National Historic Site, 34A Beckwith

Street, Smiths Falls, with a special focus on youth and

students from Ottawa to Kingston.

June 1-3 Doors Open Ottawa

**Dickinson Days at Manotick** 

Ontario Genealogical Seminar, being held in Ottawa this year For more on the Seminar call 613-820-4488 or email

conference@ogsottawa.on.ca

June 30 Event at the Ottawa Locks with a flotilla from Dow's Lake,

music on a boat, acrobats on top of the locks and historical

interpretation, Governor General....

• **Wanted:** a home for then R.T.H.S. computer with a Zip Drive and

running Windows 95.

### News from the Rideau Archives . . .

#### Hours:

The Archives is open every Tuesday from 9:30 am to 4:30 p.m. (613-489-2926), and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month.

Thank you to Brian Booth for his gift of Manotick in the Geological Age (10,000 BC – 3000 BC) for our reference library. This is the first of a series for author Brian Booth.

Thank you to George Hobson for his gift of the 1963 calendar, published by Harry Watson, Manotick, a collector's item in 19634 and now.

#### Sunday, May 6, 2007:

John Wilson, former Rideau Township Councillor, will present information about surveying and the lots and concessions demarcating property in Ontario. Do you know where you live and how the boundaries are established?