

# **Rideau Township Historical Society**

North Gower, Box 56, Ontario KOA \ZTO

**Meeting:** Wednesday, February 16, 2005, 7:30PM

*At the Ottawa Archives: Rideau Township Branch, 6581 Fourth Line Road, North Gower*

*Speaker: Mark Jodoin*

Mr. Jodoin is an avid Rideau Canal boater, resident, and heritage enthusiast and is a graduate of Carleton University's School of Journalism. He began his career as a broadcast newsman for TVOntario and Global Television News in Toronto. He has since worked throughout Canada, the United States and Europe as a high technology marketer and entrepreneur. Mr. Jodoin was a partner and co-founder of several start-up companies which brought many 'new media' innovations into Canada. Mr. Jodoin is active in the Ottawa community having served as a member of the Board of the Ottawa Hospital Foundation, a member of the President's High Technology Advisory Council of Carleton University, as a foster parent with the Children's Aid Society of Ottawa, and most recently, as a member of the RTHS Executive.

***Topic: Archives without Walls: the Boundless Sources of Online History***

History has shown new technologies emerge on the backs of old, often re-purposing existing content while introducing new value of their own. In the 1920s, movies entertained millions while giving new life to classic plays and the stage actors who dramatized them. In the 1950s, television shows became as ubiquitous as radio by visualizing radio performances and giving faces to the voices of radio actors. In the 1990s, the introduction of the internet leveraged centuries of archive content and collections relating to arts, culture, education and history with simple digitization.

Once digitized and 'posted' to the Internet, generations of invaluable visual and textual media (both printed and celluloid) become available to countless people throughout the world. Hundreds of millions of pages of new material have been added in this century bringing with them a revolution in the creation and distribution of historical data. Mr. Jodoin will lead an online 'group surf' browsing some of the most popular and relevant online sources of interest to the Ottawa and Rideau heritage communities while demonstrating the simple, fun, easy-to-use value-added aspects of the internet.

Additional 2005 Programs Planned: Chair Eric Field, 489-3915

*March 16: Steve Dezart "Early By town ,.*

*April 20: Serge Barhe "Eastview to Vanier"*

*May 18: Bruce Strahy "History of Recorded Music" June:*

*Rideau River Excursion with Tour Guide Visitors*

*Welcome. Bring a Friend.*

**Light Refreshments will be served.**