



# Rideau Township Historical Society

North Gower, Box 56, Ontario, K0A 2T0

## March 2007 Newsletter

Newsletter Editor: Coral Lindsay (rideauarchives@ottawa.ca)

- **Meeting**            **Wednesday, March 21, 2007, 7:30 p.m.**  
at Knox Presbyterian Church  
Dickinson Street, Manotick

**Speaker:**            **Colin Churcher**

**Topic:**                **The Railways of Ottawa**

Colin Churcher is a member of the Bytown Railway Society and the Ottawa Valley Association of Railroads. Like Brian Earl Colin is an avid railway historian.

Light refreshments

Bring a friend

For a ride call Brian Earl  
613-692-2371

- **Last meeting:**

Mark Jodoin presented "Settler, Scout, Soldier, Spy" based on his research and the article he wrote for the February edition of *Esprit de Corps*, one of a series Mark is producing.

- A number of our members attended Heritage Day on February 19, and "waved the flag" for the new mayor.

- **Future meetings:**

April 18

Mark Brus from Parks Canada, Smiths Falls office, speaking about the Rideau 175.

- **Don't miss:**           **Route Canal**, a weekly podcast radio show about Rideau 175 which may be downloaded free from [www.Podcastproducer.ca](http://www.Podcastproducer.ca) in Ottawa.
  
- **Upcoming events:**
  - April 20 and 21       Book Fair at Kars Public School. Donate books first and then come and buy different ones.
  
  - 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.
  
  - 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](mailto:conference@ogsottawa.on.ca)
  
- **Wanted:**           a home for an 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.

**Sunday, April 1, 2007:**

Megan Gruchy, a Curator of the Canadian Museum of Civilization, will talk about conservation in general and her own specialization, textile conservation.

Megan, daughter of Charles and Ann Gruchy, grew up in North Gower, attended Kars Public School, South Carleton High School, the University of Windsor and Algonquin College for Museum Studies.