



Rideau Township Historical Society

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September 2006 Newsletter

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- **Meeting** **Wednesday, September 20, 2006, 7:30 p.m.**
 at the Carsonby Community Centre
 6045 Prince of Wales Dr.
- Speaker:** **Coral (not again!) Lindsay, the Corn Lady**
- Topic:** **Corn, Marvellous Corn**
 (because the Barns of Rideau presenters requested more time)

There will be a whirlwind journey through 80,000 years in a cornfield maze. Did you know that Mayan farmers used corn to pay their taxes? Our farmers still try to do the same. Did you know that a “Bloody Butcher” red ear might lead to a population explosion? That the Maid of the Mist may have been the first Canadian Idol? That the infant Dionne Quints started a corn syrup war?

Come early and identify a hand-held hill planter, a cast-iron sheller and an old husker.

Light refreshments
Bring a friend

For a ride call Brian Earl,
692-2371

- **Next meeting:** **Wednesday, October 18, 2006, 7:30 p.m.**
 at the Rideau Township Archives

The “Barns of Rideau” will be presented by the team of photographers and researchers working since last winter on this project.

- **Coming Events**

- **Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006, 7:30 p.m.**

- Location t.b.a.

- The guest speaker will be Michael Houston, Ottawa Police Services with his research and photos of the history and evolution of the 150 years of the Ottawa Police.

- **Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006**

- The 2006 Rideau Waterway Symposium will be held at Code's Mill in Perth. For more information, contact Coral Lindsay, 613-489-2029.

- **Past Events**

- **June 3 and 4, 2006**

- Doors Open Ottawa was very successful at the Rideau Township Archives.

- The Historical Society venue at Dickinson Days was a popular location and attracted children as well as adults.

- The Antiques Road Show was remarkable because there were more than 76 artifacts appraised and many astonished owners. Well done, Jane Anderson!

- The June 24 excursion to the Lost Villages of the St. Lawrence was excellent, including the delicious lunch at the McIntosh Inn and remembering Dr. Mahlon Locke of Williamsburg. Well done, Ron Wallace!

- *Buildings of Old Rideau Township: A Driving Tour* by Betty Bartlett has been selling very well, especially at the Kars General Store and at the Burritt's Rapids General Store. Well done, Betty!

- **Save Our Square**

- Kathy Killens will report on progress of the committee at the September R.T.H.S. meeting. In addition she will be asking for suggestions for programming for the Dickinson Square.

R.T.H.S. gratefully acknowledges the financial support received from the City of Ottawa.

News from the Rideau Archives . . .

The Rideau Township Branch of the City of Ottawa Archives offers something for everyone this fall. It is open every Tuesday from 9:30 am to 4:30 p.m. (613-489-2926), with an exhibit on the 150th Anniversary of Kars, and with knowledgeable staff to help with information requests. Recent researchers hailed from far away places like Toronto, Winnipeg, San Diego and Virginia as well as from rural and urban Ottawa. The Archives is also open the first Sunday afternoon of every month from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., usually with a speaker.

Family History: Sunday afternoon, October 1, Susan McKellar will speak on “Finding Your Ancestors: A Beginners’ Introduction to Genealogy”. She will briefly describe strategies and sources of information, show an example of her own research, and talk about resources available at the Rideau Archives.

Barns: A team from the Archives has started a project to document the Barns of Rideau Township – where we’ve been, where we are now, and where we’re going. The team will give an illustrated talk (lots of pictures) about this project at the October meeting of the Rideau Township Historical Society on October 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Archives (6581 Fourth Line Road, North Gower).

Recent Acquisition – the Craig collection: The Archives is grateful to Craig Stratton for his donation of the extensive Hugh Craig collection of papers from the mid to late 19th century. These include North Gower militia lists from the 1850s and 1860s, family letters, farm and household receipts, and church, land and municipal records. These are available for research at the Archives.

Name the Musical:

I’m as corny as Kansas in August....

The corn is as high as an elephant’s eye....

The winners will receive cobs in the husk.

Deserving Manotick man newly named to Order of Canada

by Jennifer Charlebois, from the Ottawa South Weekender, August 4, 2006

A Manotick man has been named to this year's Order of Canada. Dr. Dennis G. Osmond is part of a group of 77 names to the prestigious club along with well known Canadians such as fiddler Natalie MacMaster and retired Maj.-Gen. Lewis MacKenzie.

"I'm quite delighted," said an elated Osmond, who was acknowledged for his work in health care. "It's a great honour to receive this. This is a wonderful community and I'm honoured to serve here," he says.

Osmond came to live in Manotick in 2000 after his retirement in Montreal and quickly joined the Legion, where he now serves as the first vice president. Dr. Osmond received his medical and research training from the University of Bristol following service in the Royal Army Medical Corps and a Fulbright Scholarship at the University of Washington, Seattle in 1960. He entered McGill University as an associate professor of anatomy in 1965. He was promoted to full professor in 1967 and held that post until he was appointed to the Robert Redford Professorship in 1974. He also served as the chair of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology from 1985 to 1995.

A highly respected teacher in the department known for its teaching excellence, Dr. Osmond created the "Anatomy for Surgeons" medical elective in 1977, one of the most popular and longstanding electives for fourth year students in the Faculty of Medicine.

In 1985 he inaugurated the Annual Commemorative Service for body donors and their families. This ceremony, held in June at the end of each academic year, allows students in the health professions, who have benefited from the donors' gift to medical education, to pay tribute.

He was also named to the Faculty of Medicine's Honour List for Educational Excellence in 2000.

Dr. Osmond's pioneering work as a researcher in the field of immunology established the central role of the bone marrow as a primary site of B lymphocyte production and quality control, an important contribution to our understanding of the normal immune defences of the body.

His research led to visiting scientist awards held at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute for Medical Research, Melbourne, Australia in 1972, and at the Basel Institute for Immunology, Switzerland in 1980.

Dr. Osmond has served as associate editor and reviewer for numerous scientific journals and he has given invited talks to many research meetings and universities around the world.