

The GHS Logo Contest Update

The deadline for submission of entries is
Saturday July 5th.

So you still have time to get out your pens, think creatively and compose a suitable logo which the Society can use on its publications and letterheads. It should be effective in both large and small formats, colour or black and white and it should readily denote the Society with Georgeville area and/or historical themes.

You may submit your logo designs to
John Scott (819-843-6880
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Judy Bachelder, (819-847-2595
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either as a hard copy or by email attachment any time between now and July 5th. The prize winning entry will be on display at the AGM on July 6th.

Stanstead Historical Society

Summer Exhibition

*"From Rustic Country to Village
Community – North Hatley"*

*Colby-Curtis Museum, Stanstead
June to Labour Day
Daily 10.00am – 5.00pm*

**DATES TO
REMEMBER
SUMMER 2008**

Saturday June 28th
Canada Day Parade

1.00pm

*Come and join in the fun and cheer on
the GHS Float.*

Sunday July 6th

17th Annual General Meeting & Talk
Murray Hall

2.30pm

Wednesday July 16th

Walking Tour of the Village
Starting at Murray Hall

7.00pm

Wednesday August 13th

***Historical Walk along the old Magoon
Point Road.***

11.00 am.

Car Pool from Murray Hall

Bring a lunch!

Georgeville Nature Ski

Nature Walks

Sunday June 22nd 11.30 am

Saturday September 6th 10 am

Saturday October 11th 10am

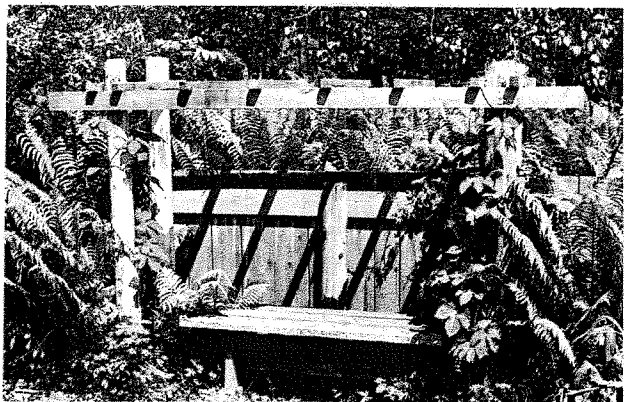
Destinations TBA

Report on Bigelow Garden

There was concern that the Bigelow Garden fences were falling down and would need some drastic, costly replacement. However, Dick Hornby, who had built the fences in the first place some 15 years ago, pronounced the fence posts to be rot free and was able to re-seat them firmly so that they are now capable of holding the fence upright for another decade. He also built us a replacement arbour. Many thanks, Dick. The Spring Clean-up and preparations for summer visitors is almost complete. Working in the Garden in May is always a pleasure, not only is it cool, but the clusters of snowdrops, daffodils and primulas lift the spirits. Remember to take a look over the garden gate next Spring.

We have a solid volunteer team ready to maintain the herb beds during the summer, but we can always do with additional help. If you could spare a couple of hours sometime, please contact Valerie Pasztor (819-868-4314 valerie.pasztor@mcgill.ca)

We decided not to hold a plant sale this year, it seems that we have all shared our favorite perennials at previous sales and few novelties turn up as donations that people really want to buy. But we will reintroduce the sale sometime soon.



The new arbour donated by Dick Hornby for the Bigelow garden

The New Archive Project

In the last Newsletter, we spoke of our plans for expanding the GHS archival collections to include more recent materials. For the sake of convenience, we will administer two archives separately:

The Georgeville Historical Archive,
1797-1918

The New Georgeville Archive,
1918 to the present day.

The former, which is already extensive, will continue to be curated by John Scott ably assisted by John Boynton and several other GHS Directors.

The New Archive will be coordinated by Aileen Desbarats (Documents, Records and Ephemera) Judy Bachelder (Photos) Valerie Pasztor (Tapes and Oral History). We are in the process of setting up effective management systems and databases so that our collections can be easily accessed by future researchers. Do consider entrusting us with materials that will contribute to our record of the life and times of the Georgeville area.

These old stones

Four of the Georgeville Historical Society's directors attended a conference at the Granit Museum in Stanstead on Wednesday, 28th May, 2008, organized by the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network and moderated by Matthew Farfan. It considered the problem of those abandoned and neglected rural cemeteries scattered over the parts of the province originally settled by English-speaking pioneers. Concerned individuals, some of them members of local historical societies, continue to trace the location of small, almost forgotten burial grounds, reminders of our Anglophone heritage. In our area we know of four: the Magoon Point, Hill, Bodwell and Judd's Point cemeteries, all

overgrown with trees and containing toppled and broken stones dating from the early 1800s.

The 70 or so people who attended heard Matthew Farfan introduce the subject. Dwane Wilkin spoke about the problem of obtaining funds to cover the cost of restoring and maintaining these cemeteries, and the possibility of obtaining funds for that purpose from the provincial Department of Culture and Communication. Heather Darche described the work of the Missisquoi Historical Society, which provides in its budget a considerable sum to cover the cost of looking after the many such cemeteries that it has adopted. Finally Charles E. Marchant of the Vermont Old Cemeteries Association gave a slideshow presentation of the various problems encountered in the restoration of old cemeteries and how they are dealt with, followed by a demonstration of techniques for repairing broken stones. Should our society decide to take under our wing one or more of the four cemeteries in our area, the knowledge we gained at the conference will be invaluable.



Even tombstones in well kept cemeteries, like these of Increase Bullock and his wife, show some deterioration with the passing years.

Architect to deliver GHS Annual Lecture

Marianne McKenna, in addition to being a Georgeville summer resident, is an internationally-acclaimed architect. Her projects range from music conservatories and wineries to university master plans and state-of-the-art research laboratories. She has taught at several universities including McGill, University of Toronto and Yale. She and her family summer in an 80-year-old farmhouse on Magoon Point Road that she has completely renovated inside while respecting and enhancing the traditional exterior. She will share her thoughts on this pairing of heritage with contemporary design in her talk immediately after the society's AGM on Sunday July 6th 2008.

GHS Board seeks new members

The Board of Directors for 2007-08 is:

Valerie Pasztor, President
Stephen Moore, Past-President
Judy Bachelder, Vice-President
Stacey Johnston, Secretary
Lise Godbout, Treasurer
Addie Atkin
John Boynton
Bruno d'Anglejean
Aileen Desbarats
Bernard Drew
Christian Hurlow
Jean-Pierre Lefebvre
Stuart Martin
Deane Moffat
John Scott

John Boynton will be presenting recommendations from the Nominating Committee at the AGM. Anyone interested in serving on the Board should contact him as soon as possible.