

Georgeville Historical Society/

Société d'histoire de Georgeville

Newsletter - Summer 2004

2004 AGM

The Society's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 10th at 2:30 pm at the Murray Memorial Centre. This year's guest speaker is Louise Boldon who will relate the story of the Camber family, whose association with the Georgeville area dates back to the early 1800s. Louise, a cousin to Junior and Ritchie Camber, will explain to us how the Cambers came to this part of the country and the evolution of the family through subsequent generations. She will also reveal how one family member made a significant innovation in agricultural technology worldwide! So plan to join us for this illuminating tale of one of the oldest families still connected to the village. Everyone is cordially invited to attend, members and non-members alike.

A great opportunity to renew your membership in the Society!... or become a member if you haven't already!

Bigelow Garden

A spring cleanup of the Society's pioneer garden was undertaken during the month of May in preparation for the new growing season. A work crew consisting of energetic volunteers removed leaves and other debris from the fence line and garden beds that had accumulated over the course of the off-season. The volunteers groomed the garden paths, tilled the soil of the

various beds and laid out new layers of mulch. The natural beauty of the flowering daffodils and other early blooming plants made working in the garden a spring delight!

The May cleanup was a complement to earlier efforts in trimming the apple tree and the various shrubs that adorn the entrance to the garden.

Plans for this year include a re-planting of the biblical plot, a re-vitalization of the flower borders at the periphery of the garden, finishing the replacing of plant labels and revamping the children's plaques.

The 'Annual Perennial Plant Sale' was held May 29th and, as in past years, was a great success. Profits from the sale will subsidize the maintenance of the garden. Kudos to Valerie Pasztor and her team of volunteers!

Annual General Meeting
Saturday, July 10, 2004
2:30 PM
Murray Memorial Centre

Guest Speaker:
Louise Boldon

Tombstones and Grave Markers

If you missed them last year, don't despair! John Boynton is once again all set to conduct cemetery tours in and about the village of Georgeville. Join John for one of his evening tours and learn about some of the more interesting individuals that once resided in our fair community... all of them characters in one way or another, each with a story waiting to be told.

Mark these dates on your calendar:

MacPherson Cemetery – Wed. June 30th

Ives Cemetery – Wed. July 28th

Bullock Cemetery – Wed. August 25th

Each tour will commence at 7:00 pm.

In case of rain, tours will be rescheduled for the following evening.

Magoon's Point Excursion

A decade ago, Society president Stephen Moore presented an interesting talk on the once flourishing community of Magoon's Point. Now, on the 10th anniversary of that presentation, Stephen will lead a walking tour of the site where the village once existed 'down on the Point'. The tour will consist of a leisurely visit to the various sites of interest that now exist only as historical remnants amid the pastoral landscape. Although hidden from public view for the most part, the specific sites are easily accessible by foot.

Everyone is invited to join us for this casual 'walkabout' and history lesson all rolled into one! Bring a light lunch, appropriate foot wear, and a sense of curiosity for this trip back in time!

The excursion is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21st. Participants are asked to meet at the Memorial Centre at 11:00 am. Car-pooling is recommended.

Townshippers' Day

The location for this year's

Townshippers' Day is set for Merry's Point in the nearby city of Magog on Saturday, September 18th. The event will mark the 25th anniversary of Townshippers' Day and the Georgeville Historical Society will be participating for the first time. So if you are planning to attend this now historic and popular celebration of English-speaking culture in the Townships, drop by our display table and say hi!

The Georgeville Enterprise

This summer's newsletter comes in place of The Georgeville Enterprise, which John Scott has overseen, and mostly written, for the past 12 years. John has decided it is time to take a breather. Under his direction, The Enterprise has earned a devoted readership not only among past and present Georgevillians, but throughout the Townships' historical community..

Important Dates to Remember:

MacPherson Cemetery tour – Wednesday,
June 30 at 7:00 pm

Annual General Meeting – Saturday
July 10, at 2:30 pm

Magoon's Point excursion – Wednesday,
July 21 at 11:00 am

Ives Cemetery tour – Wednesday,
July 28 at 7:00 pm

Bullock Cemetery tour – Wednesday,
August 25 at 7:00 pm

Seeking Volunteers

The Society is open to any member who might wish to serve on its Board of Directors. If you would like to contribute to our activities, please contact John Boynton at 819-843-2675.