

# Georgeville Historical Society/

## Société d'histoire de Georgeville

Newsletter - Summer 2005

### 2005 AGM

The Society's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 17th at 2:30 pm at the Murray Memorial Centre. This year's guest speaker is Claire Slater who will relate the story of how in the 1940s and '50s, Georgeville became an unofficial haven for 'men of the cloth'. During this period, a number of notable theologians became seasonal residents of the village and their legacy remains with us today. Claire is the granddaughter of the late well-known and well-loved Reverend Dr. Robert H.L. Slater. 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

The Society's pioneer garden has once again rebounded thanks to warmer weather and the grooming undertaken by director Valerie Pasztor and her group of dedicated volunteers.

The apple trees have been trimmed back and the forsythia bushes reshaped. And more sunlight will now reach the plant beds with this spring's removal of a number of unsightly poplar trees outside the southern fence. The garden's bench has been refinished and new bed markers have also been added.

So if you haven't stopped by lately, please do. You will be pleasantly surprised at the visual delights and the tranquility that the garden has to offer. And don't forget to sign the guest book!

Annual General Meeting  
Sunday, July 17, 2005  
2:30 PM  
Murray Memorial Centre

Guest Speaker:  
Claire Slater

### Tombstones and Grave Markers

If you've missed them in the past, 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.

And if you've joined us before, please do so again! John promises to highlight new individuals this season for your enjoyment and enlightenment.

Mark these dates on your calendar:  
MacPherson Cemetery – Wed. June 29th  
Ives Cemetery – Wed. July 27th  
Bullock Cemetery – Wed. August 24th  
Each tour will commence at 7:00 pm.  
In case of rain, tours will be rescheduled for the following evening.

### **East Road Excursion**

In light of the interest generated in last year's excursion to the once flourishing community of Magoon's Point, the Society has decided to undertake another walking tour this summer. This time, the focus will be the East Road, on the outskirts of the village. The tour will highlight the various families that lived along this nearby thoroughfare as well as some of the houses and related buildings that have survived. Also hopefully scheduled, will be a visit to the small cemetery on the old Richard Copp farm, a burial plot not normally accessible to the general public.

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 20th. Participants are asked to meet at the Memorial Centre at 11:00 am. Car-pooling is recommended.

### **The Great Historical Challenge**

This summer the Society is hosting its first 'Historical Challenge', a contest open to all current members. The contest consists of a questionnaire that participants are required to complete by the end of summer. The questions deal with points of historical interest in and about the village. The contest runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> till Labour Day and can be tackled in a single concerted outing or at one's leisure over the course of the summer months. A knowledge of the history of Georgeville is not required, just a willingness to become acquainted with some of the community's landmarks!

A number of local businesses have generously donated prizes for the event. The top two prizes will be drawn from

all those participants who manage to complete the questionnaire correctly. The first prize will consist of 'breakfast for two' at the *Auberge Georgeville*. A second, runner-up drawing will consist of a \$25 gift certificate from the *Georgeville Boutique*. And a third drawing will be made from all those individuals who opted to participate, with the winner receiving a freshly baked pie from the *Georgeville General Store*.

A great way to familiarize yourself and/or your family members with the history of the village and have a chance at a great prize!

A copy of the questionnaire and contest rules is enclosed with this newsletter. Additional copies may be obtained by calling 843-2675 or 876-7426.

### **Important Dates to Remember:**

MacPherson Cemetery tour – Wednesday,  
June 29 at 7:00 pm  
Annual General Meeting – Sunday  
July 17, at 2:30 pm  
East Road excursion – Wednesday,  
July 20 at 11:00 am  
Ives Cemetery tour – Wednesday,  
July 27 at 7:00 pm  
Bullock Cemetery tour – Wednesday,  
August 24 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.