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### **President's Report**

*By Alan McLay*

The Annual General Meeting of the Historical Society was held at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 27, at the Routhier Community Centre. Twenty-seven members were present. Guest speaker Christina Tessier outlined the Museum's Sustainability Plan, which was developed to provide longterm financial support for the ten local museums in the City of Ottawa over the next four years. Christina invited members of the Society to show their support for the plan by sending a postcard to their local councillor. The proposal will go to City Council for debate in mid-July.

The Treasurer's Report was approved and the Annual Report was received. Patricia Hartney thanked Carmel Rombough for checking all the figures in the financial report.

After extensive discussion the motion to approve the disposal of the collection of artifacts owned by the Historical Society was carried unanimously. All artifacts that are relevant to the Historical Society will be kept. Those artifacts that meet the mandate of the Bytown Museum will be offered to that museum, complete with catalogue records and files. Those artifacts that do not meet the mandate of the Bytown Museum will be offered to other museums and non-profit societies or agencies. All artifacts not accepted by the above bodies and those for which a suitable recipient can not be found will be disposed of by public auction. All artifacts that are of such condition that they cannot, or should not, be offered at public auction will be destroyed.

A second motion that, where lawful and practical, the donor of the arti-

fact be approached to determine whether the donor wishes the artifact returned was also carried.

The following members were elected by acclamation to the board of Directors for the year 2005/2006: Donald Baxter, Donald Carrington, Patricia Hartney, Joseph Konst, Alan McLay, Clifford Scott, Herbert Sills, and George Toller. There are two vacant positions on the Board.

Pat Richardson suggested that a new brochure advertising the activities of the Historical Society be considered. Ruth Toller thanked all the members who had brought refreshments to the monthly meetings in the past year. The meeting adjourned at 3.45 p.m.

Best wishes to all our members for a pleasant and relaxing summer.

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### **National Gallery Tour**

*By Alan McLay*

On April 21 fifteen members of the Historical Society were treated to a private exhibition of war artists from

the Prints and Drawings section of the National Gallery of Canada.

Jean Palmer, a volunteer art historian at the Gallery, introduced each work of art and commented on the artists' lives, the historical background of their work, and the variety of styles and media.

Early in World War I Lord Beaverbrook was instrumental in establishing a collection of art depicting the war and commissioning well-known British artists such as Paul Nash, Wyndham Lewis, and Augustus John. Canadian artists included F.H. Varley, Arthur Lismer, and David Milne.

From World War II works by Carl Schaefer, E.J. Hughes, Molly Lamb Bobak, and Pegi Nicol Macleod were displayed. Alan McLay thanked Jean for arranging this special exhibition and for preparing such an interesting and informative commentary on each work of art. It was a fitting prelude to the opening of the new War Museum in early May.

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# The Historical Society of Ottawa

Patron: Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, C.C., C.M.M., C.D.  
Governor General of Canada

The Historical Society of Ottawa was founded in 1898 (as the Women's Canadian Historical society of Ottawa). Its objective is to increase public knowledge of the history of Ottawa by its publications, meetings, tours, outreach and participation in local heritage events and also by its co-operation with the Bytown Museum, a store of artifacts reflecting Ottawa's history from Bytown days and into the present century. Its headquarters is in the Bytown Museum, Colonel By's Commissariat Building, constructed of stone in 1827 and located at 1 Canal Lane by the Rideau Canal between the Château Laurier and Parliament Hill.

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**A note regarding Membership renewals** - For regular members of the Ottawa Historical Society, your renewal date is shown on your address label on this newsletter. Please check it and see that you are up-to-date. If not, a renewal form is available on Page 7.

## Coming Events

Thursday, June 16-  
Spring Tour  
8:45 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Monday August 1-  
Colonel By Day  
Bytown Museum  
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday September 30 -  
Monthly Meeting  
Routhier Community  
Centre  
2 p.m.

October -  
Fall Bus Tour  
Details TBA

## Obituary Marie Ann LaFrance

We regret to announce the death of Marie Ann LaFrance on May 21, 2005. She was the widow of Dr. Marston LaFrance, late Dean of Arts, Carleton University. As a member of the Historical Society of Ottawa Marie Ann attended the monthly meetings and went on several bus tours despite ill health. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

## Bytown Museum Report

*By Christina Tessier*

### Summer Events at the Bytown Museum

Throughout the summer the Bytown Museum will be buzzing with activity. Enjoy our events and programming as part of a visit to the beautiful surrounding parkland by the Ottawa River. Enjoy a cold drink or ice cream to top things off!

### Bytown Museum's 2005 Exhibit: Service and Sacrifice, 150 Years of Policing in Ottawa

Our latest interactive and hands-on exhibit showcases 150 years of the Ottawa police force from its early years to the present day. On until November 30th 2005.

### Police Exhibit Programming

**1 p.m. – 4pm:**

Throughout the summer, come to the Museum to learn about different aspects of Ottawa Police Services.

**18 June** – OPS Pipes and Drums

**25 June** - performance by the OPS Chorus

### July 1<sup>st</sup>: Canada Day

Enjoy a multi-media presentation on the Capital's history, ice cream and cold drinks at our scenic location.

Open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m..

**2 July** - Ottawa Police Bicycle Patrol: Cycling Safety

**16 July** – OPS Underwater Squad with enactment in the Ottawa River

### August 1<sup>st</sup>: Colonel By Day at the Bytown Museum

A full day of interactive and dynamic heritage fun and celebration at the museum, in partnership with CHOO/COPO. Celebrate Ottawa's rich heritage with characters from the past and enjoy many artisans and activities. 11am – 5pm.

**27 August** - Child Print: Have your children fingerprinted for safety by the police.

## 2.8 Million Trees Planted

*By Rudy Dyck*

This year's reforestation efforts will bring the total number of trees planted by landowners and conservation partners in the Rideau valley watershed through RVCA programs to 2.8 million over the past 22 years.

Landowners who are interested in tree planting are encouraged to contact the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) as soon as possible. Although the program is fully subscribed for this spring, now is the time to register for 2006. Forestry staff will assist landowners with a site visit to discuss landowner objectives and prepare a planting plan based on soil texture and drainage, suitable species, recommended site preparation, planting method, and tending. Some properties may be eligible for incentive grants. Forestry staff will help determine the landowner's options and submit their project to the appropriate program. Most of the seedlings planted come from the Ferguson Forest Centre in Kemptville.

RVCA and Conservation partners are planting approximately 150,000 tree seedlings this spring including about 75,000 in rural Ottawa through the City's "Green Acres Program". This program is a partnership between the City of Ottawa, South Nation, Mississippi and Rideau Conservation Authorities. Another 75,000 seedlings will be planted in the remainder of the RVCA watershed. Contractors will plant 50,000 by machine and 65,000 by hand. Landowners and volunteer groups like Scouts Canada, Friends of the Jock River and Friends of the Carp River will plant about 35,000. Most of these projects would not be possible without the support of our many generous funding partners including City of Ottawa, Wetland Habitat Fund, Lanark, Ottawa, Leeds & Grenville Stewardship Councils, Tree Canada Foundation, Eastern

Ontario Model Forest, Ontario Power Generation, Hydro One Networks, Pratt & Whitney Canada, Nortel Ottawa Dragon Boat Race Festival, Canada Lands Company, McGarry Family of Chapels, Monterey Inn Resort, Mountain Equipment Co-op, University of Ottawa Bookstore, Pegasus Publishing, Margaret Atwood, Harris Computer Services, Forest 2020, and the Rideau Clean Water Program.

The tree seedlings are being planted on many sites across the Rideau watershed for erosion protection, wind-breaks, connecting fragmented forest, stream and riverbank rehabilitation, and to establish forest cover on idle or marginal land.

Rural Landowners with one acre or more of land interested in planting a minimum of 500 trees are asked to call the LandOwner Resource Centre at (613) 692 2390 or 1 800 387 5304.

*Rudy Dyck is the Forestry Program Manger for the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.*

## 2005 Heritage Fair

*By Clifford Scott*

On April 23 from 10 AM to 3:30 PM, the third annual Heritage Fair was held at the Cartier Square Drill Hall, home to the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa and the Governor General's Foot Guards. The Drill Hall is an historical building having been constructed in 1878. Mayor Chiarelli was piped in to officially open the ceremonies and then visited displays celebrating Ottawa's history.

Students from 16 schools (representing all Ottawa School Boards plus private schools and home schooling groups) participated and were judged by volunteers from the Heritage and Educational communities. Delegates to the Provincial Fair in Hamilton were selected, as was the local delegate to the National Fair to be held in Saskatoon in July.

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The City Award for the best local history project was won by Christina Pasqua of St. Patrick's Intermediate for her project on "Italian Week in Ottawa". Christina also won the Historical Society cash prize to be presented by President Alan McLay at a school event that is currently being planned.

The Heritage Fair program will continue to be supported by our Society as one of the best ways of reaching out to elementary and high school students to make them conscious of our past, our heritage and the contributions made by past citizens of our country. The initiative of our Society was critical in getting the Fairs movement started in Ottawa and our continued support is sincerely appreciated. Our sponsorship of a student award has led to a similar initiative on the part of the British Isles Family History Group of Ottawa.

*A complete list of the Awards are on Page 5*

## On the Road to World Heritage

It's official; on January 28, 2005 the Government of Canada nominated the Rideau Canal to UNESCO for consideration as a World Heritage Site. World Heritage Inscriptions (acceptance) are made in June of each year, so it will be June 2006 at the earliest to find out if UNESCO will accept the Rideau Canal as a World Heritage Site. In the meantime, there is lots of technical work that will be done by UNESCO to evaluate the Rideau against its criteria for a World Heritage Site. If the Rideau is accepted, it will represent a number of firsts. The Rideau will be the first canal in North America to be inscribed and the first World Heritage Site in Ontario. Bottom line is that it will be a rather big deal (bells will be rung and banners will be flown).

The nominated site consists of the waters and lockstations of the Rideau

Canal and the military fortifications in Kingston. The Kingston military fortifications include Fort Henry and the Kingston Martello towers (Fort Frederick Tower, Shoal Tower, Cathcart Tower and Murney Tower). The actual boundaries of the Rideau Canal portion of the site will be the lands owned by the Government of Canada, including all the waters of the Rideau up to the regulated high water mark. In addition there is a 30 metre buffer zone surrounding the actual nominated site.

From a Rideau landowners' perspective, not much will change with World Heritage Inscription. The World Heritage Convention, which Canada has signed, protects land rights (for instance, it includes the phrase "[designation is] without prejudice to property rights provided by national legislation"). The actual nominated site for the Rideau Canal is already under a Parks Canada management plan (and has been since the early 1990s). It will be this management plan that governs the Rideau under World Heritage, just as it now does for the current Canadian Heritage River designation.

The 30m buffer zone is controlled by municipality/township official plans, most of which already regulate activity within the near shore environment.

From a tourism/economic development perspective, World Heritage has the potential to be a huge boost to the area. It rolls right in with the current work being done on the new cultural tourism initiative for the Rideau Corridor (the Rideau Heritage Route). World Heritage puts the Rideau on the world's stage. Those of us living on the Rideau and those visiting the Rideau know what a treasure it is, but World Heritage is the official stamp on this fact.

From a heritage and environmental perspective, World Heritage inscription has the potential to help for those of us working to preserve and enhance the heritage and natural environment of the Rideau Waterway. World Heritage Site status is a prestigious designation that will encourage people and governments to take the necessary steps to ensure that the Rideau Canal will be protected and conserved for this and future generations.

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*Helping hands - Here the staff at Nicholsons get some help from a couple of enthusiastic volunteers*

**Treasurer's Report - January 1 to May 31, 2005**

**Revenues**

Memberships and Donations	\$3,303.38
Province of Ont. Grant	\$ 900.00
City of Ottawa Grant	\$3,000.00
Monthly Meetings Refreshments Fund Profits	\$ 93.48
Sale of publication	\$ 4.00
Miscellaneous	\$ <u>26.15</u>
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$7,327.01</b>

**Expenses**

Newsletters	\$ 748.27
Administration	\$ 225.67
Special Mail-outs	\$ 454.52
Phone	\$ 249.02
Membership Dues	\$ 112.10
Room Rental	\$ <u>71.07</u>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$1,860.65</b>
Net Income	\$5,466.36
Current bank balance	\$17,839.13

**Bus Tours and Christmas Luncheon 2004**

The following information is provided as a result of a member's query at the Annual General Meeting held on May 27, 2005.

**Spring Bus Tour – June 3, 2004**

Revenues	\$1,899.08
<b>Expenses</b>	
Bus	\$ 856.00
Cumberland Museum	\$ 120.00

Osgoode Township Hist Soc.	\$ 40.00
Bearbrook Farm	\$ 521.58
Photocopying	\$ 19.05
Parking at St. Richard's	\$ <u>25.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$1,581.63</b>
Net income	\$ 317.45

**Fall Bus Tour – October 5, 2004**

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$2,350.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Bus	\$ 856.00
Ottawa Valley Theatre Organ Soc.	\$ 180.00
Renfrew Museum	\$ 50.00
Coco Jarry's Restaurant	\$ 549.25
Gratuity to waitresses	\$ 50.00
Arnprior Museum	\$ 100.00
Photocopying	\$ 10.00
Parking at St. Richard's	\$ <u>25.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$1,820.25</b>
Net income	\$ 529.75

**Christmas luncheon – December 3, 2004**

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,620.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Caterer	\$ 890.50
Choir	\$ 50.00
Rental of hall	\$ <u>150.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$1,090.50</b>
Net income	\$ 529.50

**Historica Ottawa Region Heritage Fair 2005 Winners HBC Award / Prix HBC**

Michael Li, "Hudson's Bay Company," Mother Teresa High School

**City of Ottawa Award/ Prix de la ville d'Ottawa**

Christina Pasqua, "Italian Week in Ottawa," St. Patrick's Intermediate

**Royal Bank of Canada/ Prix de la Banque royale du Canada**

Sara Doody, "The Haida", Mother Teresa High School

**Les projets choisis pour représenter la region d'Ottawa à la fête provinciale/Projects selected to represent the Ottawa area at the Provincial Fair 4e et 5e années / From grade 4/5**

1. Jasmine Van Schouwen, "Pierre Elliott Trudeau", école Elizabeth Bruyère
2. Samuel Hadwen, "The Last Legacy of Thomas MacKay", Home Schooler's Association
3. Kevin Cheevers, "Journée J: Place Juno", école Laurier-Carrière

**6e et 7e années / From grade 6/7**

1. Kathleen McGregor, "E. Pauline Johnson", Westboro Academy
2. Alexandra Nagerl, "Anne of Green Gables", All Saints Catholic High School

3. Melissa Blanchard and Alina Ahokas, "Elsie Gregory McGill," Mother Teresa

**8e et 9e années / From grade 8/9**

1. Andrew Pham, Alex Braidek\*, and Erik Uggeldahl, "Vimy Ridge," All Saints Catholic High School
2. Emily Keyes, "L'explosion d'Halifax," Immaculata

**Le projet choisis pour représenter la région d'Ottawa à la fête nationale/The project selected to represent the Ottawa area at the National Fair**

1. Samantha Graitson, "Wellington et Sussex", Mother Teresa - **National Fair Winner**

**Les gagnants de la médaille Laurier LaPierre 2005 /**

**The winners of the 2005 Laurier LaPierre Medal:**

- Kathleen McGregor- Westboro Academy
- Arlena Larouche - St. Patricks Intermediate
- Andrew Campbell - All Saints
- Damaris Gomez - Immaculata
- Alexander Davis, Elijah Gwayumba - Mother Teresa
- Rafei Caday - Westboro Academy
- Elijah Doern - Home Schooled
- Adam Brown - Barrhaven Teaching Co-op
- Ryan Ivanvich – Westboro Academy

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We're lucky that the Rideau Canal has been continuously operated since it first opened in 1832 since this has helped to maintain the canal structures, many of which are still very close to their original 1832 state. World Heritage status should make it easier to get the necessary maintenance and capital funding required to preserve these heritage elements and keep the canal part of Canada's living history.

It has been a long road to the nomination for World Heritage. Friends of the Rideau has been a significant player in this process, starting in 1992 with the formation of a Friends of the Rideau World Heritage Committee chaired by FoR director Larry Turner. Larry was instrumental in helping to organize the "World Heritage Convention - Heritage Transportation Canal Corridors - International Meeting of Experts" held at the Opinicon Hotel in September 1994.

This convention, which brought together 16 international experts in the field, hammered out a definition of canals and a set of guidelines for the inclusion of heritage canals as World Heritage Sites, since prior to that time, canals were not candidates for World Heritage designation. Larry, who tragically passed away in 1996, hoped to see the Rideau designated by 1998. We're a bit late, but at least we're now on our way.

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**Membership Renewal Form****The Historical Society of Ottawa**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal/New \_\_\_\_\_ No. Members \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Interest (Activities?) \_\_\_\_\_ (Volunteer?) \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership fees**

Single \$35/year  
 Student \$10/year  
 Family \$50/year  
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Membership \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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