

# **Rideau Township Historical Society**

*North Gower, Box 56, Ontario K0A 2T0*

**Meeting:** Wednesday, March 16, 2005, 7:30 p.m.

*At the Ottawa Archives : Rideau Township Branch, 6581 Fourth Line Road, North Gower*

**Speaker:** Steve Dezort

Mr. Dezort is presently the Program Coordinator at the Bytown Museum. He has several years of museum programming experience that include working at provincial and community heritage sites and museums. Throughout his career Steve has been involved in designing and delivering educational programming that is interactive, curriculum linked and lively animated by costumed historical characters. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in anthropology and museology from Trent University, Peterborough and completed the Museum Studies Program at Sir Sandford Fleming College, Peterborough.

**Topic:** Early Bytown

Steve will be giving a lecture on early Ottawa (Bytown) history. He'll touch on the construction of the Rideau Canal and the boozing, brawling days of Bytown, when it had a reputation as "the most dangerous settlement in British North America" following Bytown's progression into the heady days of the lumber boom and its emergence into ~~Ottawa's~~ Capital.

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**2005 Programs Planned:** Chair Eric Field, 489-3915

April 20: Collector's Night: members "show and tell" at the Carsonby Community Centre

May 18: Bruce Straby "History of Recorded Music" in the Trinity United Church sanctuary, Kars

June: Rideau River Excursion with Tour Guide and lunch at Roclyn House Restaurant, Smith Falls

**Visitors Welcome**

**Bring a friend**

**Light Refreshments**