

Rideau Township Historical Society

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- **Meeting** **Wednesday, April 19, 2006, 7:30 p.m.**
 at St. Andrew's Church Hall
 6810 Rideau Valley Drive South, Kars

Speaker: **Jeff Cronin, President**

Topic: **The Roman Empire and its frontiers on**
 Hadrian's Wall, England.

After a career as an engineer in military aviation research and development, centrifugal pump design and application, followed by quality assurance management in the nuclear pump field and in the Canada Post Procurement arm, Jeff Cronin feels that he is eminently qualified to pontificate on things historical!

Having waited 68 years to visit the World Heritage sites on Hadrian's Wall, in northern England, Jeff felt a need to put the experience into the perspective of the Roman Empire. This spawned a Power Point presentation, on the history, building and manning of Hadrian's Wall, which he hopes will encourage other members to make use of the equipment we are acquiring to present their favourite historical topic (with a little help from their friends).

- **Meeting:** **Save Our Square**
 Tuesday, April 11, 2006, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Read the letter from Ted Ross and try to attend.

- **Last Meeting:** **Burns Dinner, January 18, 2006**

Thanks to Jeff and Brenda Ball for the great p.p. presentation on their archeological work on LeBreton Flats.

- **Next Meeting:** **May 17, 6:00 p.m.**

A walking tour of old Kars Village followed by a program in one of the local halls. Meet at Kars Public School.

- **Dickinson Days: June 6**

On Sunday, June 4 we will host an Antiques Road Show in the Ayers Building. **Help wanted!** We need appraisers and will establish categories accordingly. We also require members and friends to greet and assist the collectors with their treasures. Call Jane Anderson at 692-4147.

- **Book Fair: Kars Public School,
Friday, Apr. 21, 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. and
Saturday, Apr. 22, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

Used books may be dropped off or picked up by April 7 (call 489-4174).

- **Executive meeting: April 26, 7:30 p.m.**

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- **Rideau Canal 175** is to be celebrated in 2007 and will be designated a World Heritage Site in June of '07. It will be the first in Ontario to be accepted by UNESCO.

From the Archives:

The monthly Sunday afternoon Open House has been very successful. On Sunday, May 7, the feature presentation will be Cooking in Rideau with Audrey Renton. The RTA library now has a collection of early and local cookbooks donated by families in the area. For more information call 489-3224.

The March Open House program was about the Eastmans, founders of Kars, North Gower and Carsonby.

The April speaker was Barbara Humphreys on local trends in architecture.

Hours: every Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
first Sunday of each month, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
489-2926 or rideauarchives@ottawa.ca

Visitors and volunteers always welcome.