



Rideau Township Historical Society

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April 2007 Newsletter

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• **Meeting** **Wednesday, April 18, 2007, 7:30 p.m.**
at the Rideau Township Archives
Main Street, North Gower

Speaker: **Mark Brus, Parks Canada**

Topic: **Rideau 175 - an update**

Mark Brus is the Project Officer for the Rideau 175 anniversary celebrations. He will discuss the possible World Heritage designation for the Rideau Canal, and will talk to us about "getting involved" in the celebrations. Individuals and communities are encouraged to participate.

Light refreshments

Bring a friend

For a ride call Brian Earl
613-692-2371

• **Last meeting:**

Colin Churcher was our entertaining and informative speaker with great photos of Ottawa's railways, trains and stations from a by-gone era. Well done!

• **Rideau Warriors:**

Mark Jodoin has written about the Eastmans, U. E. L, who struggled for peace and finally settled in Kars, North Gower and Carsonby. See *Esprit de Corp*, April 2007.

• **Newspaper article:**

Watch for the Ottawa Sun's story about the Prince of Wales Highway, Old 16, and Coral Lindsay with a photo of Manotick Main Street c 1920.

• **Upcoming events:**

- April 15 **The Rideau Route – Ken Watson**
The title of Ken’s talk is “Planning and Surveying the Canal: Choice of routes”; the talk is at 2:00 p.m. at the Merrickville United Church. Next lecture May 27, Victor Suthren: War of 1812.
- April 21, 22 Rideau Seniors **Garage Sale**, Manotick Mews,
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- April 21, 22 Kars Public School Used **Book Fair**.
Donations welcome before April 17.
- April 21 The **Canal Workers Commemoration Group**
will honour the people who died during the Canal
construction with a memorial concert organized by Kevin
Dooley at Dominion Chalmers United Church.
[www. Rideau175.org](http://www.Rideau175.org)
- April 25 RTHS executive meeting at the home of Pat de St. Croix
- May 5 **CHOO/COPO** annual general meeting, 2:00 p.m.
at Knox Manotick Presbyterian Church
Guest speaker **Mark Jodoin**.
Presentation on some of the Loyalist veterans of the
American Revolutionary War who settled the Rideau in the
1790s, with a particular focus on the first settler on the
Rideau within the recently amalgamated City of Ottawa,
Ensign Roger Stevens.
Fundraising BBQ in Dickinson Square, noon.
www.choocopo.ca
- May 13: St. Paul’s Anglican Church at Beckett’s Landing will host
the first of a **Rideau 175** series with Coral Lindsay and
friends and the steamboats coming and going from Eligh’s
Wharf west of the Landing. Call 613-489-2029.
- May 22 **Rideau 175**
Event at Rideau Canal National Historic Site, 34A Beckwith
Street, Smiths Falls, with a special focus on youth and
students from Ottawa to Kingston.

