



# Rideau Township Historical Society

North Gower, Box 56, Ontario, K0A 2T0

## December 2007 Newsletter

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- **Meeting**      **Wednesday, December 12, 2007, 7:30 p.m.**  
at the North Gower United Church  
Church Street, North Gower

### **Pot-luck Christmas Dinner**

Ann Cronin, Convener, 613-692-6273

### **Entertainment:**

Everard de Sousa will provide Christmas music with his keyboard.

Bring a friend

For a ride call Brian Earl  
613-692-2371

- **Last meeting:**

Thank you to all 45 members and friends who braved the first snowfall to hear about Lindsay's Wharf south of Kars. Thanks also to all who helped with the exhibits, especially Ed Anderson and Stephanie Hayes.

- **Coming events:**

January 16:

### **RTHS Meeting**

Presenting at the January 16th meeting will be RTHS member George Hobson. George's presentation is entitled "The Mysteries of Sir John Franklin" and will examine many of the unanswered questions arising from Franklin's explorations of Arctic Canada. He came to the Canadian north near the end of the 'Little Ice Age' and despite much searching for clues in warmer times since, questions remain about the location of his ships, his camera, his logbook, and his earthly remains. Only one cairn and only one note were left in the desolation of the Arctic. Why?

This is also the Annual General Meeting.

- **Rideau 175:**

RTHS President, Mark Jodoin, participated in the 2007 Rideau Waterway Symposium held in Kingston during the last week of November. Recently designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Canal is now experiencing increased international visibility and greater awareness of its opportunities and risks. Speakers addressed the implications of the designation as it affects tourism, environmental sustainability, and the fortunes of the many communities located along the waterway. The keynote speaker was Lawrence Mawhinney, Mayor of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, who discussed Lunenburg's evolution as a World Heritage Site in relation to economics, tourism and maintaining Lunenburg's historic authenticity. Parks Canada will be hosting an international conference on world canals in place of next year's Symposium in the autumn of 2008.

- **Christmas shopping:**

Jane Anderson will have some books for sale at the Dec. 12 meeting including ***Whiskey and Wickedness in the Lower Rideau Valley*** by Larry Cotton, \$20.00, and others.

### **News from the Rideau Archives . . .**

**Hours:**

The Archives is open every Tuesday from 9:30 am to 4:30 p.m., and at other times by appointment. (613-489-2926).

Closed Tuesday, December 25, 2007 and Tuesday, January 1, 2008.

**Marlborough Assessment Rolls:**

Georgie Tupper has digitized information from the township assessment rolls for some years between 1852 and 1882, and Mary Davidson is checking this.

**Year of the Potato:**

Guess what? The United Nations has declared 2008 as the Year of the Potato. This will be recognized in the Agriculture and Heritage component of Superex '08 in the Aberdeen Pavilion at Lansdowne Park.