

Rideau Township Historical Society

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- **Meeting :** **March 15, 2006, 7:30 p.m.**

at the Rideau Township Archives, North Gower Main Street

- **Guest Speaker:** Phil Jenkins has lived in the Ottawa Valley for more than 35 years. His first book, *Fields of Vision*, about Canadian farm families, was a national bestseller. After his second book, *An Acre of Time, LeBreton Flats*, Phil was the R.T.H.S. guest speaker in April, 1997. His third book, *River Song*, will be Phil's topic this month.

Phil Jenkins is also a singer/songwriter and is a regular performer at Kelly's Welcome, Manotick. See the Manotick Messenger, Feb. 22/06 and Manotick Review, Feb. 22/06. Phil was there for the Rock of Legions fundraiser for the Manotick Legion. Thanks, Phil.

Light Refreshments

Bring a friend

Promote our membership!

- **Future Meetings:**

- April 19, 2006**

- Jeffrey Cronin will present his research on Hadrian's Wall.

- May 17, 2006**

- Coral Lindsay will conduct a walking tour of old Kars followed by an excerpt of Kars history.

- Thanks to Jeff Earl for his excellent powerpoint presentation on LeBreton Flats archaeology in February.
- Program for June, 2006 ? The program committee, Eric Field and Ron Wallace, would appreciate your help.
- The 2006 R.T.H.S. officers' directory should be available next month.

- Irish Week, March 8-17, is in full swing. To contact the Irish Society call (613) 591-9194 or try www.irishsocietyncr.com.
- Heritage Day, Feb. 20, 2006, was very successful again.
- Volunteers wanted: to please photograph the barns still standing or at least partially erect on Rideau farmsteads. They are being demolished now. Call Betty Bartlett or Ron Wilson.
- Rideau Township Archives is open 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. The March 5 program included the Eastmans, who founded Kars Village. The April 2 program is to be confirmed so please watch for the notices in the local stores and post offices.
- The future use for Dickinson Square in Manotick is under review and the consulting firm asked for ideas from President Jeff and other members. If the Square and the 5 buildings become a miniature Upper Canada Village, 1860-1900, as one of Ottawa's museums, then Manotick could become a competitor with Merrickville as the Jewel on the Rideau. A wise woman said, "Never skimp on luxuries."
- The next R.T.H.S. executive meeting will be held at Eric and Eleanor Field's home on March 22, 7:30 p.m.