



Rideau Township Historical Society

North Gower, Box 56, Ontario, K0A 2T0

May 2006 Newsletter

Newsletter Editor: Coral Lindsay (rideauarchives@ottawa.ca)

- **Meeting** **Wednesday, May 17, 2006, 7:30 p.m.**
at the Rideau Township Archives
Fourth Line Road, North Gower

Speaker: **Coral Lindsay**, Kars resident since 1953

Topic: **“The Eastman Family”**,
United Empire Loyalists,
founders of North Gower, Carsonby and Kars

Walking Tour:

Before the meeting please join Coral Lindsay at the Kars Public School for a guided tour of old Kars. Starting at 6:00 p.m., the walk will take about one hour.

Displays at the Archives: Kars Village

Light refreshments
Bring a friend

For a ride call Brian Earl,
692-2371

- **Excursion:** **Saturday, June 24, 2006**

The Lost Villages of the St. Lawrence

Including Mille Roche, Mouillette, Wales, Dickinson's Landing, Farran's Point and Aultsville. Inundation Day, July 1, 1958. The bus tour will include the Lost Villages Museum near Long Sault with guide Jane Craig. We will also drive along the Shoreline Parkway and later by Dr. Locke's house and other historic sites in the Williamsburg area. Buffet at the McIntosh Inn at Morrisburg at 12:00 noon.

\$35.00 per person. Pre-registration and payment to Pat de St Croix, 489-2316.

Bus will leave the Kars R.A. grounds around 10:30 a.m. and should arrive back about 3:45 p.m. For more information call Ron Wallace (489-3453) or Eric Field (489-3915). See also the RTHS June Newsletter.

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Antiques Road Show

Sunday, June 4, 2006

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Board Room, Ayers Building
1128 Mill St., Dickinson Square, Manotick**

Appraisals for china, lamps, books,
jewellery, dolls, toys, furniture, textiles
including samplers and lace, and other
antiques and collectibles

\$5.00 per item

*Come and see what other people think of your
treasures!*

Georgina Tupper wins Heritage Award

Georgina Tupper was presented with a City of Ottawa Distinguished Civic Appreciation Award on May 3, 2006, in recognition of the enormous contribution she has made to her community and to heritage over the years.

Upon moving to a historic stone house on a farm near the village of Kars in 1968, Georgie became interested in the heritage of the area. But she also attributes her fascination with local history to influences in her childhood home of rural Nova Scotia, with its old, interconnected families. This interest, combined with her strong sense of community, encouraged her to become involved in a number of organizations and projects, often in a leadership role.

This tireless community volunteer's many activities include:

- founding member of R.T.H.S.
- former president of R.T.H.S.
- founding member and determined advocate of Rideau Township Archives
- chair of volunteers for the Rideau Township Archives since its inception in 1990
- former member of the Kars Women's Institute
- president of the Kars R.A.
- chair of the Kars Fair
- founder of the Rideau Ballet School
- co-vice president of the organizing committee for the 1983 International Plowing Match held in Richmond
- member of the Parliamentary Wives Association
- member of the Ontario Heritage Association
- trustee of the Ottawa-Carleton Plowman's Association for several years
- researcher for "Kars on the Rideau"
- author of "Followin' the Furrow: A History of Plowing in Carleton County"
- author of the Hyland Family History
- long-time researcher of the founding families of North Gower and Marlborough townships
- member of the Heritage Board for the former Township of Rideau

Georgie feels honoured to receive this award, and feels it really belongs equally to the many volunteers she has worked with. The award is currently on display on North Gower at the Rideau Township Branch of the City of Ottawa Archives.

Congratulations, Georgie, from all your many friends!

- **Coming Events**

The Antiques Road Show

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Please come and support this R.T.H.S. effort. Call Jane Anderson (489-4147). See attached flyer for details.

DOORS OPEN OTTAWA

June 3 and 4, 2006,

at the Rideau Township Archives
Call Georgina Tupper (489-3792) if you could help.

At the Archives

A record crowd of 65-70 people enjoyed Audrey Renton's "Pioneer Cooking and Bread Baking" on May 7. The Archives will continue to open on June 4, July 2, August 6 and September 3 without a guest speaker. Susan McKellar will present "Finding the Ancestors: genealogical strategies and sources" on October 1.

The first edition of "Presence of the Past" will be for sale on Dickinson Days – if all proceeds as planned. To help on June 3 with the R.T.H.S. booth please call Jeff (692-6273).

Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006, 7:30 p.m.

"**The Barns of Rideau**" will be presented by the 6 teams of photographers now "shooting" and compiling data for the inventory.

Book Sale at Watson's Mill:

May 13-14, 20-21 and 27-28, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- **Last Meeting**

Jeff Cronin presented a great PowerPoint view of Hadrian's Wall and an overview of Roman Britain on April 19. Thanks, Jeff. Well done.

- **Save Our Square**

Thank you for all who turned out for the community meeting last month. Kathy Killens and Ann Scott will represent the R.T.H.S. as the process continues. This motion will be presented by the Executive at the May meeting. Please consider it: **That the Society donate \$500.00 to the Save Our Square organization to keep the Dickinson Square in public ownership.**

R.T.H.S. gratefully acknowledges the financial support received from the City of Ottawa.