



Rideau Township Historical Society

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May 2007 Newsletter

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- **Meeting** **Wednesday, May 16, 2007, 7:30 p.m.**
at the Rideau Township Archives
Main Street, North Gower

Speaker: **Fred Davidson**

Topic: **Heritage Architecture in the 21st Century**

Fred Davidson has been the director of the Heritage Architecture program at Algonquin College, Perth Campus, and will present an overview of the masonry, carpentry and other aspects of this work, using PowerPoint. Fred will also describe “green” building practises now in use.

Light refreshments

Bring a friend

For a ride call Brian Earl
613-692-2371

- **Last meeting:**

Last meeting: Mark Brus, Rideau 175 Project Officer, spoke with enthusiasm about the anniversary celebrations, getting involved, and the hope for a World Heritage designation.

- **Rideau Warriors:**

Mark Jodoin, RTHS president, will publish a story about Theodore de Pencier and his role with the Hessians during the American Revolution before the family settled here on the Rideau.

• **Upcoming events:**

- May 13 **Rideau 175 – May 13, 7 pm.**
St Paul's Anglican Church at Beckett's Landing will host the second of a Rideau 175 series featuring the steamboats coming and going from the Landing and from Eligh's Wharf nearby. Coral Lindsay will be the presenter.
- May 21 **Auction Sale**
An auction sale will be held at the farm of the late Jim McNiece, long-time member of RTHS, on Monday, May 21, 10:00 a.m. Many 19th century & early 20th century antique items. The house was built in 1830 on the south shore of Stevens Creek at Kars.
- 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.
- June 2-3 **Doors Open at the Rideau Township Archives**
If you could help please phone Georgina Tupper (613) 489-3792 or the RTA at (613) 489-2926.
- June 1-3 **Dickinson Days.**
The RTHS booth will also require volunteers.
- June 20 **June Outing**
Plans are underway for RTHS to have lunch at Kelly's Landing on the Rideau. More information at the May Meeting.
- June 30 **Event at the Ottawa Locks** with a flotilla from Dow's Lake, music on a boat, acrobats on top of the locks and historical interpretation, Governor General...

- **Wanted:** a home for then R.T.H.S. computer with a Zip Drive and running Windows 95.

News from the Rideau Archives . . .

Hours:

The Archives is open every Tuesday from 9:30 am to 4:30 p.m. (613-489-2926), and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month.

Sunday, May 6 2007. Owen Cooke presented photos & stories of the 1942 army exercises at the Canal in Ottawa when 2 young solders drowned.

Sunday, May 6, 2007:

The Sunday programs will resume in October.