



# Rideau Township Historical Society

North Gower, Box 56, Ontario, K0A 2T0

## November 2006 Newsletter

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• **Meeting**                    **Wednesday, November 15, 2006, 7:30 p.m.**  
at the Rideau Township Archives  
Fourth Line Road, North Gower

**Speakers:**                    **Michael Houston**

**Topic:**                        **Ottawa Police Services 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Michael Houston received his formal photographic training in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1976 where he attended the Canadian Forces School of Aerospace, Ordnance and Engineering. Posted to Ottawa at the Canadian Forces Photo Unit, he performed a variety of different functions, from technical to portrait photography, film processing and printing, as well as a tour with the motion picture unit.

Starting in 1983 with the Ottawa Police, he took the department from hand-processing black and white into a full colour processing facility. Twenty-three years later, he leads a team into the future with a state-of-the-art lab. He is also a Certified Photographic Consultant.

On his own time, he hosts a morning show at a local radio station, and teaches Continuing Education photography and digital imaging courses at Algonquin College.

Michael Houston prepared a video and CD of his research for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ottawa Police Services in 2005 and has 3000 scans for this project.

Light refreshments  
Bring a friend

For a ride call Brian Earl,  
613-692-2371

- **Last meeting:**

The Archives was filled with an audience keen to hear from the “Barns Project,” a work in progress, and to see the photo display to date. Well done Ron Wilson, Owen Cooke, Susan McKellar and research team.

- **Next meeting:        December 13, 2006**

**Christmas Party** will be held in the North Gower United Church Hall (with elevator) with a pot-luck supper and entertainment. Details will be announced.

- **Coming Events**

**December 2, 2006**

A new history of Osgoode Village is to be launched at 1:00 p.m. in the Osgoode Public Library.

**December 2, 2006**

The Donnelly family of Donnelly Drive and their band, “The Marlbores,” will host an old-fashioned Christmas from 1:00 p.m. to midnight in the Pierce’s Corners Hall. The afternoon will include music, tree-trimming by the children, story-telling and vintage toys with Coral, a pot-luck supper (turkey and dressing provided) and old-time dancing at night. Celebrate Christmas country-style. Phone 613-925-4487 for more information.

**December 9 and 10, 2006**

Members and friends are cordially invited to a St. Nicholas party, house tour and tea, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at 6836 Rideau Valley Drive S., Kars. Period costume would be appreciated and you may wish to sing, dance, recite, play a musical instrument or recount a Christmas anecdote. Coral’s family will provide refreshments. No R.S.V.P. required. The back door is still the main entrance in this 1850 farmhouse.

**January 17, 2007**

Annual reports and election of officers. Speaker may be Mark Brus, Parks Canada, Rideau Canal 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. For membership renewal contact Brian Earl, 613-692-2371. There are 68 paid for 2006. Well done, Brian.

- **Note:**

Digital affairs coordinator is Mark Jodoin. His blog about the corn exhibit at the Ex is as follows:

<http://superexheritagecornexhibit.blogspot.com/>

- **Executive meeting:**

Wednesday, November 22, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Jeff and Ann Cronin.

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### **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.

**November 21, 2006:** The annual management meeting and reports with City staff, as well as plans for the future.

**Sunday, December 3, 2006:** The Archives will be closed, but the next open Sunday is January 7, 2007.

The Rideau Archives is in need of a computer, which, amongst other things, will be used to produce this newsletter. At a minimum, it requires or must be able to run Windows 2000. If anyone has a surplus machine they would be willing to donate, please contact Owen Cooke or Pam Chiles at the Archives.

Query: Why is Cranberry Creek so named?

Answer: High-bush cranberries grow along its shores. Local people harvested them and some may still enjoy them.  
Wild turkey anyone?