



Rideau Township Historical Society

North Gower, Box 56, Ontario, K0A 2T0

October 2007 Newsletter

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- **Meeting** **Wednesday, October 17, 2007, 7:30 p.m.**
at the Rideau Township Archives
6581 Fourth Line Road, North Gower

Speaker: **Gavin Liddy, Superintendent of the Rideau Canal,
Parks Canada**

Mr. Liddy has been Superintendent since 2006. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Commerce from the Royal Military College and a MBA in Finance and Marketing from the University of Ottawa. He joined the federal government in 1981, holding various positions with the Department of National Defence (DND) both in Canada and Germany. Later he worked at Treasury Board then at the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency. Mr. Liddy joined the Parks Canada Agency in June 2003 as Director, Strategic Planning.

Topic: **Rideau 175**

This year marks the 175th anniversary of the opening of the Rideau Canal, North America's oldest continuously operating waterway, a National Historic Site of Canada and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The purpose of Rideau 175 is to create a year long celebration of the culture, heritage and uniqueness of the Rideau Canal in communities through which it passes from Ottawa to Kingston.

Light refreshments

Bring a friend

For a ride call Brian Earl
613-692-2371

- **Last meeting:**

Thank you to Glenn Lockwood for your serious/hilarious presentation with and without slides on the screen! The audience appreciated your insight and interpretation of the blending of the United Empire Loyalists, the Irish and other immigrants who settled the Rideau Valley. Well done.

- **Rideau Warriors:**

The Smyths, U. E. L., of Smiths Falls are the heroes in the October issue of *Esprit de Corps*, and President Mark visited their Fort Edward, New York, residences during the Thanksgiving weekend.

- **Dickinson Square**

RTHS needs a member to serve on the Dickinson Square Heritage Management Inc. (DSHMI). Financial support is also requested to prepare the business plan. Please help. Please contact Bonnie Gray at bgray@magma.ca or call her at 613-692-4436 or pick up donation forms at Watson's Mill. Save Our Square.

- **Coming events:**

October 13

Auction

Historic brick house, antiques, household furniture, glassware and miscellaneous articles

1571 Washington St., Kars

Prop. Mrs. Het Smith

Auctioneers: James and Hill Auction Service Ltd.

Contents at 10:00 a.m., property at 2:00 p.m.

October 21

Rideau 175: Another Rideau World

The Merrickville Historical Society will host Jonathan Moore, Underwater Archaeologist, Parks Canada, with his videos of the Rideau below the surface, at the Merrickville United Church.

Admission \$5.00

October 27

National Conference of the Power and Sail Squadrons of Canada
President Mark and Coral will be guest presenters re the Rideau 175.

November 18

Rideau 175: The Rideau as Living History, by Doug Stewart

November 21

RTHS meeting

The November meeting of the RTHS will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kars. Coral Lindsay will present the story of the Lindsay family of Lindsay's Wharf.

Nominations for 2008:

According to tradition this committee will be chaired by Past President Jeff Cronin. Volunteers will be rewarded with “job satisfaction”.

Next executive meeting: to be announced

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).

North Gower Discovery Tour:

Over 40 people dropped in to the Archives, and “discovered” what we have to offer.

Taylor Brickyard:

Georgina Tupper spoke to the Rideau Seniors about this local business which operated for about twenty years around 1900. A brick and several ledgers were recently donated to the Archives; they document purchases of brick for many local buildings.

Jamieson history:

The Jamieson family recently donated some family and local history, including photographs and genealogy.

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