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March 29 – Vernissage for New Art Exposition, Sherbrooke

The Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre presents a ‘meet the artists’ at the vernissage for its latest exhibition, Expressions from the Earth - paintings and pottery by Ena Greyeyes and Paula Curphey, on Sunday, March 29, from 2 to 4 p.m., at 9 Speid Street, Sherbrooke.

Ena Greyeyes, a painter, works with simple tools; a hand-held, non-electric saw, natural pigments, varnish and bee wax. Using her own technique she employs laminated wood to create powerful expressions or art. As an aboriginal artist, Ena's heritage plays a very important role in the way she portrays her art.

Artist Paula Curphey has been a studio potter for more than 30 years. Her varied repertoire includes anything from dishware to garden ware. Curphey explores both the functional and decorative avenues of her work and specializes in brush work, glaze-drying and wax resist. Paula draws inspiration for her work from Nature and diverse cultures. The exhibit runs until May 31.

For more information, contact Uplands at (819) 564-0409, or visit www.uplands.ca/eng/lenn-ascot.html.

April 8 & 9 – Four one act plays by Lady Gregory, Montreal

Concordia University’s Department of Theatre and The Centre for Canadian Irish Studies presents four one act plays by Lady Gregory on April 8 and 9, from 7:30 p.m., at Cazalet Studio Theatre, F.C. Smith Auditorium, Concordia University, 7144 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal. Free admission, but seating limited.

Directed by Kate Bligh, the plays, The Rising of the Moon, The Gaol Gate, Hyacinth Halvey and The Full Moon, focus on the lives and antics of a rich collection of characters, providing an entertaining night of theatre that explores rural west Ireland culture at the beginning of the 20th century.

For more information, telephone (514) 848-8711, email cdnirish@alcor.concordia.ca. Visit www.cdnirish.concordia.ca.

April 20 – Lecture on William Topley Studio Photographs, Chelsea

The Gatineau Valley Historical Society is hosting a lecture by Andrew Rodger, an archivist since 1975 at Library and Archives Canada, on the William Topley Studio Photographs on Monday, April 20, from 7:30 p.m., at the Chelsea Community Centre, 220 Old Chelsea Road, Chelsea.

The Topley Studio was active in Ottawa from 1868 to 1923, and was one of the most important studios in Canada during this time, taking pictures of the crème de la crème of Canadian society, as well as documenting a great deal of Ottawa's and Canada's history, including that of the Gatineau.

For more information, contact the Gatineau Valley Historical Society at Tel: (819) 827-6224, or email info@gvhs.ca. Visit www.gvhs.ca.

April 30 – Conference to honour Quebec historian Brian Young, Montreal

The Montreal History Group is presenting a conference in honour of Brian Young's retirement on Thursday, April 30, at Thomson House, McGill University.

For more than 30 years, Brian Young and the Montreal History Group (formerly the Montreal Business History Project) have produced dozens of studies of Quebec history, trained generations of graduate students, and provided a unique space - in both a metaphorical and a literal sense - in which scholars from across the linguistically-divided world of the Canadian academy have been able to meet, discuss, and debate questions of Quebec history and historical interpretation.

This conference will not only consider the core questions and concerns that have shaped this thirty-year history, but will also debate the continued importance of its legacy for the future.

Cost: Waged, \$20; Students/Unwaged, free.

For more information, and to RSVP by April 10, send email to mhgmday2009@gmail.com.

Irish government emigrant services program

Are you a voluntary group which provides services to Irish people in Canada or is involved in Irish heritage, welfare, or community activities? If so, you may be eligible for a grant from the Irish Government towards relevant costs in 2009.

The Irish Government provides funding to assist agencies and organizations in their provision of advice and support to the Irish community throughout the world. The provision of services to older members of our community remains a particular priority.

Limited funding may also be available for projects of a capital nature or for Irish community-based groups involved in heritage activities which are of benefit to the community in Canada. Applications are particularly welcome from organizations who have not applied before.

Further information about the 2009 grants is available at <http://www.dfa.ie/home/index.aspx?id=291>.

Translation firm offers free services to non-profit organizations in the Eastern Townships

The Sherbrooke (Lennoxville) firm, Stevenson & Writers, as part of its annual community outreach program, is seeking proposals for translation projects from local non-profit organizations. English-language translations of their French-language documents will allow these organizations to better serve the English-speaking community of the greater Eastern Townships.

The number of organizations that may benefit from this free offer is based on the company's donation policy, as well as the number of submissions received, scale of the projects and potential impact on the community.

Since 2004, Stevenson & Writers has donated 1 percent of its annual sales in free translations for local non-profit organizations. In the past, the company has provided free services to a number of organizations, including the Alzheimer's Society, the W.J. Klinck Foundation, and the Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke (CHUS).

Interested organizations are encouraged to submit a letter describing their project (between 1500 and 4000 words in length), its potential impact on the community, and any details on required deadlines. Projects can include: website translations, brochures, guides, instruction manuals, reports, etc.

Submissions must be e-mailed to Helen Johnston, Office Manager, at writers@stevenson.ca by May 15, 2009. Projects will be selected based on their community impact and delivery requirements. The translation work will be carried out according to staff schedules and availability.

Founded in 1998, Stevenson & Writers specializes in French-to-English translations for a wide range of clients in the public, private and non-profit sectors. For more information, contact writers@stevenson.ca or call Helen Johnston at 819-569-5945.

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March 28 – Intergenerational Participatory Music Festival, Sherbrooke

Join in this fun, free Intergenerational Participatory Music Festival open to all on Saturday, March 28, with workshops for musicians, singers and songwriters from 11 a.m., and music starting from 2:30 p.m., at Amédée-Beaudoin Community Centre, 1-Samuel Gratham Street, Sherbrooke (Lennoxville).

An activity of The Intergenerational Trails Council, an initiative of Townshippers' Association's project, Trails: From Past to Present, the music event will feature performances by musicians of all ages throughout the afternoon, including Les Vent des Cantons, winding down with an evening performance by We Can Act Too! Cabaret and an acoustic coffee house.

For more information, contact Eric Akbar Manolson, International Trails Coordinator, by telephone at (819) 566-5717 (toll-free 1-877-566-5717) or by email hal@townshippers.qc.ca.

March 28 – Annual General Meeting of Brome County Historical Society, Knowlton

The Brome County Historical Society will hold its Annual General Meeting on Saturday, March 28, at 130 Lakeside Road, Knowlton.

For more information, contact the Brome County Historical Society at Tel: (450) 243-6782, or email bchs@endirect.qc.ca.

March 28 – Live at the Morrin Centre, Quebec

Join Scott Normandy and Randall Spear for an evening of live pop/rock/folk music and excellent musicianship on Saturday, March 28, from 8 p.m., at the Morrin Centre, 44, chaussée des Écossais, Quebec.

A unique opportunity to catch both musicians together. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$8 members and students.

For more information, contact the centre at (819) 694-9147, or email info@morrin.org. Visit www.morrin.org.

April 4 - A Genealogical Day in Scotland, Montreal

The Quebec Family History Society is offering a seminar, A Genealogical Day in Scotland, on Saturday, April 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the society's library, 173 Cartier Avenue, Montreal (Pointe Claire).

Whether your Scottish ancestors came from the Highlands or the Lowlands, this seminar will examine all the major sources used in Scottish research from Birth, Marriage and Death (BMD) certificates, census records, probate records, poor law records, judicial and criminal records, passenger ship lists, as well as the changes in Scottish Archive Centres.

Led by Susan Gingras and Bruce Henderson, the seminar will also focus on the most important websites for Scottish family history research. Cost: members \$30, non-members \$40.

For more information, contact the society at telephone (514) 695-1502 or (514) 482-3418, or by fax (514) 695-3508, or visit www.qfhs.ca.

April 14 – Presentation on Scrabble, Montreal

A presentation by Bernard Gotlieb, director of the Montreal Scrabble Club, on the game and its resurgence in popularity, will be held on Tuesday, April 14, from 12:30 p.m., at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 1200 Atwater Avenue, at Tupper (Métro Atwater). Free admission.

For more information, contact the Atwater Library and Computer Centre by telephone at (514) 935-7344, or visit www.atwaterlibrary.ca.

April 16 - Conference on Builders and Architects of the West Island, Beaconsfield

The Société historique Beaurepaire-Beaconsfield Historical Society is holding a conference by Anne Collette, President of the Société du Patrimoine de l'Ouest de l'île, titled Buildings and Architects of the West Island, on Thursday, April 16, from 7:30 p.m., at Centennial Hall, 288 Beaconsfield Boulevard, Beaconsfield.

Conference in English with a bilingual question period. Everyone welcome; bring friends; free admission.

For more information, contact Barbara Barclay at Tel: (514) 695-2502, or by email barbarabarclay@gmail.com.

April 16 – POM Bakery, Pride of Montreal or Pain Orgueil de Montréal, Westmount

Part of the 2009 Spring Lecture Series of the Westmount Historical Association, Peter Harrison, great-grandson of POM Bakery founder, Dent Harrison, will speak about the history of bakery on Thursday, April 16, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke Street West.

Also known as the “travelling oven,” the first automated bread maker was delivered to the Harrison Bakery on Prince Albert Avenue in Westmount in 1908. Its founder, Dent Harrison, who emigrated from Yorkshire, England in 1889, developed the baking of crumpets into Harrison & Sons Bakery, the largest employer in Westmount. In 1930, his three sons Will, Gordon and Dent Jr. bought land in the Glen and built the POM Bakery. Cost: members free, non-member \$5 at the door.

For more information, contact the association at (514) 925-1404 or (514) 932-6688, or email info@westmounthistorical.org.

April 18 – Quebec’s English-language Literary Weekend, Quebec

A chance to meet and discuss with Canada’s finest writers, three of whom were finalists of the prestigious Governor General’s Literary Award, on Saturday, April 18, from 1 to 5 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. “square table discussion,” at the Morrin Centre, 44, chaussée des Écossais, Quebec.

Invited writers include: M.G. Vassanji, Rawi Hage, Colin McAdam, Mark Frutkin and Vivian Demuth. Cost: \$10 adults, \$8 members, free for students.

For more information, contact the centre at (819) 694-9147, or email info@morrin.org. Visit www.morrin.org.

April 18 – Show & Tell Photos, Montreal

The Quebec Family History Society is holding a Show & Tell Photos lecture, part of its free public lecture series, on Saturday, April 18, from 10:30 a.m., at St. Andrew’s United Church, 75 – 15th Avenue, Lachine.

QFHS members are invited to display and talk about items of interest they have collected during their genealogical research. Bring a friend; relax and enjoy a Saturday morning of entertaining discussions, informative information, on screen presentations, with a chance to ask questions, and meet and mingle with fellow family historians over refreshments.

For more information, contact the society at telephone (514) 695-1502 or (514) 482-3418, or by fax (514) 695-3508, or visit www.qfhs.ca.

April 20 – Preview Presentation on 2009 Blue Metropolis Montreal International Literary Festival, Montreal

A preview presentation on the 2009 Blue Metropolis Montreal International Literary Festival by its founder and artistic director, Linda Leith, will be held on Monday, April 20, from 12:30 p.m., at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 1200 Atwater Avenue, at Tupper (Métro Atwater). Free admission.

For more information, contact the Atwater Library and Computer Centre by telephone at (514) 935-7344, or visit www.atwaterlibrary.ca.

April 21 – The Light of Common Day Poetry Workshop, Quebec

The first of a five-week poetry appreciation, led by Meb Reisner, begins on Tuesday, April 21, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., at the Morrin Centre, 44, chaussée des Écossais, Quebec.

Summed up in the title quote, The Light of Common Day, from a poem by William Wordsworth, the workshop celebrates ordinary, everyday life, and various ways of experiencing it. The workshop runs until May 19. Cost: \$28 members, \$38 non-members.

For more information, contact the centre at (819) 694-9147, or email info@morrin.org. Visit www.morrin.org.

April 21 – Talk on Scottish Glengarry Regiment and its service in Ireland, Quebec

Irish Heritage Quebec will hold a talk by Kathleen Toomey on the Scottish Glengarry Regiment and its service in Ireland on Tuesday, April 21, from 7:30 p.m., at McMahon Hall, St. Patrick's Church, 1145 De Salaberry, Quebec. Refreshments will be served and parking stubs for Ilot St.Patrick will be validated.

For more information, contact Irish Heritage Quebec at (418) 527-2238.

April 22 to 26 – 2009 Blue Metropolis Montreal Literary Festival, Montreal

The 11th annual Blue Metropolis Montreal Literary Festival will be held from Wednesday, April 22, to Sunday, April 26, at the Delta Centre-ville, 777 University Avenue, Montreal.

This year's theme, Words That Matter, brings words worth writing, works worth reading, writers worth quoting, texts worth teaching – all kinds of words that can make the world a better place.

Considered to be the world's first multilingual literary festival and party, last year's event gathered about 350 writers, literary translators, musicians, actors, journalist and publishers from Quebec and from around the world for five days of events in English, French, Spanish and other languages. Tickets are available from March 31 on by contact Admission Network at (514) 790-1245 or 1-800-361-4595.

For more information, visit www.bluemetropolis.org.

April 25 - A Genealogical Day on the Internet, Montreal

The Quebec Family History Society is offering a seminar, A Genealogical Day on the Internet, on Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the society's library, 173 Cartier Avenue, Montreal (Pointe Claire).

Led by Gary Schroder and others, the seminar will explain how and also examine new digitized database that are available on Ancestry.com, FindMyPast.com, and other websites. In the afternoon, there will be time to plot individual Internet strategies. Cost: members \$30, non-members \$40.

For more information, contact the society at telephone (514) 695-1502 or (514) 482-3418, or by fax (514) 695-3508, or visit www.qfhs.ca.

April 30 – Talk on The Vanier Institute of the Family, Montreal

A talk by Clarence Lochhead, executive director of The Vanier Institute of the Family, a national charitable organization dedicated to promoting the well-being of Canadian families, on important trends affecting families, will be held on Thursday, April 30, from 12:30 p.m., at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 1200 Atwater Avenue, at Tupper (Métro Atwater). Free admission.

For more information, contact the Atwater Library and Computer Centre by telephone at (514) 935-7344, or visit www.atwaterlibrary.ca.

May 1 – Writers Out Loud – Neil Bissoondath, Quebec

Writers Out Loud, an initiative in collaboration with the Quebec Writers Federation, presents renown author Neil Bissoondath on Friday, May 1, from 7:30 p.m., at the Morrin Centre, 44, chaussée des Écossais, Quebec.

Many of his published books have earned considerable praise, including short-listings for the Governor General's Award. Cost: \$4 members, \$6 non-members.

For more information, contact the centre at (819) 694-9147, or email info@morrin.org. Visit www.morrin.org.

New Website - Regional Association of West Quebecers, Gatineau

The Regional Association of West Quebecers recently launched their new website, www.westquebecers.com, from The Press Gallery, 25 Laurier Street, Gatineau.

For more information, contact Cynthia Turpin, Community Liaison and Communications Officer, Regional Association of West Quebecers, 53 Principale St., Gatineau (Aylmer), Tel: (819) 682-9602 (toll-free 1-877-733-0177), Fax: (819) 682-4033, clco@magma.ca.

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March 15 – Joe Graham book signing at Indigo Place Montreal Trust, Montreal

Chapters-Indigo has invited Joe Graham, along with a number of other authors, to help celebrate the 10th anniversary of their downtown Montreal store opening on Sunday, March 15, at Indigo Place Montreal Trust, 1500 McGill College Avenue, Montreal.

Joe Graham, author of Naming the Laurentians: A History of place names “up north,” which was translated into French last year, will talk about his book and sign copies.

March 20 - Exhibit: Being Irish O'Quebec opens at McCord Museum, Montreal

Organized in collaboration with the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal and the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, the Being Irish O'Quebec exhibition opens on Friday, March 20, at the McCord Museum of Canadian History, 690 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal.

The exhibition focuses on the integration of Irish immigrants and their contribution to the social, cultural, political and economic landscape of Quebec, and explores how Irish people have shaped and been shaped by its host society. Ireland's emigrants and their descendants brought with them collective memories and symbols that have helped build the province's common identity.

Visitors will discover people, places and major themes of this history through personal stories, objects from the McCord collection and from other museums, families and individuals throughout Quebec, and interactive multimedia installations.

The museum is open Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays on holiday weekends and during the summer months (June 24 to September 1), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All services are offered in English and French.

For more information, telephone (514) 398-7100, or email info@mccord.mcgill.ca. Wheelchair access is at 2175 Victoria Street (west side of the museum). Visit www.mccord-museum.qc.ca/en/.

March 21 – Free readings for kids at the Morrin Library, Quebec

Join others in this for this great free kids activity, the readings for children aged 4 to 11 years began March 7 and run every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month until June 20, from 11 a.m. at the Morrin Centre, 44, chaussée des Écossais, Quebec.

Specially selected books, based on an interesting theme, will be read out loud in English. Readings will be followed by a fun craft.

For more information, contact Ms. Erin Zoellner, Cultural Activities Coordinator, at (819) 694-9147, or email erinzoellner@morrin.org. Visit www.morrin.org.

March 22 – March in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Montreal

Everyone is welcome to march with members of the Concordia Irish Society in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 22. Meet members of the society at Concordia University, Hall Building front entrance, at 10 :30 a.m.

After the parade, from 3:30 p.m., join the marchers at Finnegan's Irish Pub, 5202 Queen Mary (across from Snowdon Metro).

For more information, visit the Concordia Irish Society on Facebook at www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=17507532287.

March 26 – Public conversation on Rooted in History at McCord Museum, Montreal

Join Concordia's University of the Streets Café with guest and exhibition curator Lorraine O'Donnell and moderator Elizabeth Hunt at the McCord Museum's Being Irish O'Quebec exhibit for Aren't we all a little Irish? on Thursday, March 26, from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

The exhibit on the integration of Irish immigrants and their contributions to the social, political, cultural and economic landscape of Quebec will be used as a starting point for a public conversation exploring the challenges of owning our collective past and keeping community memory alive.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Hunt at (514) 848-2424 ext. 3968, or univcafe@yahoo.ca.

Visit <http://instdev.concordia.ca/ourprograms/universityofthestreetscafe/events/>.

April 2 – Words and Music of Kathleen Winter, Montreal

Award-winning Newfoundland writer Kathleen Winter will perform and read from her poetry and fiction with accompaniment by jazz pianist Jeff Johnston, and also discuss the writing process, on Thursday, April 2, at 12:30 p.m., at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 1200 Atwater Avenue, at Tupper (Métro Atwater). Free admission.

For more information, contact the Atwater Library and Computer Centre by telephone at (514) 935-7344, or visit www.atwaterlibrary.ca.

From the Warpath to the Plains of Abraham

Part of its current collection, the Virtual Museum of Canada is featuring a with dramatized video exhibit titled, From the Warpath to the Plains of Abraham, found at <http://1759.ccbn-nbc.gc.ca/>, depicting the historical events that led up to the battle in September 1759, as seen from the eyes of the four players – the French, the British, the Canadians and the Amerindians.

Despite the fact that several sections are not yet uploaded, you can currently see and hear the point of view of a Canadian. It's worth bookmarking for a return visit.

Pilgrimage to Grosse Isle in August 2009

The Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, in collaboration with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, is planning a pilgrimage this summer, August 15, 2009. The event will incorporate the commemoration of the Chapel and a plaque honouring the 17 ministers who died there.

For more information, contact the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, 5165 Sherbrooke Street West, Suite 320, Montreal, QC H4A 1T6, Tel: (514) 489-2660, and Email irishpbs@bellnet.ca.

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March 10 – Videoconference Presentation by Service Canada, Bury

The Community Learning Centres (CLC) in collaboration with the Community Table and its CEDEC will host a videoconference presentation of Service Canada and its programs and services on Tuesday, March 10, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., at the Eaton Valley Community Learning Centre, 523 Stokes Street (Pope Memorial School), Bury.

Topics to be explored include: programs that impact on senior citizens such as the Old Age Security Pension, Allowance for the Survivor Program, Canada and Quebec Pension Plans; programs for employers, organizations or others such as Youth Employment Strategy, Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities, Work-sharing (TP) Program; and, information for all Canadians such as Employment Insurance, Canada's Social Security System, Canada Education Savings Grant, Compassionate Care Benefits, Labour Market Information and Wage Earner Protection Program.

To express interest in attending, or for more information, contact the CLC by telephone at (819) 570-7255.

March 10 – Seminar by Service Canada, Gatineau

The West Quebecers will host an Old Age Security (OAS) seminar with an expert from Service Canada to explain old age security programs, guaranteed incomes and allowances for seniors, on Tuesday, March 10, from 7 p.m., at the RAWQ office, 53 Principale, Gatineau.

To reserve your place please write clco@magma.ca or call 1.877.733.0177 (819.682.9602) by March 8, 2009.

March 11 – Reconciling a Changing Community, Montreal

The Arts, Culture and Heritage Council of the Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) is organizing an evening of discussion with historian and author Dorothy Williams who specializes in Black Canadian History on the topic of reconciling our many histories of Montreal, a city of many peoples and many histories, on Wednesday, March 11, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Café Griffintown, 1378 Notre-Dame West, Montreal.

Although all of the past's stories add up to paint a portrait of the city we have today, some of these stories become part of the official narrative while other histories – often the contributions of minority communities – are quietly forgotten as the generations pass.

Williams has authored three books, has contributed to other scholarly and academic publications, and volunteers as community archivist for the Black Studies Center and lends her expertise to the Atwater Library and Computer Centre. She also is program director for the Black Community Resource Centre.

For more information, contact Michelle Dupuis by telephone at (514) 868-9044 or 1-877-868-9044, or by email michelle.dupuis@qcgnc.ca.

March 16 – New Movie about Irish Famine, History TV

The movie, Death or Canada, will air on Monday, March 16, at 8 p.m. on History TV.

Nominated for an Irish Film and Television Academy Award for Best Documentary Series, this powerful docudrama reveals a forgotten chapter of the great Irish Famine, and how the fledgling City of Toronto was brought to its knees by the greatest humanitarian crisis of the 19th century. For more information, visit www.deathorcanada.com.

March 19 – Bilingual Conference on Les Iroquoiens du Saint-Laurent, Beaconsfield

The Société historique Beaurepaire-Beaconsfield Historical Society is holding a bilingual conference by Gilles Laberge on “Les Iroquoiens du Saint-Laurent, histoire, modes de vie et architecture,” on Thursday, March 19, from 7:30 p.m., at Centennial Hall, 288 Beaconsfield Boulevard, Beaconsfield. Everyone welcome; bring friends; free admission.

For more information, contact Barbara Barclay at Tel: (514) 695-2502, or by email barbarabarclay@gmail.com.

March 19 – Westmount Municipal Association: Celebrating a Centennial, Westmount

Part of the Spring Lecture Series 2009 of the Westmount Historical Association, a presentation by Tom Thompson and Kathleen Duncan will celebrate the centennial of the Westmount Municipal Association (WMA) by encouraging discussion on municipal affairs by concerned citizens on Thursday, March 19, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke Street West.

The municipality was founded in 1908, and in the beginning was active in developing city policies and choosing council members. More recently, the WMA was a major player in the fight against the forced mergers and in the subsequent demerger process.

Thompson will provide an historical perspective of its evolution, and Duncan will describe the recent merger/demerger. Both were city councillors and past presidents of the WMA. Cost: free for members, \$5, at the door, for non-members.

For more information, contact the Westmount Historical Association at (514) 925-1404 or (514) 932-6688, or email info@westmounthistorical.org.

March 21 – A Genealogical Day in France, Montreal

The Quebec Family History Society is offering a seminar, A Genealogical Day in France, on Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the society's library, 173 Cartier Avenue, Montreal (Pointe Claire).

Led by Jacques Gagne, the morning session of the seminar will examine the major genealogical resources for French Canadians that can determine where in France your ancestors originated – sources that are available at the Quebec Family History Library, the Archives Nationales du Quebec, and on the Internet.

The afternoon session will deal with France, how to research, where to go, who to contact, what you can find on the Internet for free and what is on a pay per view basis. Cost: members \$30, non-members \$40.

For more information, contact the society at telephone (514) 695-1502 or (514) 482-3418, or by fax (514) 695-3508, or visit www.qfhs.ca.

March 22 – Potton Heritage Association AGM, Mansonville

The Potton Heritage Association invites all members to attend its Annual General Meeting on Sunday, March 22, from 10 a.m., at the Mansonville Town Hall.

Coffee, juices and muffins will be served from 9:15 a.m. Following reports from the president, and other board members, presentations on priorities and the action plan for 2009, the election of the new board, and discussion by members, the tradition continues of holding a Sugaring Off Time Lunch. Cost: \$20, bring your own beverage.

To reserve, essential before March 15, contact Yolande Lamontagne, by telephone at (450) 292-0430, or by email yolamo16@hotmail.com.

March 23 – Morrin Centre AGM, Quebec

All Morrin Centre members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday, March 23, from 7 p.m., at the Morrin Centre, 44, chaussée des Écossais, Quebec.

A meeting will be followed by a magazine auction and wine & cheese. Bring a friend. Voluntary contribution.

For more information, contact the centre at (819) 694-9147, or email info@morrin.org. Visit www.morrin.org.

March 26 – Talk about *The Gazette's* coverage of books, Montreal

A talk by *The Gazette's* book editor, Edie Austin, will be held on Thursday, March 26, at 12:30 p.m., at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 1200 Atwater Avenue, at Tupper (Métro Atwater). Free admission.

For more information, contact the Atwater Library and Computer Centre by telephone at (514) 935-7344, or visit www.atwaterlibrary.ca.

Call to action – Gaspesian British Heritage Village, New Richmond

The Gaspesian British Heritage Village desperately needs your voice.

Founded 20 years ago to commemorate the bicentennial of the arrival of British Loyalist to the coast of the Gaspé Peninsula, and the only English cultural institution east of the capital, its mission is to,

“foster mutual understanding among the many Québec communities, especially the Mi’gmaq, French and English, by showcasing the history and culture of Gaspésians of British ancestry and their contribution to the development of the Gaspé Coast.”

The 20 or so buildings constitute a rare bank of architectural heritage for the region. Six months ago the Town of New Richmond proposed a plan that would abandon 10 to 16 of these historical buildings, as well the commercialization of the site, which are significant both environmentally and historically.

In response, the village’s board of directors hired Gestion Cap-Noir to create a more positive future for the Village. “Team Britville,” as they’ve become known, took over five months ago, and were faced with the daunting task of reversing accumulated negative perceptions, and rectifying the extremely precarious funding situation.

While the perception has been turned around, and the community is excited with the direction it is taking, at this time the biggest obstacle is the need for an immediate injection of money to upgrade the site. Its revitalization will form the basis from which a viable future with realistic plans can be set in motion.

The figure the team has determined it needs is at least \$250,000, to be used for a “shopping list” of items ranging from paint, roof repairs and infrastructure work to a fund raising drive, and the development of a coherent five-year financial plan.

However, confirmation that money is earmarked for the village to undertake the initiative, but action on behalf of the Quebec government is needed to activate the process. Essentially, all that’s needed is political will.

This is a call to - everyone who loves the Village, everyone who understands the importance of preserving our architectural heritage, everyone who values the historical and cultural contribution of the English settlers during their long cohabitation with the Mi’gmaq and French communities, and everyone who believes that the entire site is worth preserving.

For details on how to send a letter of support to Quebec’s Premier Jean Charest, the MNA for Bonaventure, Nathalie Normandeau (which includes the village), the Minister of Culture, Communications and Status of Women, Christine St-Pierre, visit www.gaspesianvillage.com/action.htm.

Support messages can also be sent to heritagevillage@globetrotter.net. This site has importance historically, linguistically, culturally and environmentally; is seriously underfunded compared with the significance the village holds in its core communities; and, is a symbol of cross-cultural outreach.

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February 27 to March 1 – Spring Break Activities, Sherbrooke

The Musée de la nature et des sciences de Sherbrooke and Sherbrooke's Winter Carnival is offering "carnivalers" a chance to go back in time with a free activity, Firestones, from Friday, Feb. 27 to Sunday, March 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 225 Frontenac, Sherbrooke.

Installed on the terrace, visitors will be welcomed into a wigwam and learn how to start a fire without matches just as the Native-Americans did. In addition, an Sherbrooke transit shuttle, that connects Jacques-Cartier Park and Downtown Sherbrooke, will make a special stop at the Museum so that you can take part of this activity.

Visitors can also discover the museum's temporary exhibits, Nature's winners and Above the Web, on exhibit until April 1. You'll see spectacular live specimens of spiders and insects.

For more information, contact the museum by telephone at (819) 564-3200, or 1-877-434-3200, by email info@mnes.qc.ca <<mailto:info@mnes.qc.ca>> . Visit www.mnes.qc.ca <<http://www.mnes.qc.ca>>.

February 28 – An Irish Heritage Exhibition, Chateauguay

The Chateauguay and Valley Irish Heritage Association Inc. will present an Irish Heritage Exhibition on Saturday, February 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Chateauguay Civitan Club, 3, rue Paul-Hallé, Chateauguay.

Enjoy Irish history, Irish dancers and meet the 2009 Chateauguay St. Patrick's Parade Queen and Court.

For more information, telephone (514) 848-8711, email cdnirish@alcor.concordia.ca. Visit www.cdnirish.concordia.ca.

March 4 – Navigating a Changing Community, Montreal

The Arts, Culture and Heritage Council of the Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) is organizing an evening of discussion with guest speaker, CBC radio and television journalist Geeta Nadkarni, on the topic, A Changing Community: How do we navigate identity, accents and belonging? on Wednesday, March 4, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Arts Café, 201 Fairmount West, Montreal.

A multitude of linguistic and cultural backgrounds, ethnicities and religions have all combined to create what we call Montreal's English-speaking community. Far from being uniform, this definition of a community within the larger French-speaking society comprises individuals with many differing accents and identities.

Time will be taken to address such questions as, Are accents an asset or a hindrance to being accepted? How are people treated differently if they are not fluent in their second or third language? What is the role of education, the media, and general arts and culture in creating a sense of identity and a sense of belonging to the larger English-speaking community and beyond?

Geeta Nadkarni, an immigrant twice over, she is originally from Mumbai, has lived and worked as a journalist in Singapore and now lives in Montreal.

For more information, contact Michelle Dupuis by telephone at (514) 868-9044 or 1-877-868-9044, or by email michelle.dupuis@qcgn.ca.

March 12 – Lecture on Superman's Canadian co-creator, Montreal

A talk by Henry Mietkiewicz on Superman's Canadian co-creator: The Triumph and Tragedy of Joe Shuster, will be held on Thursday, March 12, at 12:30 p.m., at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 1200 Atwater Avenue, at Tupper (Métro Atwater). Free admission.

For more information, contact the Atwater Library and Computer Centre by telephone at (514) 935-7344, or visit www.atwaterlibrary.ca.

March 16 – Lecture on Changes in the Forests of the Gatineau Valley, Chelsea

The Gatineau Valley Historical Society is hosting a lecture by historian and forester, Michael Rosen, President of Tree Canada, on Monday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the Chelsea Community Centre, 220 Old Chelsea Road, Chelsea.

Tree Canada, winner of the Canadian Environmental Award (2007), is a charitable organization established to encourage Canadians to plant and care for trees in urban and rural environments.

Rosen received the Amethyst Award for his work especially during the Ice Storm. In his talk, he will offer a perspective about the natural heritage and the forests that make the Gatineau Valley so magnificent.

For more information, contact the Gatineau Valley Historical Society at Tel: (819) 827-6224, or email info@gvhs.ca. Visit www.gvhs.ca.

March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day Celebration, Montreal

A St. Patrick’s Day celebration featuring Irish music and a talk by Lorrie Blair of Concordia University’s Centre for Canadian Irish Studies on the history of Montreal’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade will be held on Thursday, March 17, at 12:30 p.m., at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 1200 Atwater Avenue, at Tupper (Métro Atwater). Free admission.

For more information, contact the Atwater Library and Computer Centre by telephone at (514) 935-7344, or visit www.atwaterlibrary.ca.

Deadline: March 15 - Call for Abstracts and Proposals – Heritage Canada Foundation’s Annual Conference

The Heritage Canada Foundation, in collaboration with the Ontario Heritage Trust and in cooperation with the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals, is hosting its Annual Conference, September 24 to 26, 2009, at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario.

Under the theme and title of The Heritage Imperative: Old Buildings in an Age of Environmental Crisis, the foundation proposes “older buildings have answers for the biggest questions of our generation.” Exploring the themes of climate change, green building and economic renewal, the event will bring together delegates and speakers from the fields of heritage preservation, environmental conservation and green building.

Each 15- to 20-minute presentation will use research results, examples and case studies as stepping stones to broadly applicable principles and/or concrete recommendations for practice.

Proposals for presentations and field sessions are invited on the following themes:

1) Environmental Stewardship and the Built Environment: sustainable districts and neighbourhoods; innovative and challenging adaptive re-use projects; brownfield redevelopment; integrated community sustainability planning;

2) Making the Case for Existing Buildings: embodied energy; lifecycle analysis; “true cost” economics; green qualities of older buildings and traditional materials; durability and maintainability;

3) Greening Older Buildings: efficient energy retrofits; applying green rating systems to existing buildings; new green technologies for old buildings; and,

4) Values, Principles and Hard Decisions: when heritage buildings can't go green; rehab projects that push the envelope; knowing when "enough is enough" – from a green and a heritage perspective.

Submissions should include a title and type of presentation, or session proposed, a 250-word summary, the author's name, contact information and brief biographical statement.

For more information, and to submit your proposal, contact the Heritage Canada Foundation by telephone at (613) 237-1066, or by fax at (613) 237-5987, or by email conference@heritagecanada.org. Visit www.heritagecanada.org/eng/conference.html.

Deadline: April 3, 2009 - Applications for teaching assistantships

The Ireland Canada University Foundation is pleased to announce a new program of exchange scholarships in the Irish language between Ireland and Canada.

Starting in the coming academic year, 2009/2010, with funding from the National Lottery and the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, the foundation is providing a number of Irish language teaching assistantships and visiting professorships which will be tenable at Canadian universities that offer substantive courses in the Irish language.

These universities include: St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia; Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec; St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto in Ontario; Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland; St. Francis Xavier in Nova Scotia; and Ottawa University in Ontario.

For details and an application form, visit www.icuf.ie. For more information, contact John Kelly by telephone at 086-8327462, or by email info@icuf.ie.

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February 25 – Intercultural Festival, Sherbrooke

In celebration of Black History Month, the Festival intercultural de Sherbrooke is presenting a documentary, *Âme noire*, followed by light snacks, testimonials, animation and music, on Wednesday, February 25, from 5 to 9 p.m., at Lieu 66, rue Meadow, Sherbrooke. Cost: \$10. No reservation needed. Everyone welcome.

For more information, contact the festival organizer at (819) 542-1174.

March 5 – International Women’s Day, Montreal

For International Women’s Day, Wanda Bedard, founder and president of the charitable foundation, 60 million girls/60 millions de filles will speak on Thursday, March 5, at 12:30 p.m., at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 1200 Atwater Avenue, at Tupper (Métro Atwater). Free admission.

For more information, contact the Atwater Library and Computer Centre by telephone at (514) 935-7344, or visit www.atwaterlibrary.ca.

March 7 – A Genealogical Day in Ireland, Montreal

What better time than just before St. Patrick’s Day to discover how to find your Irish ancestors? The Quebec Family History Society is offering a seminar, A Genealogical Day in Ireland, on Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the society’s library, 173 Cartier Avenue, Montreal (Pointe Claire).

Led by Gary Schroder and W.B. Yeates, the seminar will examine the major Irish sources used in family history research in both Ireland and Northern Ireland. And, will also explore the exciting new Internet developments in the world of Irish genealogy. From Civil Registration to Probate Records to Land Records, come and discover how to find your Irish ancestors. Cost: members \$30, non-members \$40.

For more information, contact the society at telephone (514) 695-1502 or (514) 482-3418, or by fax (514) 695-3508, or visit www.qfhs.ca/.

March 14 – Show & Tell: Photos, Montreal

This “Show & Tell” free lecture will give members of the Quebec Family History Society an opportunity to display and talk about photos from their genealogical research collection on Saturday, March 14, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Andrew’s United Church, 75 – 15th Avenue, Montreal (Lachine).

Bring a friend and relax and enjoy a Saturday morning of entertaining discussions, informative information, on-screen presentations, with a chance to ask questions, meet and mingle with fellow family historians over refreshments. And all for free!

For more information, contact the society at telephone (514) 695-1502 or (514) 482-3418, or by fax (514) 695-3508, or visit www.qfhs.ca/.

March 12 – Legal Information Forum for Community Groups, Montreal

Sponsored by Canadian Heritage, and part of COCo's Law & (Dis)Order Project, a free all-day Legal Information Forum for Community Groups will be held on Thursday, March 12, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Centre de Loisirs communautaires Lajeunesse, 7378, rue Lajeunesse, bureau 111, Montreal.

A variety of workshop choices are available. They include: Employer and Employee Rights and Responsibilities; Introduction to Cooperatives; Applying for Charitable Status; Board Liability; Annual General Meetings; Incorporating your Non-Profit Organization; and, Limitations on Political Activities by Charitable Organizations.

For small group discussions, participants can choose in advance from the following topics: Engaging Membership: Annual General Meetings; Where is the Social Change? Critically Assessing Non-Profit and Charity Models; Beyond Liability: Board Members and Participatory Democracy; Better Practices, Better Workplaces: Healthy Human Resources.

Travel subsidies are available for those coming from off the island of Montreal. Childcare, with advance notice, vegetarian options, whisper translation and wheelchair accessibility.

For more information, contact Loralie or Samuel by telephone at (514) 849-5599 (toll-free 1-866-552-2626, or by email events@coco-net.org).

March 19 and 26 – Oral History Workshops, Montreal

The Institute in Community Development at Concordia University is offering community organizations a two-day workshop on how to practise oral history, on Thursdays, March 19 and 26, at the Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling, 1400 de Maisonneuve West, 10th Floor, Room LB 1042. Participants must register for both days.

Participants will receive an introduction to oral history interviewing and digital tools to help design and carry out their community projects. Day 1 will focus on oral history methodology and the ethical issues involved. Day 2 participants will learn about digital technologies that are opening new ways of working directly and easily with interviews.

Prior experience with oral history or digital technology not necessary. Cost: \$180 per person. Cost for second person from same organization: \$140. Fees include 2 days of training, and a one-hour consultation with the trainers after the workshop. Registration deadline: Monday, March 9. Space limited.

For more information, or to register, contact Mireille Landry by telephone at (514) 848-2424 ext. 3956, or by email Mireille.Landry@concordia.ca.

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February 15 – Recycling of 3 heritage sites, Old Chelsea

The Friends of Gatineau Park marking Canadian Heritage Day on Monday, Feb. 16, invite others to join them to explore the Visitor Centre, former garage, the new Rendez-Vous Restaurant, former gatehouse and Kathy and John's home at 253 Old Chelsea Road, formerly the Dunn's Hotel and also a pub, on Sunday, Feb. 15, from 1 to 3 p.m., at 33 Scott Road, Chelsea.

To register, telephone (819) 827-2020. Visit www.friendsofgatineaupark.ca

February 15 – Concert featuring music from the early 20th century, Sherbrooke

The Eastern Townships Reed Trio, a new band of musicians, will present a concert, The Reed Trio...What's That? featuring the music of the early 20th century originally written for oboe, clarinet and bassoon, on Sunday, Feb. 15, 4 p.m., at 9 Speid Street, Sherbrooke.

These works are being showcased for the first time by soprano saxophonist Chantale Dodier, bass clarinetist Pauline Farrugia and oboist Etienne de Médicis.

For more information, contact Uplands at (819) 564-0409, or visit www.uplands.ca/eng/lenn-ascot.html.

February 18 & 25 – Presentation on record digitalization, Montreal & Quebec

The Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ) and the Société des musées québécois (SMQ) will report on the digitalization of their collections at two presentations – Wednesday, Feb. 18, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., at the Auditorium de la Grande Bibliothèque, 475 de Maisonneuve Est, Montreal, and Wednesday, Feb. 25, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., at the Auditorium 1 du Musée de la civilisation, 85, rue Dalhousie, Quebec.

For more information, contact Béatrice Forget, Agente de bureau, BAnQ, by telephone at (514) 873-1101 ext. 3515, by email beatrice.forget@banq.qc.ca. Visit www.banq.qc.ca.

February 21 – Black History Month Breakfast, St. Hubert

In recognition of Black History Month, a meal filled with Caribbean delights is planned for Saturday, Feb. 21, from 8 to 11 a.m., at St. Margaret of Antioch Church, 4955 Mont e St. Hubert (near Payer), St. Hubert. Enter by the community hall on Mont e, just past Payer.

For more information, contact the organizers at (450) 443-4443, or the South Shore Community Partners Network (SSCPN), call community coordinator Kevin Erskine-Henry at telephone (450) 466-1325, or send email to communitypartners@sympatico.ca. Visit <http://communityboxer.multiply.com/>.

February 23 – Potluck Supper with Annual General Meeting, Sherbrooke

The Lennoxville-Ascot Historical and Museum Society is holding a potluck supper in conjunction with their Annual General Meeting on Monday, Feb. 23, from 5:30 p.m. (meeting at 7:30 p.m.), at Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre, 9 Speid Street, Sherbrooke (Lennoxville).

For more information, contact the society at (819) 564-0409.

February 27 – Lecture on Blacks in Montreal, Montreal

Dr. Dorothy Williams reads from and discusses her book BLACKS IN MONTREAL 1628-1986: An Urban Demography, on Friday, Feb. 27, at 12:30 p.m., at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 1200 Atwater Avenue, at Tupper (M tro Atwater). Free admission.

For more information, contact the Atwater Library and Computer Centre by telephone at (514) 935-7344, or visit www.atwaterlibrary.ca.

Call for nominations to Canada’s 2009 Top Ten Endangered Places List

The Heritage Canada Foundation, Celebrating 35 years of helping Canadians keep historic places alive! is accepting nominations Canada’s Top Ten Endangered Places List.

The list is released annually to bring national attention to sites at risk due to neglect, lack of funding, inappropriate development and weak legislation. It has become a powerful tool in the fight to make landmarks, not landfill.

Three primary criteria are used to determine the final sites for inclusions. They are: significance of the site; urgency of the threat; and, community support for its preservation.

To nominate a site, complete the form available online at www.heritagecanada.org/eng/featured/nominations.cfm. Completed forms should be received by Friday, March 20, 2009. The list will be announced in April.

For more information, contact Heritage Canada Foundation by telephone at (613) 237-1066, or by email at heritagecanada@heritagecanada.org.

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February 12 to 15 – Interpretations on Darwin, Sherbrooke

The Musée de la nature et des sciences de Sherbrooke is celebrating 200 years of Darwin and his work on origin of the human species with a variety of interpretations from different angles from Thursday, Feb. 12, to Sunday, Feb. 15, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 225 Frontenac, Sherbrooke.

A number of lectures will cover his life, his voyage around the world, a history of ideas on science and religion from Galileo to Einstein, and Darwin's contribution to our current understanding of nature. Details on each lecture, dates, times, etc. are available from the museum's program.

For more information, contact the museum by telephone at (819) 564-3200 ext. 251, or 1-877-434-3200, by email info@mnes.qc.ca, or visit www.mnes.qc.ca.

February 14 – Valentine's Day Ball, Gatineau

The Canadian Museum of Civilization is holding a Glamour Ball on the evening of Saturday, Feb. 14, in the Grand Hall, 100 Laurier Street, Gatineau to raise funds for museum's children and youth programs. Tickets: \$250.

Dress with finesse; mingle with delightful people; move to the music; stimulate your senses with divine dishes by Chef Georges Laurier; and celebrate a good cause.

For more information, contact the organizer at (819) 776-7183, or the museum at (819) 776-7000 or 1-800-555-5621, or send email to web@civilization.ca. Visit www.civilization.ca/.

February 14 – Valentine's Tea, Sherbrooke

A special Valentine's Tea will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14, between 1 and 4:30 p.m., at the Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre, 9 Speid Street, Sherbrooke.

For more information, contact Uplands at (819) 564-0409, or visit www.uplands.ca/eng/lenn-ascot.html.

February 16 – Heritage Day 2009

Each year the Heritage Canada Foundation designates the third Monday of February as **Heritage Day** to encourage the preservation and promotion of Canada's nationally significant historic, architectural, natural and scenic heritage.

The theme for this year is Heritage and the Environment: Saving Places That are Built to Last. In a statement on Facts & Stats posted on www.heritagecanada.org/, the foundation notes energy used in demolishing an older building is not quickly recovered through the increased energy efficiency of the new building.

Construction and demolition contributes, in Ontario alone, 23 percent of the waste in landfill sites. In two studies, one in Montreal, the other in the U.K, it was found rehabilitating a heritage building consumed less than half the energy and produced half the CO2 than if it had been demolished and a new building erected. Reuse of heritage buildings avoids the creation of new infrastructure (road, sewer, hydro grid) associated with new development.

Virtual Museum of Canada

Celebrate Heritage Day 2009 by visiting the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network (QAHN) page on the Virtual Museum of Canada at www.virtualmuseum.ca/.

QAHN has been linked to the online museum since its inception in 2000. A recent update to our listing has added our latest initiative the searchable online Cemetery Heritage database with details on more than 150 at-risk cemeteries around Quebec.

Go to www.virtualmuseum.ca/, type QAHN in the search box, and then click on the link that is provided.

February 18 – Lecture on Médecins sans frontières in Congo, Montreal

Dr. Mai-Anh Le Van will make a presentation on her work with Médecins sans frontières

in Congo on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 12:30 p.m., at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 1200 Atwater Avenue, at Tupper (Métro Atwater). Free admission.

For more information, contact the Atwater Library and Computer Centre by telephone at (514) 935-7344, or visit www.atwaterlibrary.ca.

February 19 – Lecture on Roslyn School, Westmount

Part of the 2009 Spring Lecture Series, the Westmount Historical Association presents Joan Rothman, former Westmount School Board commissioner and one of the founding parents of the Roslyn School's French immersion program, will recall the bomb scare and feelings of the 1960s that triggered the program on Thursday, Feb. 19, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke Street West. Cost: free for members, \$5, at the door, for non-members.

Roslyn School was built in 1908 in response to the need for more educational space for the increasing population of Westmount. In 1965 French Immersion was initiated as an extra curricular program by parents to prepare their children for a future in Quebec.

For more information, contact the association at (514) 925-1404 or (514) 932-6688, or email info@westmounthistorical.org.

February 19 – Lecture on Denis dit St-Denis, Beaconsfield

The Société historique Beaufort-Beaconsfield Historical Society is holding an evening lecture by Jean-Louis Denis on Denis dit St-Denis, one of the first families to establish itself in Baie d'Urfé, on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m., at the Beaconsfield Yacht Club, 26 Lakeshore Road, Beaconsfield. Everyone welcome; bring friends; free admission.

For more information, contact Barbara Barclay at Tel: (514) 695-2502, or by email barbarabarclay@gmail.com.

February 21 – Seminar on British and Canadian Armies 1660 to 1945, Montreal

The Quebec Family History Society is offering a seminar, A Genealogical Day in the British and Canadian Armies 1660 to 1945, on Saturday, Feb. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the society's library, 173 Cartier Avenue, Montreal (Pointe Claire).

Led by Gary Schroder, the seminar will examine the various sources such as army lists, pension records, muster rolls, personnel files, medal rolls, war diaries, etc. used in genealogical research. Cost: members \$30, non-members \$40.

For more information, contact the society at telephone (514) 695-1502 or (514) 482-3418, or by fax (514) 695-3508, or visit www.qfhs.ca/hap.shtml#seminars.

February 21 – Genealogical and Family History Workshop, Pembroke, ON

The Upper Ottawa Valley Genealogical Group Inc. will sponsor a Family Tree Maker/Legacy workshop for beginners and advanced users by Rick Roberts, Global Genealogy Inc. on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 10 a.m., in Room 201, Algonquin College, Pembroke, ON.

Every welcome. Advanced registration required - \$35.

For more information, contact the group by mail, Box 972, Pembroke, ON K8A 7M5, or by telephone at (613) 732-4376. Visit www.uovgg.ca.

February 21 – Sunshine and Shadows: An evening with Stephen Leacock, Quebec

James B Douglas, veteran Canadian actor of stage, television and film, returns to Quebec to present his acclaimed solo performance of Stephen Leacock in English on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m., at the Morrin Centre, 44, chaussée des Écossais, Quebec.

Douglas captures through his words and work this beloved author who is still one of Canada's foremost international humourists.

This benefit performance is part of an effort on behalf of the Douglas family, James is the great-grandson of former LHSQ president and copper-mining pioneer James Douglas, to support the Morrin Centre's mission. All proceeds will go towards the capital campaign. Cost: \$30.

For more information, contact the centre at (819) 694-9147, or email info@morrin.org. Visit www.morrin.org.

Call for papers on journeys and homecomings, Scotland

The AHRC Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies at the University of Aberdeen will host a conference, Migrating Minds: Imagined Journeys – Imagined Homecomings, on May 14 to 15, 2009, alongside the Aberdeen WORD Festival.

Literature, personal journals and correspondence, and art enable us to explore the impact that journeys and homecomings have had on Irish and Scottish imaginations. Papers, all must be of at least 30 minutes in length, that consider diasporic movements from a non-Irish/Scottish point of view are welcome as are those that adopt a theoretical perspective.

Proposals for papers of no more than 200 words should be sent by February 15 to Dr. Paul Shanks, AHRC Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies, 19 College Bounds, Aberdeen, AB24 3DB at p.f.shanks@abdn.ac.uk.

Student Writing Contest for prizes of up to \$1,500

The Société historique Beaufort-Beaconsfield Historical Society launched a contest open to all students of Grades 5 and 6 who reside in Beaconsfield or who attend an elementary school in Beaconsfield for the Roberta-Angell 2009 prize of up to 5 awards for a total of \$1,500 on a subject related to the history of Beaconsfield.

For details on the contest, consult a flyer posted at the Beaconsfield Library or send an email to Barbara.Barclay@concordia.ca. Deadline: April 15, 2009.

Irish-Canadian artists invited to Ireland

An opportunity for Irish-Canadian Artists to come to Ireland for a short period, approximately six weeks, to be part of a socially engaging art project, the Irish Diaspora Project.

The exchange poses questions on the Irish diaspora (Irish immigrants abroad and second, third and fourth generations), Irish identity and the potential role of the Irish-Canadian in the future of Irish society both culturally and economically.

For more information, send an email to clivemoloney@gmail.com, or contact the Centre for Irish Studies, 1590 Doctor Penfield Avenue, Montreal at (514) 848-2424 ext. 8700. Visit www.cdnirish.concordia.ca.

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February 5 – Talk to celebrate Chinese New Year, Montreal

To mark the Chinese New Year, Johanna Ransmeir, historian of modern China, Assistant professor of History, McGill University, will talk on China, on Thursday, Feb. 5, at 12:30 p.m., at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 1200 Atwater Avenue, at Tupper

(Métro Atwater). Free admission. For more information, telephone (514) 935-7344, or visit www.atwaterlibrary.ca.

February 11 – Songwriting Workshop: Tapping into the Creative Spirit, Quebec

Join respected songwriters, musicians and singers Randall Spear and Jack Lavoie for a songwriting workshop, on Wednesday, Feb. 11, from 7:30 p.m., at the Morrin Centre, 44, chaussée des Écossais, Quebec.

For more information, contact the centre at (819) 694-9147, or email info@morrin.org. Visit www.morrin.org.

February 13 – Valentine’s Day performance - The Orpheus Singers, Montreal

In celebration of Valentine’s Day, The Orpheus Singers directed by Peter Schubert will perform on Friday, Feb. 13, at 12:30 p.m., at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 1200 Atwater Avenue, at Tupper (Métro Atwater). Free admission. For more information, telephone (514) 935-7344, or visit www.atwaterlibrary.ca.

NOTE: For a listing of the Atwater Library and Computer Centre’s Lunchtime Series (almost weekly) up to late May 2009, visit www.atwaterlibrary.ca/en/node/27.

February 16 – Aylmer Heritage Association’s 2009 Heritage Awards, Gatineau

The Aylmer Heritage Association will hold its 2009 Heritage Awards Ceremony on Monday, Feb. 16, from 7 p.m. at La Basoche in the Old Courthouse, home of the Centre culturel du Vieux-Aylmer, 120 rue Principale, Gatineau. Parking in rear of building.

Copies of the popular DVD, Three Years On: 2005 – 2008, chronicling the many activities at the Old Methodist Chapel since its major renovation in 2005, will be available for sale.

For more information, contact the association by mail at P.O. Box 476, Gatineau, QC J9H 5E7, by telephone (819) 684-6809, or by email heritage.aylmer@ca.inter.net.

February 16 – What History for What Future of Quebec? Sherbrooke

Professor Jocelyn Létourneau will give the Tait-Chattopadhyay Memorial Humanities Lecture, What History for What Future of Quebec? on Monday, Feb. 16, from 7:30 p.m., in Centennial Theatre, Bishop's University, 2600 College Street, Sherbrooke.

Professor Létourneau notes, "In the last ten years, many historians, as well as politicians, journalists and others, have been discussing the best way to tell the history of Quebec in the context of the evolution and (re)presentation of this society as diversified, complex and inclusive.

"For some, it is not possible to propose a narrative that presents Quebec history outside the template of the nation in conflict, fighting for its survival. For others, this particular narrative, while a possible story of Quebec, is outdated and rather inadequate. It is time to look for another template, and therefore narrative, to articulate the history of Quebec so that this society may move forward."

For more information, contact Mary Purkey, Coordinator, Champlain College Humanities Department at 819-564-3666 ext. 621, or mpurkey@crc-lennox.qc.ca.

February 16 – Annual General Meeting, Chelsea

The Gatineau Valley Historical Society is holding its Annual General Meeting, on Monday, Feb. 16, from 7:30 p.m., at the Chelsea Community Centre, 220 Old Chelsea Road, Chelsea.

Robert Grenier, Head of Underwater Archaeology, Parks Canada, Officer of the Order of Canada, world leader in archaeology and underwater conservation including a chairmanship in UNESCO, and Cantley resident, has, during the past 40 years, made numerous discoveries and innovations and has been associated with many films and projects. He is most famous for his work at Red Bay – and remembers speaking to GVHS members about this project in its early days in 1979.

As part of the AGM, Grenier will speak about his most recent underwater archaeological project – investigating the mysteries of the Franklin Expedition. This is a unique and special opportunity for GVHS members – not to be missed!

For more information, contact the Gatineau Valley Historical Society at Tel: (819) 827-6224, or email info@gvhs.ca. Visit www.gvhs.ca.

Canadian Museums Association welcomes new federal support to Arts and heritage

In a statement released in Ottawa earlier this week, the Canadian Museums Association (CMA) welcomed the federal government's new **infrastructure-related funding program for small museums**, announced in the budget.

“\$60 million in infrastructure-related funding for cultural institutions, **including small museums** has been secured and **will be provided over a two-year period**”, said John McAvity, Executive Director of the CMA, “some specific institutions were even mentioned including TELUS Science Centre in Calgary, Manège Militaire in Québec and the Confederation Centre of the Arts in Charlottetown.”

A total of \$335 million in support for culture and the arts has been provided, but the budget made no mention of sustainable long-term funding for museums.

“The new Heritage Minister, James Moore deserves credit for delivering new funds- indeed, the largest new investment in culture in recent memory ”, said McAvity. “Most of these funds are devoted to capital upgrades or new buildings and we urge the Minister to next address the urgent needs for new programs to support the operations of museums.”

The museum’s executive director also suggested a need for investing in major heritage sector employment programs, the Collections Access Program which ensures Canadians’ access to their heritage through support for restoration, preservation, understanding and accessibility of museum collections, and enhanced support to successful Young Canada Works (YCW) program which gives young people valuable hands-on experience in the culture sector.

The Canadian Museums Association is the national organization for the advancement of the nation’s museum sector - more than 2,500 museums and related institutions that preserve our collective memory, shape our identity, and promote tolerance and understanding.

Each year, more than 59 million visitors attend Canadian museums and a further 60 million visit Canada’s historic sites and natural parks. These institutions employ over 24,000 staff, and are supported by more than 55,000 volunteers, and 300,000 friends. They host 7.5 million visits from school children annually.

For more information, contact Monique Horth, Deputy Director, Canadian Museums Association (CMA) at mhorth@museums.ca, or Jim Everson, Director, Government Relations, Canadian Museums Association (CMA) at jeverson@museums.ca.

Stories and old photos wanted for new heritage project, Montreal’s South Shore

The South Shore Community Partners Network (SSCPN), linking together the Greater Montreal English-speaking community, is launching a new project on the Southern County Railway, that travelled to East Greenfield, Brookline, Pinehurst, Croyden, Castle Gardens, etc.).

Thanks to a grant from the Department of Canadian Heritage, the project will publish a collection of historical photographs and stories about the former communities that once dotted the railway line.

If you have material you wish to share for the project, contact the SSCPN by telephone at (450) 466-1325, or send email to communitypartners@sympatico.ca, Visit <http://communityboxer.multiply.com/>.

HeritageLine – Friday, January 23, 2009

Erratum: Weekend Afternoon Tea (Saturdays and Sundays), Sherbrooke

In last week's *HeritageLine* (Friday, Jan. 16, 2009) it was noted the Lennoxville-Ascot Historical & Museum Society (LAHMS) was offering Weekend Afternoon Tea (Saturdays and Sundays) at the Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre, 9 Speid Street, Sherbrooke, from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

However, the centre is closed during the month of January and will reopen in February, when Uplands, not the LAHMS, will once again be serving afternoon tea. Hopefully this error has not caused anyone any inconvenience.

For more information, contact Uplands at (819) 564-0409, or visit www.uplands.ca/eng/lenn-ascot.html.

January 31 – Fest-Noz: Fête Bretonne, Quebec

Put on your dancing shoes and take part in this festive Celtic evening on Saturday, Jan. 31, from 7:30 p.m., at the Morrin Centre, 44, chaussée des Écossais, Quebec.

A great chance to drink cider in good company. Traditional Breton group Int E Ya will perform live and teach you to dance along. All profits will go towards the 2009 edition of the Quebec City Celtic Festival. Cost: \$10.

For more information, contact the centre at (819) 694-9147, or email info@morrin.org. Visit www.morrin.org.

February 1 – Vernissage at Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre, Sherbrooke

Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre (9 Speid Street, Sherbrooke) will hold a vernissage for their latest artistic exhibition, *Hommage à Gilles Vigneault*, by members of Eau en Couleurs, on Sunday, Feb. 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. at 9 Speid Street, Sherbrooke.

Inspired by the creative energy of poet Vigneault, the exhibit will run to March 8, 2009.

For more information, contact Uplands at (819) 564-0409, or visit www.uplands.ca/eng/lenn-ascot.html.

February 1 – Open House at the Old Methodist Church, Gatineau

The Aylmer Heritage Association invites everyone to an Open House to mark the start of heritage month and the launch of their new exhibit, 19th Century Aylmer and its links to Canada and abroad, on Sunday, Feb. 1, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Old Methodist Church, 495 Aylmer Road, Gatineau.

February 5 – Talk on China marks Chinese New Year, Montreal

To mark the Chinese New Year, a talk on China by historian of modern China, Johanna Ransmeler, Assistant Professor of History, McGill University, on Thursday, Feb. 5, at 12:30 p.m., at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 1200 Atwater Avenue, at Tupper (Métro Atwater). Free admission. For more information, telephone (514) 935-7344, or visit www.atwaterlibrary.ca.

2009 Hometown History Essay Contest

On behalf of the **Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network (QAHN)**, I am very pleased to invite students attending English primary schools to participate in our annual **Hometown History Essay Contest**.

Each year since the first contest in 2005 we have received more than 100 essays from students who show history and heritage are important, or that it has touched them in some way.

The top three submissions are published in our flagship publication, *Quebec Heritage News* magazine, which enjoys a paid circulation throughout Quebec and beyond, with back issues available in PDF format from our website www.qahn.org/. To read last year's winning essays, go to www.qahn.org/document.aspx, then click on Volume 4, Number 3 (May-June 2007).

Thank you in advance for circulating this invitation and the enclosed contest rules and writing tips to the appropriate teachers in your staff.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at the QAHN office in Sherbrooke, or by email communications@qahn.org.

HeritageLine – Friday, January 16, 2009

For immediate release - Funding opportunities for Heritage Organizations

The **Canadian Museums Association (CMA)** in partnership with the federal government's **Department of Canadian Heritage** announced the launch of their **Young Canada Works (YCW)** programs for 2009-10.

CMA funded more than 1,400 student jobs in 2008 through YCW contributions that represent up to 75% of student salary costs, and also funded 11 intern positions in 2008 for young professionals who have completed their post-secondary studies.

Two options are available for hiring summer students and for creating graduate internships - **Young Canada Works in Heritage Organizations**, or **Young Canada Works at Building Careers in Heritage**.

Applications for both programs will be accepted until February 1st, 2009, and must be submitted online at www.youngcanadaworks.gc.ca/.

For further information, visit the updated Young Canada Works program websites for application procedures, updated employer and student eligibility criteria, at YCW in Heritage Organizations www.museums.ca/en/funds/ycw_in_heritage_organizations/, and YCW at Building Careers in Heritage www.museums.ca/en/funds/ycw_at_building_careers_in_heritage/.

To contact the Canadian Museums Association, send email to ycw@museums.ca.

January 19 – Comra Irish Language Classes, Montreal

The winter session of Comhra's Irish language classes is about to begin on Monday nights, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Loyola High School, 7272 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal. Learn your "cupla vocal" or practise your conversation skills. New students welcome of all ages and abilities, including complete beginners.

For more information, visit www.comhra.org.

January 22 – Talk on Robert Burns, Scotland's national poet, Montreal

Dr. Ralph Watson, author of *Burns: To The Immortal Memory*, will speak on Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns, to celebrate the 250th anniversary of his birth on Thursday, Jan. 22, at 12:30 p.m., at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 1200 Atwater Avenue, at Tupper (Métro Atwater). George Barclay will address the haggis – and serve samples too, and there will be Scottish music, and a display of books from the library's Scottish collection. Lots of fun for all!

For more information, telephone (514) 935-7344, or visit www.atwaterlibrary.ca.

January 24 – Irish Tin Whistle Workshop for Children, Montreal

Free workshop for 3 to 7 year olds will be given by experienced tin whistle teacher, on Saturday, Jan. 24, from 2 to 3 p.m., at Miss Kelly's Daycare and Preschool, 2309 Oxford Avenue, Montreal. First come, first served. Limit 10 children. Fun for parents too. Refreshments.

For more information, call (514) 369-9371, or email misskellysdaycare@gmail.com.

January 28 – Presentation on living conditions of seniors, Montreal

Shiela Goldbloom will make a presentation on the 207-08 Quebec Public Consultation on Living conditions of Quebec Seniors as chair of the study on Thursday, Jan. 28, at 12:30 p.m., at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 1200 Atwater Avenue, at Tupper (Métro Atwater).

For more information, telephone (514) 935-7344, or visit www.atwaterlibrary.ca.

January 31 – St. Brigid's Fundraiser, Ottawa

The Irish Society of Ottawa will host a fundraising concert and family joke contest feature Michael O'Reilly and the Sue Fay Healy Dancers on Saturday, Jan. 31, from 2 to 3 p.m. at St. Brigid's Centre, 314 St. Patrick Street, Ottawa. Tickets: \$20, available from Peter Rock.

For more information, call (613) 237-0665, fax (613) 237-8539, or email peter.rock@rogers.com.

February 7 – Vernissage and Film Screening, Stanbridge East

Celebrating Black History Month, a vernissage for the artworks of Suzanne Molleur will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Missisquoi Museum, 2 River Street, Stanbridge East. Visit www.suzannemolleur.com.

The same evening, a screening in English of the film, *The Descendant*, by filmmaker Philippe Spurrell, will take place from 8 p.m., at Memorial Hall, 20 Academy Street, Stanbridge East. Cost: \$9.

The film unearths a shocking family secret - it's time to honour the dead - in a ghost story inspired by true events. Visit www.thedescendant.com.
For more information, contact the Missisquoi Historical Society by telephone at (450) 248-3153, or by email info@missisquoimuseum.ca.

Weekend Afternoon Tea (Saturdays and Sundays) (to restart in February), Sherbrooke

Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre serves tea every Saturday and Sunday afternoon, from 1 to 4:30 p.m., at 9 Speid Street, Sherbrooke. Closed during the month of January, the festivities begin again in February.

For more information, contact Uplands at (819) 564-0409, or visit www.uplands.ca/eng/lenn-ascot.html.

Military Photos Sought

According to the December 208 newsletter of the Upper Ottawa Valley Genealogy Group, the *Family Chronicle* magazine is looking for old military uniform photographs of your ancestors for a tentative book. Photos must have been taken between the Mexican-American War (1846-1848) and the end of World War 1 (1918-1919). No World War 2 photos.

For further details, visit familychronicle.com/militaryphotos.htm.

HeritageLine – Friday, January 9, 2009

For immediate release - Call for Proposals - Virtual Museum of Canada Investment Programs

The Virtual Museum of Canada and its Investment Programs has issued a new Call for Proposals for its Virtual Exhibits at www.chin.gc.ca/English/Members/Vmc_Investment_Program/index.html and Community Memories at www.chin.gc.ca/English/Members/VMC_Memories/index.html.

Eligible Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN) member institutions are invited to present their proposals up to the deadline - Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009 at 5 p.m.

Proposal forms and information regarding eligibility, program guidelines and other details can be found in the Funding section of the CHIN website at www.chin.gc.ca/English/Members/Vmc_Investment_Program/programs_overview.html. Prior to completing any of the forms, please confirm your CHIN membership status by identifying your institution on the member list at www.virtualmuseum.ca/English/About/members.html or by contacting Member Services at 1-800-520-2446. You can also confirm via email at service@chin.gc.ca.

January 10 – Series of lectures on history of Eastern Townships, Knowlton

Sponsored by the Brome County Historical Society, historian Jim Manson is offering a series of six lectures that are divided into two parts – the first deals with politicians and public servants and will be held three consecutive Saturday afternoons, Jan. 10, 17 and 24; the second details aspects of the social history of the Townships and will be held Saturday, Feb. 14 and 28, at the Old Court House, 15 St. Paul's Road, Knowlton.

For more information, contact the Brome County Historical Society at Tel: (450) 243-6782, or email bchs@endirect.qc.ca.

January 15 – Bilingual Conference on Gilles Perron, the first mayor of Beaconsfield

The Société historique Bearepaire-Beaconsfield Historical Society is holding a bilingual conference by Gilles Perron entitled "J. Léonide Perron, First Mayor of Beaconsfield, A Man Destined to be Prime Minister of Quebec", on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., at Centennial Hall, 288 Beaconsfield Boulevard, Beaconsfield. Everyone welcome; free admission.

For more information, contact Barbara Barclay at Tel: (514) 695-2502, or by email barbarabarclay@gmail.com.

January 18 - Understanding Mordecai Richler, Quebec

Join host Jason Bunwald for an evening of discussion in English on one of Canada's most renowned and controversial writers, Mordecai Richler, on Sunday, Jan. 18, at 7:30 p.m., at the Morrin Centre, 44, chaussée des Écossais, Quebec.

The evening will end with a showing of Ted Kotcheff's 1974 adaption of Richler's *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz*, the most commercially successful Canadian film ever at that time. Free admission.

For more information, contact the centre at (819) 694-9147, or email info@morrin.org. Visit www.morrin.org.

January 19 – Slideshow and commentary on Ottawa Ski Club, Chelsea

The Gatineau Valley Historical Society is hosting a slideshow and commentary on the Ottawa Ski Club by Arnold Midgely, former chair of the Canadian Ski Museum, and former club member, on Monday, Jan. 19, from 7:30 p.m., at the Chelsea Community Centre, 220 Old Chelsea Road, Chelsea.

From the 1920s to the 1950s, as the Ottawa Ski Club multiplied in size drawing many to the beauties of the Gatineau Valley, a remarkable collection of lodges and shelters was constructed by and for the members of the club on their routes to and from Camp Fortune and the trails around Fortune Valley.

For more information, contact the Gatineau Valley Historical Society at Tel: (819) 827-6224, or email info@gvhs.ca. Visit www.gvhs.ca.

February 18 & 19 – Conference: Is Difficult Important? Ottawa, ON

Thanks to the generous support of the Donner Canadian Foundation, the Canadian War Museum (CWM) is organizing and hosting a two-day conference, *Is Difficult Important? The Canadian Museum and the Search for Social Value*, from Wednesday, Feb. 18 to Thursday, Feb. 19, at 1 Vimy Place, Ottawa, ON.

The conference is being planned to address the critical issue of how Canadian museums and other cultural agencies can, or should, deal with contested or otherwise difficult subjects or methodologies in discharging their respective mandates and serving their attentive publics. It builds upon existing scholarly and professional investigations of difficult subject matter to explore the development of best practices, especially in a Canadian context.

In doing so, the conference will address broader critical issues including the role of cultural institutions in civil society, community life, and the creation of knowledge.

The event's themes include such questions as Is it important for cultural institutions to take on difficult subjects? How can institutions do it? What stories can or should be told? How can institutions share these subjects with their audiences? Are Canadian institutions doing this well? Or at all? How can institutions manage adversity?

Cost: \$50.00 (includes coffee breaks, two lunches and dinner Wednesday night).

Registrations can be faxed to (819) 776-8623 (ATTN: Victoria Copland); emailed to victoria.copland@warmuseum.ca, or mailed to Victoria Copland, Canadian War Museum 1 Vimy Place, Ottawa, ON K1A 0M8.

Accommodation is available at the Fairmont Château Laurier, 1 Rideau Street, Ottawa, ON, reservations 1-800-441-1414, Tel: (613) 241-1414 – Fax: (613) 562-7030. Visit www.fairmont.com/laurier. Please reserve prior to 17 January 2009 to receive the guaranteed room rate of \$149.00 (single or double occupancy, taxes additional) available from February 17-19, 2009. Ask for the Canadian War Museum Group Block. Code: CANWARM9

For more information, contact Victoria Copland at Tel: (819) 776-8689, or victoria.copland@warmuseum.ca.

Tombs of Eternity: The Afterlife in Ancient Egypt, Canadian Museum of Civilization, Gatineau

Launched in December 2008 and on until Aug. 16, 2009, the latest exhibition in the Special Exhibitions Gallery A at the Canadian Museum of Civilization, 100 Laurier Street, Gatineau, is titled Tombs of Eternity: The Afterlife in Ancient Egypt.

Comprised of more than 200 artefacts from the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, one of the world's leading repositories of Egyptian antiquities and augmented by the Museum of Civilization, the exhibit and IMAX film deals with how the Ancient Egyptians saw death not as the end of life, but as the start of a new immortal existence.

The artefacts, which span 3,000 years of Egyptian history and convey the richness of and diversity of this great civilization, tell the story of the Egyptian nobility, who built their tombs in the shadow of the great pyramids at Giza. On display are mummified human and animal remains, sarcophagi, jewellery, pottery, sculptures, furniture, amulets and colossal works of art.

Particularly noteworthy is a symbolic burial tomb recreated by curators at the Museum of Civilization. Enter the tomb and you will be taken on a symbolic journey that reveals the secrets of life and death in Ancient Egypt.

The journey continues with **Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs**, an IMAX® feature film on the late-19th-century discovery and unveiling of twelve mummified Egyptian Kings — a historic and forensic expedition.

For more information, contact the Canadian Museum of Civilization at Tel: (819) 776-7000, or 1-800-555-5621, or email web@civilization.ca. Visit www.civilization.ca.

HeritageLine – Friday, December 19, 2008

Funding opportunities for Heritage Organizations

The Canadian Museums Association (CMA) in partnership with the federal government's Department of Canadian Heritage announced the launch of their Young Canada Works (YCW) programs for 2009-10.

Two options are available for hiring summer students and for creating graduate internships - Young Canada Works in Heritage Organizations, or Young Canada Works at Building Careers in Heritage. Applications for both programs will be accepted until February 1st, 2009.

For further information, visit the updated Young Canada Works program websites for application procedures, updated employer and student eligibility criteria, at YCW in Heritage Organizations www.museums.ca/en/funds/ycw_in_heritage_organizations/ and YCW at Building Careers in Heritage www.museums.ca/en/funds/ycw_at_building_careers_in_heritage/.

NOTE: Applications must be submitted online at www.youngcanadaworks.gc.ca.

To contact the Canadian Museums Association, send email to ycw@museums.ca

HeritageLine – December 12, 2008

20th Anniversary Celebrations

Is your cultural, history or heritage organization celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2009?

Through our partnership with Tourism Eastern Townships <www.easterntownships.org>, we have learned that Tourism Quebec in France is seeking to find organizations that are celebrating their 20th anniversary in 2009 for a special tourism-related package to be promoted next year.

If you are one of the lucky ones, please contact Barbara Lavoie, Communications Coordinator, by telephone at (819) 564-9595 (toll-free in Quebec 1 (877) 964-0409), or communications@qahn.org.

Exhibit: Reveal or conceal? McCord Museum, Montreal

With holiday time around the corner, you may be looking for interesting activities that the entire family can enjoy. Reveal or Conceal? A provocative look at fashion and modesty, shows just how much ideas about women's bodies have changed, and how they've stayed the same.

On until Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, the exhibit is at the McCord Museum of Canadian History, 690 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal. For more information, telephone (514) 398-7100, or email info@mccord.mcgill.ca. Wheelchair access is at 2175 Victoria Street (west side of the museum). Visit www.mccord-museum.qc.ca/en/.

2009 Marion Phelps Award

Do you know someone who has consistently worked towards the promotion and preservation of heritage in Quebec? Why not help us honour a volunteer who exemplifies a high degree of personal dedication to heritage in your community?

The annual Marion Phelps Award recognizes outstanding long-term contributions, and is presented to the honouree at the Annual General Meeting and Awards Banquet of the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network (QAHN) in June each year.

Marion Phelps Award winners are chosen solely on the strength of nominations received by the selection committee, with general consideration given to:

- The significance and quality of a candidate's long-term contribution to the protection and preservation of anglophone heritage in Quebec.
- The degree of personal dedication in the field of heritage protection and preservation, as demonstrated by the candidate's level of volunteerism.

Letters of nomination must describe concisely the scope and significance of the nominee's work in the heritage field, providing a few specific examples. Please include with your nomination at least two supporting letters from other members of your community or affiliated organizations as well as the mailing address and telephone number of the nominee.

The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2009 Marion Phelps Award is **March 30, 2009**.

Send nomination and supporting letters by regular mail to QAHN at 400-257 Queen St. Sherbrooke, QC J1M 1K7, or by fax to (819) 564-6872 or e-mail home@qahn.org.

***HeritageLine* – December 5, 2008**

December 10 – Talk by historian and biographer William Fong, Montreal

Historian and biographer William Fong will speak about two eminent Montreal businessmen and philanthropists, Sir William C. Macdonald and J.W. McConnell on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 12:30 p.m., at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 1200 Atwater Avenue, at Tupper (Métro Atwater). Free admission. For more information, telephone (514) 935-7344, or visit www.atwaterlibrary.ca.

December 10 – Irish Christmas Concert with DANÚ, Ottawa

The Gaelic Hour (Ottawa) CHIN Radio 97.9 FM presents an Irish Christmas Concert with DANÚ on Wednesday, Dec. 10, from 7:30 p.m., at St. Brigid's Centre for the Arts & Humanities, Home of the National Irish Canadian Cultural Centre, 314 St. Patrick St, Ottawa. Tickets: \$29.50 + surcharges available from TicketWeb <www.ticketweb.com> and the Ottawa Folklore Centre, 1111 Bank St. Tel: (613) 730-2887.

December 13 – Maximizing Research Effort Using QFHS Database, Montreal

The Quebec Family History Society is offering as part of its public lecture series a free lecture by Bob Dunn on how to maximize your research effort using the QFHS online database, on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10:30 a.m., at St. Andrew's United Church, 75 – 15th Avenue, Montreal (Lachine).

The QFHS information databases has evolved from a marriage index for the Montreal area to indexes that cover births, marriages, deaths, census data, land grants, seignury tenants, and cemetery headstone inscriptions. The number of entries has grown from fewer than 100,000 with the original Montreal Marriage Index to over one million entries. Not included in the one million is the on-line QFHS library catalogue which is also searchable. Bob will describe how to maximize your research effort by describing how to find your way around and work with the on-line databases.

For more information, contact the society at telephone (514) 695-1502 or (514) 482-3418, or by fax (514) 695-3508, or visit www.qfhs.ca/hap.shtml#seminars.

December 13 – Last Chance Sale at the Library, Quebec

The Last Chance Sale takes place on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Morrin Centre, 44, chaussée des Écossais, Quebec. Admission: free.

All visitors will have a chance to win a door prize, and non-members will also be eligible to win a free one-year family membership. Everyone welcome, so tell your friends. Contributions of baked goods and preserves, as well as items for the Odds & Ends table most appreciated. Drop off donations at the centre during library opening hours or on the morning of the sale. People also needed to help with setup, greeting visitors, giving out door prize tickets, etc. If you can help, call Valerie at (418) 694-9147.

For more information, contact the centre at (819) 694-9147, or email info@morrin.org. Visit www.morrin.org.

December 18 - Centenary of Roslyn School, 1908, Westmount

Part of the Fall Lecture Series 2008 of the Westmount Historical Association, members of Westmount's Community Theatre Dramatis Personae will make a dramatic presentation bringing to life the history of the Roslyn School on Thursday, Dec. 18, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke Street West.

Roslyn School on Westmount Avenue, between Grosvenor and Roslyn Avenues, opened its doors in September 1908. The script for the dramatization, written and directed by Ann Elbourne, Molly Fripp and Ellen Rubin, is based on the book Roslyn: The Story of a Canadian School by Ann Elbourne, Molly Fripp and Maryla Waters. Cost: free for members, \$5, at the door, for non-members.

For more information, contact the association at (514) 925-1404 or (514) 932-6688, or email info@westmounthistorical.org.

Victorian Christmas in Dorval

The Dorval Museum of Local History and Heritage recently held its vernissage for their annual holiday exhibition. This year, the museum will recreate the merriness of a Victorian Christmas in Dorval.

Come and experience the spirit of Christmas through the sights and sounds of the Victorian era. See how the holiday was celebrated during that period and reminisce about your own holiday memories with volunteers.

The museum is located at 1850 Lakeshore Dr. in Dorval. Hours: Thursday to Sunday, from 1 to 5 p.m. During the holidays, call (514) 633-4314, to confirm opening hours. Admission: free.

Crannóg Literary Magazine

Crannóg Literary Magazine recently launched a special edition, the Canada Special in Montreal. With more than 50 per cent Canadian content, the idea evolved from an editor's one year residence in Canada, Crannóg Issue 19 reflects a cross section of Canadian writing and themes: nature, immigration, language and social issues. For contrast, the issue is scattered with writing from Ireland and other places.

Quebec artist Véronique La Perrière created the stunning cover images. For more information on Canadian writing through Irish eyes, contact Sandra Bunting by email sandra.bunting@gmail.com, or visit www.crannogmagazine.com.

Westmount Historical Association

The Westmount Historical Association manages various archives which are open to researchers by appointment. Questions related to the history of Westmount will be answered by mail, telephone or email. Material donations such as photographs, memorabilia, or other materials related to the history of Westmount gratefully accepted.

For more information, contact the Westmount Historical Association (4574 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal) by telephone at (514) 925-1404 or (514) 932-6688, or by email info@westmounthistorical.org. Visit www.westmounthistorical.org.

***HeritageLine* – November 28, 2008**

December 2 – French translation book launch, Montreal

A book launch of the French translation, *Nommer les Laurentides: La petite histoire des cantons du nord*, by historian Joseph Graham and published by Les Éditions Main Street Inc. will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Mile-End Library, 5434 Park Avenue (corner Saint-Viateur), Montreal.

The translation follows closely on the heels of the author's successful English book, *Naming the Laurentians: A history of place names up north*, released in 2006.

For more information, contact Shiela Eskenazi, by telephone at (819) 326-4963, or email Sheila@doncaster.ca. Visit www.ballyhoo.ca/livres.

December 3 – 8th Annual Open House, Sherbrooke

Join us at the **8th Annual Open House** next Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008, at the Dr. Marguerite Knapp Building, 257 Queen Street, in Sherbrooke's Borough of Lennoxville.

Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network (QAHN) is one of 10 community-based organizations that are all housed in the same building and that all serve English-speakers. Each year representatives from each organization jointly organize a special holiday event with plenty of information, conversation and refreshments.

Visit with the QAHN staff and board members, and meet our other housemates - Appalachian Teachers' Association, Job Links, Lennoxville & District Women's Centre, Literacy in Action, Mental Health Estrie, The Townships Sun, Townshippers' Association, Townshippers' Foundation and Townships Regional Union of Support Staff (TRUSS).

December 3 – 16th Annual Christmas Concert, Montreal

The St. Patrick's Society of Montreal is holding its 16th Annual Christmas Concert featuring Concerto Della Donna, the Montreal Male Welsh Choir, Saint Patrick's Baslica Choir with Carole McCormick, and the Bernadette Short Irish Dancers, on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m., at Saint Patrick's Basilica, 454 René-Lévesque West, Montreal. Tickets: \$15.

For information on the concert line-up, or to reserve tickets, contact the society and Erin Matheson at (514) 481-1346, by email office@spsmtl.com, or Concert Chairs, Robert Brodrick, at (514) 482-9733, or Sandra McDonough, at (514) 697-6918. Visit www.stpatrickssociety.com.

December 6 – Fundraiser for Ottawa St. Patrick's Parade, Ottawa

St. Brigid's Centre is holding a Christmas concert and family joke contest as a fundraiser for the 2009 Ottawa St. Patrick's Parade on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 2 to 8 p.m., at the Ottawa Folklore Centre, 1111 Bank Street, Ottawa. Tickets: \$20.

For more information, contact Peter Rock, at (613) 237-0665, or peter.rock@rogers.com.

December 4 – Talk by Director General of QCGN, Montreal

Sylvia Martin-Laforge, Director General of the Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) will speak about the umbrella organization dedicated to enhancing the vitality of Quebec's English-speaking minority community on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 12:30 p.m., at

the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 1200 Atwater Avenue, at Tupper (Métro Atwater). Free admission. For more information, telephone (514) 935-7344, or visit www.atwaterlibrary.ca.

December 6 – Victorian Christmas Tea, Sherbrooke

The Lennoxville-Ascot Historical & Museum Society is holding a Victorian Christmas Tea, on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., at the Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre, 9 Speid Street, Sherbrooke. Cost: \$8.

For more information, contact the society at (819) 564-0409, or visit www.uplands.ca/eng/lenn-ascot.html.

December 7 – Lyon Street Celtic Band, Ottawa

The Lyon Street Celtic Band will perform Christmas Celtic music on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 1 to 2 p.m., at the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum, 2940 Old Montreal Road, Cumberland, ON. For more information, call (613) 833-3059, email museums@ottawa.ca. For a map and directions to the museum, visit www.ottawa.ca/residents/heritage/museums/cumberland/index_en.html.

December 7 – Graham Fraser – Sorry, I Don't Speak French, Quebec

From the centre's Voices From The Crossroads – Written Voices Series, join Graham Fraser, Canada's Commissioner of Official Languages, who will discuss in English his latest book, Sorry, I Don't Speak French, which sparked public discussion on language policy in Canada, on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m., at the Morrin Centre, 44, chaussée des Écossais, Quebec. Members and students: \$4; non-members \$6.

For more information, contact the centre at (819) 694-9147, or email info@morrin.org. Visit www.morrin.org.

December 8 – Christmas Traditions at The Grange of the Gatineau, Cantley

The Gatineau Valley Historical Society invites members and others to share an evening of carol singing, music and Christmas treats in the historic ambience of The Grange of the Gatineau (Summer Road) in Cantley, on Monday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m.

To help with spirit of the evening, we encourage you to bring your voice and/or a musical instrument to join the piano and singing that evening. Bring along a plate of your favourite seasonal treats (i.e. cookies, nibblies, finger food) for the Potluck Refreshment Table.

For more information, contact the society, by telephone at (819) 827-6224, or info@gvhs.ca, or visit www.gvhs.ca.

***HeritageLine* – November 21, 2008**

***** Funding Opportunities *****

Please find attached announcements and links to two funding opportunities - Local Arts and Heritage Festivals, and Community Historical Anniversaries Programming, both provided through the Building Communities through Arts and Heritage program of Canadian Heritage. Deadlines for both are April 1, 2009.

November 22 – Boutique Christmas Sale, Stanstead

The Colby-Curtis Museum Boutique is hosting a Christmas Sale this Saturday, Nov. 22, from 1 to 4 p.m., at 535 Dufferin, Stanstead. Choose gifts from an assortment of interesting items, many from local artists and artisans, including: porcelain, paintings, stained glass, pottery, carvings, soaps, jewellery, cards and stationery, books, and the ever-popular "collectibles." Mulled cider and cookies will be available. Free admission.

The museum is closed from Nov. 23 to early May due to restorations. For more information, contact the museum at (819) 876-7322.

November 23 – Clifford the Big Red Dog, Quebec

Thanks to a joint presentation of La Maison Anglaise and the Morrin Centre, Clifford the Big Red Dog is coming to hear one of his favourite stories in English, and he wants you to join him this Sunday, Nov. 23, at 1 p.m., at the Morrin Centre, 44, chaussée des Écossais, Quebec. Admission is free.

For more information, or to RSVP, send an email to events@lamaisonanglaise.com, or contact the centre at (819) 694-9147. Visit www.morrin.com.

November 24 – Heritage Plaques Presentation, Ste-Cécile-de-Masham

The Gatineau Valley Historical Society notes all are welcome to join members of the Municipality of La Pêche for the presentation of the 2008 La Pêche Centenary Plaques at a reception hosted by the La Pêche Heritage Committee on Monday, Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m., at the La Pêche Arena (Salle Desjardins), Ste-Cécile-de-Masham.

For the past 10 years, the Municipal Heritage Recognition program has compiled an inventory of more than 100 centenary buildings in La Pêche.

For more information, contact the Gatineau Valley Historical Society, by telephone at (819) 827-6224, or info@gvhs.ca.

November 25 – Celebrate St. Andrew’s Day, Montreal

Lord Dalmeny, Deputy Chairman of Sotheby’s UK, and guest of honour for this year’s St. Andrew’s Society of Montreal Ball, will speak in celebration of St. Andrew’s Day, on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 12:30 p.m., at the Atwater Library and Computer Centre, 1200 Atwater Avenue, at Tupper (Métro Atwater). Free admission.

November 28 - Charting the Journey: Fundraising in Quebec, Montreal

COCo (Centre des Organismes Communautaires) is offering a free one-day event, Charting the Journey: Fundraising in Quebec, on Friday, Nov. 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Centre St-Pierre, 1212, rue Panet, Montreal. .

Designed for individuals working within the community sector in Quebec, interactive workshops and panel discussions will map the best fundraising practices and investigate funding sustainability. Registration deadline was Nov. 20. Small travel subsidies are available upon request.

Although the deadline was Nov. 20, it may be possible to register by emailing loralieb@coco-net.org, indicating: 1) Your name and affiliated organization (if applicable); 2) Phone number, address, email, and emergency contact; 3) Child care will be available on-site, and upon request; 4) Any allergies or special diet (i.e. vegetarian); 5) How you found out about the event; 6) You are asked to pre-register for the morning panel discussions.

For questions, contact loralieb@coco-net.org, or telephone (514) 849-5599.

December 3 – 8th Annual Open House, Sherbrooke

Join us at the **8th Annual Open House** on Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008, at the Dr. Marguerite Knapp Building, 257 Queen Street, in Sherbrooke's Borough of Lennoxville.

QAHN is one of 10 community-based organizations that are all housed in the same building and that all serve English-speakers. Each year representatives from each organization jointly organize a special holiday event with plenty of information, conversation and refreshments.

Visit with the QAHN staff and board members, and meet our other housemates - Appalachian Teachers' Association, Job Links, Lennoxville & District Women's Centre, Literacy in Action, Mental Health Estrie, The Townships Sun, Townshippers' Association, Townshippers' Foundation and Townships Regional Union of Support Staff (TRUSS).

***HeritageLine* – November 14, 2008**

November 15 – Caring for grandma's quilt, Knowlton

The Brome County Historical Society has invited Diane M. Shink, a certified quilt appraiser and historian, to present an illustrated lecture/trunk show this Saturday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m., at 130 Lakeside Road, Knowlton. Cost: \$15, for BCHS members; \$20 for non-members, and includes a light luncheon following the lecture.

Various styles of quilts, including samples from the BCHS collection, will be used to illustrate restoration, cleaning, preservation, and storage methods for these cherished and valuable articles.

Shink will conduct individual quilt appraisals, which may be used for museum donation, marketing or insurance replacement costs, for a fee of \$45 per quilt. The appraisal takes approximately 30 minutes.

For more information, and to reserve, contact Arlene at (450) 243-6782 or Jo-Ann at (450) 243-6524.

November 15 – A Genealogical Day in Ireland seminar, Montreal

The Quebec Family History Society is offering a seminar, A Genealogical Day in Ireland, this Saturday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the society library, 173 Cartier Avenue, Montreal (Pointe Claire).

The seminar, led by Gary Schroder, will examine what's new and exciting in the world of Irish family History and how to find ancestors lost in Ireland. Cost: members \$30, non-members \$40.

For more information, contact the society at telephone (514) 695-1502 or (514) 482-3418, or by fax (514) 695-3508, or visit www.qfhs.ca/hap.shtml#seminars.

November 16 – Malcolm Reid – The Shouting Signpainters, Quebec

From the centre's Voices From The Crossroads – Written Voices Series, don't miss living legend Malcolm Reid, author of the cult classic *The Shouting Signpainters*, which redefined how English-Canada saw Quebec in the 1970s. Reid examines the legacy of this literary and political account of Quebec revolutionary nationalism which transformed him over 30 years ago and eventually brought him to Quebec City.

The event, in English, is this Sunday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the Morrin Centre, 44, chaussée des Écossais, Quebec. Members and students: \$4; non-members \$6.

For more information, contact the centre at (819) 694-9147, or email info@morrin.org. Visit www.morrin.org.

November 20 – Lecture by Sally Nelson, Montreal

Part of the Fall Lecture Series 208 of the Westmount Historical Association and the Westmount Public Library, Sally Nelson, English teacher at Dawson College, will speak on, Dawson College: Looking back 40 years, on Thursday, Nov. 20, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the library, 4574 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal. Cost: members free; non-members \$5, at the door.

For more information, contact the association at (514) 925-1404 or (514) 932-6688, or email info@westmounthistorical.org.

November 20 – Public lecture by Katie Gough, Montreal

Part of their public lecture series in Canadian Irish Studies, Katie Gough, University of Glasgow Theatre, Film and Television Department, will speak on, *The Slave Ship Zong Arrives on the Dublin Stage: Kinship and Globalization in Contemporary Ireland*, on Thursday, Nov. 20, at 8:30 p.m., in Room H-1220, Hall Pavilion, Concordia University, 1455, de Maisonneuve West, Montreal. Free admission.

For more information, telephone (514) 848-8711, email cdnirish@alcor.concordia.ca.
Visit www.cdnirish.concordia.ca.

November 21 – Workshop: Researching History on the Internet, Quebec

Examine how the Internet has changed the way we research history with Dr. Donald Fryson, Friday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m., at the Morrin Centre, 44, chaussée des Écossais, Quebec. Members and students: \$4; non-members \$6..

Major online sources will be explored in this workshop, which coincides with the launch of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec's 8,000 page virtual library. Members and students: \$4; non-members \$6.

For more information, contact the centre at (819) 694-9147, or email info@morrin.org.
Visit www.morrin.org.

November 28 – Public lecture by Linda Cardinal, Montreal

The Centre for Canadian Irish Studies presents its seventh annual Bishop Neil Willard Lecture by Linda Cardinal, the Peter O'Brien visiting scholar, and University of Ottawa's Chaire de recherche sur la francophonie et les politiques publiques.

Her lecture, *The Other Atlantic World: Ireland and Quebec in comparative perspective*, will be Friday, Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m., in Room H-1220, Hall Pavilion, Concordia University, 1455, de Maisonneuve West, Montreal. Free admission.

For more information, telephone (514) 848-8711, email cdnirish@alcor.concordia.ca.
Visit www.cdnirish.concordia.ca.

***HeritageLine* – November 7, 2008**

November 7 (rescheduled from Nov. 6) - Irish language Poetry Reading, Montreal

Considered a key protagonist in the 1970s-'80s Irish language poetry renaissance, Louis de Paor (Ph.D.), Irish poet, director of the Centre for Irish Studies, NUI Galway, will read tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m., in Cinéma de Sève, McConnell Library Building, Concordia University, 1400 de Maisonneuve West, Montreal. Free admission.

For more information, telephone (514) 848-8711, email cdnirish@alcor.concordia.ca.
Visit www.cdnirish.concordia.ca.

November 9 – Understanding Mordecai Richler, Quebec

Join host Jason Bunwald for an evening of discussion in English on one of Canada's most renowned and controversial writers, Mordecai Richler, on Sunday, Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m., at the Morrin Centre, 44, chaussée des Écossais, Quebec.

The evening will end with a showing of Ted Kotcheff's 1974 adaption of Richler's *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz*, the most commercially successful Canadian film ever at that time. Free admission.

For more information, contact the centre at (819) 694-9147, or email info@morrin.org. Visit www.morrin.org.

November 11 – Remembrance Day, Chelsea

The annual Remembrance Day ceremony in Chelsea will be held at the Pioneer Cemetery at the grave of Richard Rowland Thompson. His Boer War heroism was recognized by the Queen's Scarf of Honour, and he was only eight in the world honoured with the hand-crocheted made by Queen Victoria.

November 13 – Public lecture by Nessa Cronin, Montreal

Part of their public lecture series in Canadian Irish Studies, Nessa Cronin (Ph.D.), Centre for Irish Studies, National University of Ireland, Galway, will speak on, *An Irish Poetics of Place? Poetry, Topography and the Irish Literary Tradition*, on Thursday, Nov. 13, at 8:30 p.m., in Room H-1220, Hall Pavilion, Concordia University, 1455, de Maisonneuve West, Montreal. Free admission.

For more information, telephone (514) 848-8711, email cdnirish@alcor.concordia.ca. Visit www.cdnirish.concordia.ca.

November 15 – Digging For Treasure in Land Records, Montreal

The Quebec Family History Society is offering a seminar on Digging For Treasure in Land Records (Land Register of Quebec), a rarely used source for genealogical data, on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the society library, 173 Cartier Avenue, Montreal (Pointe Claire).

This session led by Sharon Callaghan will show you how to locate records for properties across Quebec during the 20th and 19th centuries, and some even earlier. Cost: members \$30, non-members \$40.

For more information, contact the society at telephone (514) 695-1502 or (514) 482-3418, or by fax (514) 695-3508, or visit www.qfhs.ca/hap.shtml#seminars.

HeritageLine - October 31, 2008

October 31 to November 2 – Family Halloween Activities, Sherbrooke

The Musée de la nature et des sciences de Sherbrooke invites families to participate in a number of Halloween activities, abracadabra stories by sorcerer imprisoned in a crater, challenges related to their current exhibition, Meteorites: From space to earth, and soap-making, from Friday, Oct. 31 to Sunday, Nov. 2, at 11 a.m., 1:30 and 3 p.m., at 225 Frontenac, Sherbrooke. Children in disguises welcome! Cost: Free for children up to 3 years, \$5 for 4 to 17 years, \$7.50 for adults up to 54 years, \$6.75 for adults 54 plus, \$20 for families (2 adults, 2 children) and \$1 per additional child.

For more information, contact the museum by telephone at (819) 564-3200 ext. 251, or 1-877-434-3200, by email info@mnes.qc.ca, or visit www.mnes.qc.ca.

November 1 – What Do I Do With All This Family History Stuff? Montreal

The Quebec Family History Society is offering a seminar on the preservation and organization of your family history documents and photographs, tomorrow Saturday, Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the society library, 173 Cartier Avenue, Montreal (Pointe Claire).

This seminar by Bob Dunn, Lorraine Gosselin, Derek Hopkins and Gary Schroder, will examine how to organize and preserve your documents and photographs, techniques for scanning documents and photographs, and how to incorporate your materials into the Family Tree Maker and Legacy genealogical computer programs. Cost: \$30, non-members \$40.

For more information, contact the society at telephone (514) 695-1502 or (514) 482-3418, or by fax (514) 695-3508, or visit www.qfhs.ca/hap.shtml#seminars.

November 1 – Celtic Studies Annual Conference Traditional Celtic Music, Toronto

The Celtic Studies Annual Conference Traditional Celtic Music will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 9:15 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Room 400, Alumni Hall, St. Michael's College, 121 St. Joseph Street, Toronto. Registration: \$30.00, students free but must register. For more information, a detailed program and registration form, telephone (416) 926-7145, email celtic.studies@utoronto.ca, or visit www.utoronto.ca/stmikes/celticstudies.

November 1 – La Ceilagh Chamber Singers Ceilidh, Westmount (Montreal)

La Ceilagh Chamber Singers will perform on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 7 p.m. at Westmount Park United Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve West, Westmount (Montreal) (corner of Lansdowne). Learn the steps from 7:15 to 8 p.m. Celidh starts at 8 p.m. Live Celtic music by the Sarah Burnell Band and friends with performances by members of the La Ceilagh. Everyone can participate at this family-friendly fundraiser. Tickets: \$7 students, \$10 adults, \$30 family (2 adults, 2+ children) available through La Ceilagh members or at the door. Visit www.laceilagh.com or www.sarahburnellband.ca.

November 6 – Irish language Poetry Reading by Louis de Paor (Ph.D.), Montreal

Considered a key protagonist in the 1970s-'80s Irish language poetry renaissance, Louis de Paor (Ph.D.), Irish poet, director of the Centre for Irish Studies, NUI Galway, will read on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 8:30 p.m., in Room H-1220, Hall Pavillion Building, Concordia University, 1455 de Maisonneuve West, Montreal. Free admission.

For more information, telephone (514) 848-8711, email cdnirish@alcor.concordia.ca. Visit www.cdnirish.concordia.ca.

November 8 - Lake Memphremagog: its history, legends and archaeology, Stanstead

Part of their Fall 2008 Lecture/Luncheon series, the Stanstead Historical Society presents a lecture on Lake Memphremagog: It's history, legends and archaeology in French by Gérard Leduc, Ph.D. (and the spirit of Jacques Boisvert) on Saturday, Nov. 8, at 10:30 a.m., at Christ Church Hall, 550, rue Dufferin, Stanstead. Light lunch to follow at the Colby-Curtis Museum. Non-members: \$20; members \$17.

To register, contact the society by telephone at (819) 876-7322, or by email info@colbycurtis.ca.

November 8 - Free Lecture Series – Quebec Family History Society, Montreal

The Quebec Family History Society continues its free lecture series with speaker Gordon Morley on the topic of Mount Hermon Cemetery in Sillery (Quebec City), on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10:30 a.m., at St. Andrew's United Church, 75 – 15th Avenue, Lachine, QC.

Gordon Morley has published a book with the transcriptions of the 10,00 headstones at Mount Hermon, and will discuss the highlights of this project.

For more information, contact the society at telephone (514) 482-3418, or (514) 695-1502, or visit www.qfhs.ca/hap.shtml#lecture.

Concordia University history student seeks past and current Pointe Saint-Charles residents to interview for an oral history project related to place, identity and daily life. For information, and to contact the student, telephone (514) 261-2462 or email jessie_mills@hotmail.com.

The Aylmer Heritage Association, 495 Aylmer Road, Gatineau, at its recent Annual General Meeting held on Oct. 30, launched its DVD production, Three Years On... a pictorial review of the Association's activities from 2005 – 2008 illustrated with photographs of the people and the many events it has enjoyed during the past few years.

The Association's Archives and Exhibit Centre are housed in the newly renovated Old Methodist Chapel (495 Aylmer). On Oct. 22, it held the first of several "hands-on" sessions where items are selected from their archives catalogue, retrieved from storage and displayed for scrutiny and discussion. To find out when the next session will be, contact the association by telephone at (819) 684-6809, or email heritage.aylmer@ca.inter.net. Visit them on the Outaouais Heritage WebMagazine at http://outaouais.quebecheritageweb.com/societies_details.aspx?societyId=11.

HeritageLine – Friday, October 24, 2008

October 24 – Voices from the CROSSROADS, Quebec

Part of the Morrin Centre's Quebec 2008 events showcasing the contribution of English-speakers within Quebec's 400th anniversary celebrations, join poetry expert John Whitt for an examination in English of the legacy of two Quebec City poets, Canon F.G. Scott and his son F.R. Scott, who brought Canadian poetry into the modern era this evening, Friday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m., at the Morrin Centre, 44 chaussée des Écossais, Quebec. Cost: \$4, members and students; \$6, non-members.

For more information, contact the centre at (819) 694-9147, or email info@morrin.org.
Visit www.morrin.org.

October 26 – Historical Tour in English - Traces et Souvenances, Sherbrooke

This Sunday afternoon, Oct. 26, from 1 p.m., take a trip back in time while seated comfortably aboard a bus, with Mary O'Malley, the captivating and colourful Irishwoman from the 19th century - Alexander Galt's housekeeper back in the day!

You'll meet the pioneers who shaped the history of the Eastern Townships during this two and half hour tour offered in English by professional actors, members of the Traces et Souvenances theatre group in Sherbrooke. Cost: \$25. Rain (bring an umbrella) or shine. Meet at 275 Dufferin Street, Sherbrooke (historical society).

To reserve, contact Heather K. at (819) 829-1810. Space is limited. For more information on the theatrical troupe, including its promotional video, visit www.tracesetsouvenances.com.

October 29 – Urban Tales with CBC Radio's Jacquie Czernin, Quebec

Join CBC Radio's Breakaway host, Jacquie Czernin, for an evening of outstanding storytelling featuring stories by Neil Bissoondath, Aurian Haller, Nalini Warriar, Anne-Marie Olivier, and Quebec CBC AM's host Tim Belford.

The free event takes place on Wednesday evening, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m., at Café-Spectacles du Palais Montcalm, 95 Place d'Youville, Quebec. To reserve, send an email with Urban Tales in the subject line and include the number of seats desired in your request to mtlcomm@cbc.ca.

October 29 and October 30 – Two Lectures on Irish Theatre and Society, Montreal

Part of the third annual St. Patrick's Society Lecture in Canadian Irish Studies, Christopher Murray, former director of the drama centre and a member of the department of English at University College Dublin, will seapk on Yeatsian Paradigms: Irish Theatre and Society, 1926-1967, on Wednesday, Oct. 29, and Major redefinitions in Irish Theatre, 1968-2008, on Thursday, Oct. 30, at 8:30 p.m., in Room H-1220, Hall Pavillion Building, Concordia University, 1455 de Maisonneuve West, Montreal. Free admission.

For more information, telephone (514) 848-8711, email cdnirish@alcor.concordia.ca.
Visit www.cdnirish.concordia.ca.

October 30 – Lecture – Musée de la nature et des sciences de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke

The Musée de la nature et des sciences de Sherbrooke invites participants to meet well-known meteorologist Pierre Hudon at its upcoming conference, Meteorites: From space to earth, on Thursday, Oct. 30, from 7:30 p.m., at 225 Frontenac, Sherbrooke. Cost: \$7.50, adults, \$6.75, students and seniors; free for members. Thirty minutes prior to the conference, participants can visit its current exposition on meteorites developed in partnership with the Musée minéralogique et minier de Thetford Mines et le Musée du Fjord du Saguenay.

For more information, and to register, contact the museum by telephone at (819) 564-3200 ext. 233, or 1-877-434-3200, by email info@mnes.qc.ca, or visit www.mnes.qc.ca.

November 2 – Vernissage Bonheur d’hiver 2008 Art Exhibition & Sale, Sherbrooke

Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre is holding a vernissage with the artists for its Bonheur d’hiver 2008 Art Exhibition & Sale on Sunday, Nov. 2, from 2 to 4 p.m., at 9 Speid Avenue, Sherbrooke.

The exhibit, which features the work of Michèle Atkinson, Oscar Bajofer, Normand Bernier, Lucy Doheny, Debbie Everett, Jeanette Leblanc, Francine Mercier, Danny Nadeau, Gilles Rousseau and Monique Vanier Quine, runs until Dec. 20. Gallery hours: Wednesday to Sunday, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Uplands at (819) 564-0409, or visit www.uplands.ca.

December 11 - Ireland-Canada Chamber of Commerce Xmas Cocktail Reception, Montreal

The Ireland-Canada Chamber of Commerce is holding a Xmas Cocktail Reception on Thursday, Dec. 11, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., at 41st Floor, Place Ville-Marie, Royal Banker’s Room, Montreal. Honoured invitees: Irish Ambassador, British Consul General and the President of the European Union. Door prizes & music. Cost: \$60, \$50 for ICC members who pay prior to the event.

2009 Marion Phelps Award

“There is still much history to be written.” M. Phelps

We are pleased to invite nominations for the **2009 Marion Phelps Award**, an initiative started in 2001 by the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network (QAHN) to recognize

individuals for their outstanding long-term contribution to the protection and preservation of anglophone heritage in Quebec.

Presented at our Awards Banquet and Annual General Meeting held every June, the award allows us to honour and acknowledge a heritage volunteer who exemplifies a high degree of personal dedication to heritage in your community.

Your submission should describe concisely the scope and significance of the nominee's work in the heritage field, and build an articulate and coherent reason why the individual would merit the award. As the nomination form and the letters of support are the only documents used by the selection committee, specific examples must be provided. If desired, two or three letters of support would strengthen your submission.

We request that you please complete the enclosed nomination form and forward to our offices *before 5 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2009*.

For additional information about the Marion Phelps Award, criteria used in evaluating all nominees, and a list of the former recipients, visit www.qahn.org.

Thank you for helping us recognize the efforts of heritage stewards across the province.

***HeritageLine* – Friday, October 17, 2008**

October 18 and 21 - Animating Our Histories in the communities of Low, Chelsea and Wakefield

Join members of Theatre Wakefield and other project partners at an upcoming Animating Our Histories workshop in your neighbourhood and explore how we might put your community on stage, in a song, or into a piece of school curriculum.

Theatre Wakefield is looking for hidden treasure – that historical nugget that could inspire their next production. Do you have an unknown piece of local history to share, or an obscure landscape photo or unusual artefact that has a tale behind it?

Theatre Wakefield has received small development grant from the federal government's Department of Canadian Heritage to research local history and bring it to life. They are seeking educators, artists and community organizers interested in using local history for educational, artistic or other community development purposes.

At the Animating Our Histories workshops, you are invited to share your stories and discuss ways of collaborating with others to animate your local history.

The project team, Peter Gillies, Madeleine Anderson and Doug McArthur, will be in Low this Saturday morning, Oct. 18, Chelsea this Saturday afternoon, and in Wakefield on Tuesday evening, Oct. 21. A collective workshop is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008

For more information, contact Kerstin Petersson by telephone at 819-459-3670, or visit the project's website www.ourhiddenhills.ca.

October 18 - Free Lecture Series – Quebec Family History Society, Montreal

The Quebec Family History Society begins its free lecture series with speaker George Laidlaw, on Saturday, October 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at St. Andrew's United Church, 75 – 15th Avenue, Lachine, QC.

The author of many works of historical fiction, Laidlaw will talk about doing historical research. This will be an opportunity for anyone planning to write a family history to get tips to add some colour to the dry details of birth, marriage and death. He will also be discussing the books he has written.

For more information, contact the society at telephone (514) 482-3418, or (514) 695-1502, or visit www.qfhs.ca/hap.shtml#lecture.

October 18 - Friends of Gatineau Park 4th Annual Research Forum, Chelsea

On Saturday, October 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., the forum will report on heritage and ecology research recently undertaken in the Park. The event includes: a presentation on the refurbished model of the Wakefield Mill; lunch with the researchers; and an afternoon excursion illustrating an aspect of their research undertaken. Cost: \$7, including lunch.

For more information and registration, call (819) 827-2020. Visit www.friendsofgatineaupark.ca

October 19 - History of the Victoria Bridge – Heritage Society of Pointe-Saint-Charles, Montreal

A guided tour on the history of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, the construction of the Victoria Bridge, Victoriatown and the Irish Rock will be held in English on Sunday, October 19, from 1 p.m. The tour begins from Tansey Park (corner of Centre and Wellington Streets) in Montreal (Charlesvoix Metro and Bus 107 East, Peel or Bonaventure Metros and Bus 58 South).

For more information, or to register, contact the society at (514) 938-8036, or visit www.histoire-pointesaintcharles.org.

October 19 – Tour – Musée de la nature et des sciences de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke

The Musée de la nature et des sciences de Sherbrooke invites participants to its annual La tournée des grandes roches, led by well-known geologist Bruno Landry, on Sunday, October 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., by bus from 225, rue Frontenac, Sherbrooke. Cost: \$10. Space is limited. Bring your own lunch.

For more information, and to register, contact the museum by telephone at (819) 564-3200 ext. 233, or 1-877-434-3200, by email info@mnes.qc.ca, or visit www.mnes.qc.ca.

October 22 - Registered Charity Information Session in English, Sherbrooke

A free information session for registered charities will be offered in English by staff of the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) on Wednesday, October 22, from 7 to 10 p.m., at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 256 Queen Street, Sherbrooke (Lennoxville), QC.

Similar to the tax returns filed by individuals, registered charitable organization must also detail the money collected and expenditures and file returns after every fiscal year with the federal government.

For more information, and to register, contact Valerie MacLeod at (819) 872-3642.

Fall Irish Lectures – Concordia's Centre for Canadian Irish Studies, Montreal

A series of events will take place at Concordia University and are free and open to all. For more information on times and locations, please contact the Centre for Canadian Irish Studies at (514) 848-8711, cdnirish@alcor.concordia.ca, or visit www.cdnirish.concordia.ca.

Being Irish Exhibit – McCord Museum, Montreal

In preparation for the Being Irish exhibit at the McCord Museum this spring, individuals are asked to dig deep in their attics for any hidden St. Patrick's Society treasures. Should you have an historical item or items, and are willing to donate/lend them to the cause, please contact the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal, 1 - 6767 Cote St. Luc Road,

Montreal, QC H4V 2Z6, or telephone (514) 481-1346, email stpatsocmtl@qc.aibn.com or visit www.stpatricksociety.com.

2009 Marion Phelps Award

Do you know of someone who has consistently worked towards the promotion and preservation of Quebec heritage? The annual Marion Phelps Award recognizes outstanding long-term contributions to the protection and preservation of anglophone heritage in Quebec and is presented to the honouree at the Annual General Meeting and Awards Banquet of the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network (QAHN) in June each year. Why not help us honour a volunteer who exemplifies a high degree of personal dedication to heritage in your community?

Marion Phelps Award winners are chosen solely on the strength of nominations received by the selection committee, with general consideration given to:

- The significance and quality of a candidate's long-term contribution to the protection and preservation of anglophone heritage in Quebec.
- The degree of personal dedication in the field of heritage protection and preservation, as demonstrated by the candidate's level of volunteerism.

Letters of nomination must describe concisely the scope and significance of the nominee's work in the heritage field, providing a few specific examples. Please include with your nomination at least two supporting letters from other members of your community or affiliated organizations as well as the mailing address and telephone number of the nominee.

The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2009 Marion Phelps Award is March 30, 2009.

Send nomination and supporting letters by regular mail to QAHN at 400-257 Queen St. Sherbrooke, QC J1M 1K7, or by fax to (819) 564-6872 or e-mail home@qahn.org.

HeritageLine - September 24, 2008

Secrets of the Springs – Friday, September 26

This Friday evening, September 26, at 8 p.m., at The Piggery Theatre, 215 Simard Road, North Hatley, Break-A-Leg Productions presents, Secrets of the Springs, a captivating tale woven around historical and legendary events of the Eastern Townships.

The one-act play is set in the prominent spa hotel of Potton Springs in 1929, at the end of the roaring '20s, only a few weeks before the stock market crash. A group of Suffragettes gather for a clandestine weekend as they plot to get the vote for women in Quebec, they decide to contact a local sage to discover more about the Potton area. The women are taken on an extraordinary journey through the founding of Mansonville and its many legends.

For more information, and to make reservations, contact Break-a-Leg Productions at 450-292-3202 or 1-888-992-3202, email tt@townshippers.qc.ca.

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Townshippers' Day 2008, Sutton - Saturday, September 20

Meet the QAHN staff, volunteers and board members at the Heritage Exhibit in front of the Sutton Museum, 30, rue Principale South, on Saturday, September 20, between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

QAHN is very pleased to be the ONLY vendor of the newly released Townships Trail CD Set, a joint project with Tourism Eastern Townships. The three CD package, in words and music (in English or in French), covers a distance of 415 kilometres by car, and tells you about 27 suggested stops and 8 off-trail stops along the way.

You'll hear talks by guest hosts, Jake Eberts, Teri Coburn, Jim Corcoran, Armand Russell, Bernie St-Laurent, Bob Laberge, Mary Martin and Charles Bury. To listen to a sample track, click on audio at www.townshipstrail.qc.ca. Cost is \$20, including taxes and a free map.

Townshippers' Day, this year marks the 29th edition, is an important part of Quebec's Anglophone heritage, bringing together people from across the Townships for a cultural showcase of artists, musicians, dancers, and a plethora of kiosks and exhibitors.

ROOTS QUEBEC, Morrin Centre, Quebec – Saturday, October 11 and Sunday, October 12

Join us Thanksgiving Weekend for two special QAHN events organized to mark Quebec City's 400th birthday: Heritage Summit: Celebrating diversity among English-speaking communities, on Saturday, October 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Shalom Quebec: Reflections on the history of Quebec City's Jewish community 1608 - 2008, on Sunday, October 12, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday's Heritage Summit features three workshops:

1) Field Notes – Concern for cultural heritage is at an all-time high, with community groups in the forefront. What's driving this movement? What are the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities? Leaders of Quebec City's English-speaking heritage

organizations and ethno-cultural associations discuss the challenges and rewards of supporting local heritage preservation initiatives.

2) Culture Web – English communities of Quebec City are composed of people belonging to many different ethnic traditions, each in its own way helping to shape the character of this historic Canadian city. Historians present highlights from a growing body of research into the little-known multicultural heritage in one of North America's oldest cities.

3) Looking Glass – What does it mean to belong to an English-speaking community in a predominately French-speaking culture? Have Quebec City's diverse Anglophone and allophone populations anything in common besides language? Participants share perspectives on what the future might hold for the city's English-speaking heritage.

Sunday's Shalom Quebec features a conference on the story of Jews in Quebec from the time of New France to the present, with presentations by leading scholars and a guided walking tour, based on the acclaimed exhibit, Same Cloth, Different Threads.

For more information, or to register in advance, call toll-free 1-877-964-0409, or email home@qahn.org. Admission is \$10 for each event, and includes luncheon.

Volunteer Opportunities: Morrin Centre, 44, chaussée des Écossais, Quebec
Volunteers are invited to help out at the following upcoming events: Taras Grescoe presents Bottomfeeder: How to Eat Ethically in a World of Vanishing Seafood, on Friday, September 19, at 7 p.m.; VOICES from the crossroads: La Ville de Québec selon Willa Cather: The Rock and the Endurance of a Culture, on Saturday, September 27, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Journées de la Culture: Crime and Punishment, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Morrin Centre Cell Blocks.

For more information, telephone 418-694-9147, email info@morrin.org, or visit www.morrin.org.

St. Patrick's Society Lecture – Friday, September 19, at 7:30 p.m.

The third annual St. Patrick's Society Lecture in Canadian Irish Studies will feature, The Multiple Voices of Irish America, by guest speaker Niall O'Dowd, on Friday, September 19, at 7:30 p.m, at Cinéma De Sève (main floor), Pavillian McConnell Library Building, Concordia University, 1400 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West, Montreal.

Niall O'Dowd, founder of the first Irish newspaper in California in 50 years, the Irishman Newspaper, and went on to found several more across America including the highly successful Irish America magazine and the Irish Voice newspaper. He played a key role in the American involvement in the Irish peace process. In 2001, his book Fire in the Morning, about the Irish at the World Trade Center during the September 11 attacks, reached number 2 on the Irish bestseller list. Free admission.

For more information, call 514-848-8711, email cdnirish@alcor.concordia.ca, or visit www.cdnirish.concordia.ca.

Urban Reflections: Scenes and collective memories of the Lachine Canal – Friday, September 19 and Saturday, September 20

A multicultural and multimedia event celebrating the history of the southwest communities of Montreal is planned for Friday, September 19, at Nine Sisters Gallery, 1900 Wellington, from 6 p.m., and Saturday, September 20, at Maxwell Haus, 5080A St-Ambroise, at 8 p.m.

Urban Reflections: Scenes and collective memories of the Lachine Canal offers artistic interpretations and historical accounts reflecting the complex character and extraordinary beauty of the Lachine Canal, its waters and neighbouring communities.

A variety of activities are part of the celebration. Playwright and actor Julia Ainsworth will perform an original piece inspired by local history. Artworks inspired by people and landscapes of the canal area will be on display. Lisa Gasior will provide sound clips from her work, Sounding Griffintown, and lead a soundwalk around the Point and the canal areas. Faisal Lutchmedial will present his music video produced for the Montreal-based band, the United Steelworkers of Montreal. Historians Joyce Pillarella (English) and Jean Bélisle (French) will lecture on the area.

For more information, contact Judith Brisson, at 514-989-0702, or email brisson_judith@hotmail.com.

Cultural Heritage: Obstacles and Opportunities for Municipal Development Workshop – Friday, September 26

QAHN President, Kevin O'Donnell and Executive Director, Dwane Wilkin will be panelists at a workshop at the Fédération Québécoises des Municipalités, on Friday, September 26, (time to be confirmed), at Centre des congrès de Québec, 900 René-Lévesque Blvd. East, Quebec.

Further to the January 2008, the submission of the “Livre vert” by the Ministère de la Culture, des Communications and de la Condition féminine du Québec which intends to update the 35-year-old Cultural Property Act, members of the FQM will discuss the opportunities for municipalities with various panelists, including QAHN representatives.

For more information, contact FQM training coordinator Chelsea Byers, at 418-651-3343 ext. 245, email cbyers@fqm.ca, or www.fqm.ca.

APMAQ Conference in Magog-Orford – Friday, October 3 to Sunday, October 5

The Amis et propriétaires de maisons anciennes du Québec is holding its annual conference, from Friday, October 3, at 10:30 a.m. to Sunday, October 5, at 5 p.m., at Hôtel Estrimont, 44, avenue de l'Auberge, Orford.

A number of workshops and lectures are available: Fundamental Concepts of Heritage Buildings training session; lecture by art historian Monique Nadeau-Saumier on heritage buildings in MRC Memphrémagog; presentation by heritage project leader Claude Bergeron on heritage buildings in Magog; workshop by Ronald DuRepos on heritage home restoration; tour of heritage buildings; and various award ceremonies. For more information, contact the APMAQ at 514-528-8444, email apmaq@globetrotter.net, or visit www.maisons-anciennes.qc.ca

HeritageLine is an electronic newsletter designed to keep our members and others up-to-date on historical and heritage news, events and activities around the province.

As part our efforts to increase membership in the network, we invite you to forward this newsletter to others interested in advancing knowledge of the history and culture of Quebec's English-speaking society.

Tell them about what we do, what they will receive as members, and how to join, or encourage them to call Kathy, Barbara or Dwane at (819) 564-9595 (toll-free in Quebec 1-877-964-0409), send a fax to (819) 564-6872 or email home@qahn.org, or visit www.qahn.org.

Thank you for helping us to grow! And be sure to keep sending us information about your upcoming fundraiser, lecture, tour or exhibition.

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