

GREENWOOD CENTRE FOR LIVING HISTORY

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2014



A.G.M. and Opening Celebration

Sunday, May 4, 2:00pm

St. Mary's Church Hall, Hudson, Quebec

*Guest Speaker: Bill Young, Executive Director Emeritus, Historian,
Author*

Welcome to Greenwood's 17th Season

Welcome to Spring, and the beginning of our new season. To get us off to a unique start, the AGM will feature our very own Bill Young, Director Emeritus, who will talk about Baseball- his passion! Bill has just published his second book, entitled "*Ecstasy to Agony: How the Best Team in Baseball Ended up in Washington 10 Years Later*". He will entertain us with amusing anecdotes, including historical references to baseball at Greenwood over the years! We also welcome back the Kitchen Ceilidh to provide live music, and we will have cake! Please join us at St. Mary's Hall on Sunday, May 4th at 2pm.

Our new season brings the return of our most popular events from last year: a pre-*StoryFest* event, an intriguing *Movies and More* event, *Fine Dining at Greenwood*, a *Traditional Tea*, and *StoryFest*, for which a remarkable line-up is being planned. Look for more details regarding these events in the newsletter.

Our theme for this season is "*Artists and Artisans at Greenwood*". Following the tremendous success of the recent exhibit at the National Gallery in Ottawa which featured our Percy Nobbs bed, we will continue to display to the public, the many pieces of art here at Greenwood. Look for them as you tour Greenwood this summer.

We are very pleased to have had significant donations towards the restoration of two key areas this Spring- the hearth room and the back porch. This work is in progress now that warmer weather has arrived, and we hope to have everything ready for early June. And for the very first time, we are thrilled to announce that we have been awarded a grant from the MRC. We are most grateful to all for your help toward maintaining our beautiful heritage home!

We hope to attract many visitors this summer to Greenwood; please drop by and have a tour, and bring your neighbours and guests with you. Greenwood is a very important part of our region's history, and our many volunteers work hard to maintain and improve this historic gem in our midst. Thanks, once again, for your support: it is invaluable.

Audrey Wall, Executive Director



Audrey Wall and Susan Gilmore accepting donation to Greenwood from the MRCVS March 2014- photo courtesy of Nadine Maltais



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StoryFest 2014

StoryFest 2014 promises to be another banner year with a stellar lineup of authors that includes the doyenne of Canadian fiction, Margaret Atwood. She and her partner, Graeme Gibson, have accepted Greenwood's invitation after hearing good things about StoryFest from Michael Ondaatje, Linda Spalding and other previous guests.

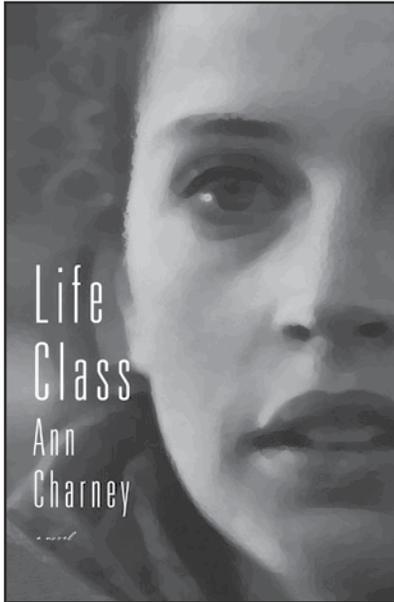
The Quebec Writers Federation has again partnered with **StoryFest** for a spring event that will this year welcome award-winning Montreal author Ann Charney on June 1st. Her fiction and non-fiction writing has earned her wide acclaim that includes two National Magazine Awards, the Chatelaine Fiction Prize, and the Canadian Authors' Association Prize, as well as being named a finalist for the Mavis Gallant Non-Fiction Award.

In *Life Class*, her new novel, a young woman seeks to escape her abysmal situation in Venice where she went after fleeing the former Yugoslavia. Her journey is an engaging immigrant story. Robert Fulford of The National Post describes Charney's fourth novel as "a high-spirited, fast-moving tale of a young woman climbing out of the limbo of statelessness." Montreal writer and publisher Linda Leith will join Charney at the microphone to lead their discussion. Leith and Charney are long-time friends and colleagues, having started the *Blue Metropolis* festival together with Montreal writer Mary Soderstrom in 1997. Their knowledge of literature and each other's work will create an interesting forum.

StoryFest turns its attention to young readers on June 14th. Local children's author Valerie Redmond will read her book, *Emma and the African Wishing Bead*, and hold a workshop to help children make their own wishing bead after understanding its significance to the book's heroine. Mary Vuorela is again staging a puppet show because it was so popular last year. This year's production is entitled *Summertime Blues*.

Fall plans are shaping up nicely with Governor General Award-winning authors Peter Behrens and Romeo Dallaire, and Scotia Bank Giller long-listed writer Michael Winter on board. Poets Stephanie Bolster, Monty Reid and Arlene Paré will read some of their work and hold a discussion with Kitty Lewis, who manages Brick Books. **StoryFest** will also welcome director Paul Thompson to discuss excerpts from his film, *The Farm Show*. This year's Writers' Workshop will focus on how to write a memoir and/or historical fiction and be led by Marilyn Simonds, who was a dynamic presenter at StoryFest 2012.

Julie Gedeon



Volunteers Tea

We look forward to seeing all our wonderful volunteers on Wednesday, May 7 at 3:00 pm to join us for tea in the afternoon when Audrey will announce plans for another exciting season! You can sign up for your favourite activity or investigate something new!

Spring Work Bee

We need help! We would love to have you join us from 9:00-12:00 on Saturday, May 10 to help ready Greenwood for the coming season. All levels and types of skills are needed including gardening, painting, dusting, washing, cleaning and general fixing of things to ready the house for season seventeen! Please phone Greenwood at 450-458-5396 if you can lend a hand.

Fine Dining at Greenwood

After the wonderful experience of the 2013 inaugural gala supper in our supremely elegant dining room, we are pleased to announce that this event will be repeated on Friday, June 27, 2014 at 6:00. Imagine sitting at a beautifully appointed table, surrounded by period pieces and being served a magnificent gourmet meal. As there is a maximum of 18 seats, please phone Greenwood to reserve your place.

Members Day

All of you are what make Greenwood the jewel it is and that is why, with much gratitude, we invite you to be recognized for the vital role you play in maintaining the integrity of this beautiful heritage house! Please join us on Sunday, July 20, for Members Day. We will be very proud to show you the newly refurbished Hearth Room and expand upon the theme for this 17th season, Artists and Artisans at Greenwood. Please mark this special day on your calendars!

Movies and More.....

Movie goers, aviation buffs and anyone interested in the stuff of live drama won't want to miss Greenwood's spring movie, a documentary about the *Miracle at Gimli*.

The **Movie** focuses on perhaps the greatest feat in commercial aviation history, the day an Air Canada crew safely landed a crippled Boeing 767 passenger jet on an abandoned airstrip in Gimli, Manitoba. The **More** is the presence of Captain Robert (Bob) Pearson, several flight attendants and others who will discuss their remarkable ordeal.

This unique event will take place on May 26, 2014, 7:30 pm at Hudson Village Theatre. Tickets are going fast and are available at Pure Art!

Adopt an Artifact

This stunning oil portrait of Robert Ward Shepherd is displayed in the hallway at Greenwood and is just one of many artifacts waiting for adoption. The portrait, dating from the late 19th century, has been evaluated by Legris Conservation as a high priority for treatment.

Their report points to specific problem areas including surface grime and cracking, as well as the “tenting” or pulling away of the paint from the lining in the lower half of the work. The conservation work, including cleaning, minor filling, and possibly a new lining, will help to slow down deterioration and prevent future problems.

Robert Ward Shepherd (1819-1895) has an important place in Canadian history. He founded the Ottawa River Navigation Company whose freight and passenger ships operated between Montreal and Ottawa. It was due to his navigational skills that an important passage through the St. Anne de Bellevue Rapids was developed. In 1847 he married Mary Cecilia, the only child of the Deslesderniers family of Greenwood. After their marriage, Shepherd built a home nearby called “Riversmead” which is still in the family today.

We ask you to consider making a donation to help conserve this unique painting, or one of our many other precious artifacts. We would be glad to work with you to choose an object that meets your particular interests. Donations can be made in your name, as a gift or as a lasting memorial.



photo courtesy of Patrick Robichaud

Treasures in the Attic 2014

Auction Items Needed!

This is a call for items that can be entered in the live or silent auctions, on Saturday, September 13. Items can be dropped off at the garage at Greenwood and tax receipts can be given for items of value.

From the Memoirs of Percy Nobbs

How does an enamelled cup, with initials of Tsar Nicholas II and Tsarina Alexandra, come to be on the mantle in the Nobbs Room at Greenwood?

Percy Nobbs' memoirs include vivid accounts of the events at Khodynka field on the day thousands such cups were given: 18 May, 1896.

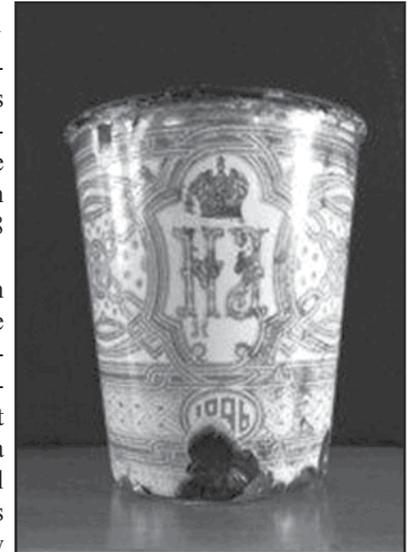
Percy was in Moscow during the festivities, which included a “great popular promenade at which over one and a quarter million loyal workers and peasants from the Moscow district would receive

rye bread loaves, salt, a lottery ticket for a cow and an enamelled mug.” His party rode in “droshkas through an ever thickening crowd from which there was no escape to right or left or back. Progress got slower and slower and I began to worry as to what the situation would be a mile further on. Rather suddenly, the pressure passed and the pace quickened. We were not to know for about an hour how this had come about.”

The fences along the promenade route had given way. “Some thousands of the moving mob stumbled and fell into pits that had been dug for military exercises. Suddenly a great noise broke out ahead as a squadron of Cossacks charged into and over the mob.... Now the workers in Russia do not love the Cossacks and they hate the way they ply their short whips that draw blood so readily. So... the mob had its knives out and were busy ham-stringing the poor horses, all which helped to ease the pressure and we got quickly through the pandemonium of squealing horses and dying men.”

Thousands were injured, and over 1,300 were trampled to death, causing the Tsarina to refer to the mugs as “The Cup of Sorrows”. One of these cups is now at Greenwood, testament to Percy's eyewitness experiences on that day in May, 1896.

Renee Cyr



Greenwood Traditional Tea

Scones, clotted cream, homemade jams, tea sandwiches and a host of other delicious sweets and savouries served with perfectly brewed cups of tea on the lawn overlooking the sparkling Lake of Two Mountains will make a memorable outing for family and friends this summer. On Sunday, August 10th, enjoy a wonderful afternoon reminiscent of glorious past summers at Greenwood!

Greenwood Preliminary Calendar of Events 2014

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
MAY			
Sunday, May 4	Greenwood A.G.M./Opening Celebration	2:00pm	St. Mary's Hall
Wednesday, May 7	Volunteers Tea	3:00pm	Greenwood
Saturday, May 10	Spring Work Bee	9:00am	Greenwood
Friday, May 23	<i>Songs for a Midsummer's Night</i> with the Greenwood Singers	7:30pm	St. James reception to follow
Monday, May 26	<i>Movies and More- Miracle at Gimli</i> with pilot Bob Pearson and more	7:30pm	Hudson Village Theatre
JUNE			
Sunday, June 1	<i>Pre-StoryFest Event</i> with Anne Charney and Linda Leith	2:00pm	St. Mary's Church Hall reception at Greenwood
Saturday, June 14	<i>Family Day/ StoryFest for Kids</i> with author Valerie Redman	11:00am & 2:00pm	Greenwood
Sunday, June 22	Home and Garden Tour Book launch with Rod Hodgson	1:30pm & 3:30pm	Greenwood
Friday June 27	<i>Fine Dining at Greenwood</i>	6:00pm	Greenwood
JULY			
Sunday, July 6	Home and Garden Tour,	1:30pm & 3:30pm	Greenwood
Sunday, July 20	Members Day	3:30pm	Greenwood
AUGUST			
Sunday, August 10	<i>Greenwood Traditional Tea</i>	3:00pm & 5:00pm	Greenwood
Sunday, August 17	<i>Theatre on the Lawn</i>	11:30am & 2:30 pm	Greenwood
Sunday, August 31	Final Home and Garden Tour	1:30pm & 3:30pm	Greenwood
SEPTEMBER			
Saturday, September 13	<i>Treasures in the Attic</i>	10:00am- 4:00pm	St. James Church Hall
OCTOBER			
	<i>StoryFest !</i>	Dates, times and locations to be confirmed	
DECEMBER			
Sunday, December 7	Old-Fashioned Greenwood Christmas	1:30pm & 3:00pm	Greenwood Wed.,
December 10	<i>Carols for a Midwinter's Night</i> with the Greenwood Singers	7:30 pm reception at Greenwood	St. Mary's Church
Sunday, December 14	Old-Fashioned Greenwood Christmas	1:30pm & 3:00pm	Greenwood
Wed., December 17	Volunteers Party	4:00pm- 6:00 pm	Greenwood



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