

Historical group launches new magazine and elects new directors

The Morin Heights Historical Association (MHHA) held its 18th annual general meeting on May 23. Guest speaker was Rod McLeod, a professional historian with the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network (QAHN), who told the story of Quebec's English-speaking history with a great slide show through the stories associated with 100 significant objects.

Directors elected to lead the local group for the coming year were Don Stewart, president; Audrey McDonough, vice-president; Susan Chirke, secretary; Celine Gratton, treasurer; Eileen Meillon, archivist; and Betty Reymond, publicity. Charles Vaillancourt will serve as past-president. Guests at the event included representatives from the municipality, the office of MNA Yves St-Denis, and the Historical Society of Argenteuil County, as well as MHHA founding president Sandra Stock.

A highlight of the day was the unveiling of *The Porcupine 10*, the association's magazine of Morin Heights history. The 100-page journal includes an index for all 10 issues of the magazine published since 1997, something that will undoubtedly help future historical researchers. The index was compiled by a group of volunteers that included Joan Beauregard, Monique Belisle, Katherine and Bill Weary, Betty Reymond and Don Stewart. Local artist Henry Giroux kindly provided photos of his paintings featuring various local scenes to grace the front and back covers.

Writers of articles included David Hodgson (History of Mickey's store), Barbara Traill (Memories of life on the farm in the 1940s), and Don Stewart (History of local schools, and History of skiing in Morin Heights). Copies of the publication will be on sale (\$15) at all MHHA events as well as at town hall, or by sending a cheque for \$15 to the Morin Heights Historical Association, P.O. Box 2693, Morin Heights, J0R 1H0. Remember to include your address and contact information.