

## **Vankleek Hill & District Historical Society**

### **Family & Local History Day, October 1**

**Vankleek Hill** – Family & Local History Day returns to Vankleek Hill on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Want to know more about preserving family memories? Wondering what to do with Aunt Clara's encyclopedias? What about research into your grandfather's military history? Still trying to understand 'gingerbread'? How about a few words in Gaelic – the lost language? What is the back story of the 167-year-old Vankleek Hill Agricultural Fair? All that and more is coming your way.

Share your family history – photos, stories, artefacts, collections. Free display space is available for family and local history buffs at the Vankleek Hill Community Centre and the St. John Anglican Church Hall. Call the Vankleek Hill Museum now to book your space: 613-678-2323, or [info@vankleek.ca](mailto:info@vankleek.ca). More activities being added each week.

#### **Four Guest Speakers**

Four guest speakers will bring their expertise: **Harold MacMillan introduces you to our local Gaelic language history** with his popular and entertaining lessons.

Want to know more about book collecting? **Canadiana book expert David Anderson** will help us to understand the do's and don'ts, as well as what to do with those sets of encyclopedia that Aunt Clara left behind!

**Dorothy Smith**, president of the Cumberland Historical Society will report on her revealing research into the **early history of the Vankleek Hill Agricultural Society**. Just who was running the big show? **Denis Seguin Architect**, and president of the Vankleek Hill & District Historical Society, will explain the importance of our unique Victorian built-heritage as a tourist attraction.

#### **Plus Canadian Historian Glenn Wright**

Here is your chance to meet, and question a Canadian history celebrity. **Professional archivist and author Glenn Wright, president of the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa**, has provided research for *Ancestors in the Attic*, and was featured in the Don Cherry episode of *Who do you think you are?* He has written about the RCMP, shipwrecks, immigration, Anglo-Celtic family roots, and contributed to the Canadian Encyclopedia as well as the Oxford Dictionary amongst many titles.

#### **Walking & Cemetery Tours**

Local history buffs can take part in Vankleek Hill walking tours and cemetery tours. Cemeteries are open-air archives for family historians. Tour Greenwood and St-Grégoire to learn some heart-wrenching stories.

The day is sponsored by the Vankleek Hill & District Historical Society in cooperation with the Vankleek Hill Business & Merchants Association, and Champlain Township. [info@vankleek.ca](mailto:info@vankleek.ca) or 613-678-2323.