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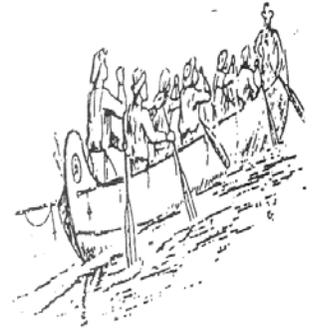
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## NEXT MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, May 5, 2005  
**Time:** 8:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Alexandria United Church-on-the-Hill  
**Topic:** GLENGARRY GUILT-FREE GASTRONOMES



History comes to us in a variety of ways. This month, we eschew the political, social, and genealogical for a rather unusual venue that should prove to be fun and tasty. You will have to wait until the speakers finish however, before sampling some of the delectables they will be bringing with them.

### **Glengarry Guilt-Free Gastronomes by Robin Flockton**

The Glengarry Guilt-free Gastronomes (G3) were formed in early 2004 as “Slow Food Glengarry”. The group was based on the objectives of “Slow Food International”, a well-established group, based in Italy, with the stated objective:

“To defend, promote the local territorial food culture and traditions, of every country that becomes part of our movement”

The concept of Slow Food is to enable the experience of “country cooking” and ensure the continuance of food traditions and ingredients. Education is a primary function

in Slow Food. As the Glengarry G3 is not affiliated with the International group, we felt that we should have a distinctive name to avoid copyright infringement, hence the “G3” name.

The focus of the Group is not so much on daring culinary stunts, as it is to working quietly to save endangered ways of life revolving around gastronomy. The preservation of cheese species is a primary objective of Slow Food International. G3 is lucky to have amongst its members one of North America’s leading and most imaginative cheese makers, **Margaret Morris**.

As slow food promoters, G3 members are culinary activists, but not of the brick throwing variety. Tim Horton’s is safe from their activities. Slow food is the antithesis of fast food, which is mass produced and mass delivered. Fast food is the standardization of taste.

The culinary “leader” of G3 is **Margaret McCormick**, Executive Chef at the Holiday Inn in Ottawa. Margaret has guided the G3 through many interesting

seminars on cheese making, pasta making, sausage making, exotic fare and meals that have left the recipients gasping. G3 is a group of some twenty residents of Glengarry. It meets eight times per year.

You will be hearing from members of the G3 later and able to try some excellent cheeses. The Group will also be happy to answer questions following their talks and of course you will be able to try examples of their endeavours, as well as observe cooking demonstrations, at the “Pioneer Cooking Day” to be held at the **Glengarry Pioneer Museum, June 5, 2005.**

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Editorial Note: **Flip Flockton**, Robin’s partner in crime and/or fellow gastronome has prepared detailed interpretations for the Museum on pioneer cooking utensils, kitchen ware and cellar etiquette, just to name a few. In addition, she’s researched the old Glengarry way of making butter, bread, cider, and maple syrup, not to mention “**Advice for Weary Women on the Evils of Overeating**” circa 1897. These will all be on display on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

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Speaking of Museums, please don’t forget that the **Nor’wester and Loyalist Museum** in Williamstown will have the honour of accepting the retirement of the old regimental colours of the King’s Royal Regiment of New York on **Saturday, June 18, 2005.** Following this, the “Royal Yorkers” will parade back to the **Sir John Johnson Manor House National Historic Site** where they will perform an eighteenth century military drill.

On **Sunday, June 19, 2005,** Loyalist Day in Ontario, **Trinity Anglican Church** in Cornwall will conduct a service at **10.00 a.m.**

to honour the memory of Loyalist Lieutenant **Jeremiah French** of the King’s Royal Regiment of New York.

We will be publishing the **Nor’wester and Loyalist Museum** schedule for the 2005 season in our next issue of the newsletter. See Page 4 of this newsletter for the 2005 schedule for the **Glengarry Pioneer Museum.**

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### **Tribute to a Glengarry Researcher by Royce MacGillivray**

May I use your columns to pay a tribute to a Glengarry researcher I never met, but very much admired?

**Marie Carey**, who died October 5, 2004 at Vermilion Health Centre, Vermilion, Alberta, was the daughter of Glengarry settlers in the west, John Carey and Margaret Stuart. Islay, Alberta, was Marie's place of birth, on August 27, 1933. Besides working as a hospital administrator, she remained involved in farming all her life on the Carey farm at Islay. A most gifted researcher, well informed, clear-minded, and tireless, a model of the private scholar, and well aware of the up-to-date techniques and sources, Marie was a most wonderful information source on the Glengarry families who had settled in Alberta and Saskatchewan in the heady days of the opening of the west.

In her later years, she turned her attention to the lives and genealogies of the Métis. In this subject, as in so many others, she worked primarily and unselfishly to put the information on record and to help other enquirers. She never married.

Her 282-page History (Islay, 1988) of the Carey family of Glengarry and Alberta may fairly be called superb. Marie did me many kindnesses in meeting my needs for

information over the years, and it rocked my little world when I learned that she had died. There is now one fewer Christmas card to send, and a sense of once again finding a terrible gap in the ranks of the Glengarry researchers.

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**So what's this about a website?**  
**by Evelyn M-M. Scullion**

Hi, my name is **Evelyn Scullion** and I am leading a project to give the Glengarry Historical Society a presence on the web, hopefully to bring Glengarry closer to those away, and to attract visitors to Glengarry, our museums and our heritage.

A few words about myself – I am a *Sandfield* Macdonald, granddaughter of Donald A. Macdonald, who was a lawyer in the partnership *Macdonald and Aubry* in Alexandria. I lived in Alexandria as a child, and took a precocious interest in family history at an early age, listening to tales of the past from voices now long stilled, and copying the genealogy chart that, in those days, hung in the hallway of **Garry Fen**, the home of my Great-Great Grandfather, the Hon. Donald A. Macdonald. So it began, the family tree so copied, became the skeleton to be refreshed by research over the last 40 years. I was fortunate to be exposed to so many elements of the past at a formative age. There are 23,000 people more or less related to the Sandfield Macdonalds in my current research file, which brings in many Glengarry families.

I am excited about the GHS web page and want to share with you some of the goals and ideas for this project. We hope that the website will serve as a portal to Glengarry history and genealogy. The intent is not to duplicate what has already been done, but to provide complementary information and to

link to other sites as permissible. I would like to compile and maintain a list of historical events in the region, showcase pictures and manuscripts, have original articles on various Glengarry topics and obtain permission to reprint relevant Glengarry information from previously published articles and books, as well as provide genealogy information on a variety of Glengarry families.

Listed below are a few of the topics being developed and you may find an area of personal interest where you can make a valuable contribution, or you may have a comment or suggestion. I can be reached at [ev.scullion@sympatico.ca](mailto:ev.scullion@sympatico.ca). If you want to send me a large file, best to use my work email of [evelyn.scullion@aon.ca](mailto:evelyn.scullion@aon.ca) as I am on dial-up at home. If you want to mail material to me send the letter and or packages c/o **the Glengarry Historical Society**.

Cheese Factories, Glengarry Telecom, Glengarry Farm Mutual, A touch of Gaelic, Fur trade, Loyalists, Emigration - Glengarry to Glengarry and Down under connections, Glengarry Light Infantry & Glengarry militias, Cenotaphs – pictures & transcriptions, Cemeteries, towns & villages are just a few. Pictures relating to any of these subjects would be especially appreciated. Eventually I would like to provide online access to some of the collections within the Society's archives.

**No computer skills are required:** I am looking for volunteers to draw basic maps that are clear to visitors on how to get to the various cemeteries in the area. Whether one map or interested in doing many, I welcome all submissions for inclusion on the site.

I look forward to sharing this project with you and look forward to your support and input.

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As GHS Member, **John McLaren**, returns from one trip to Peru, he's busy planning another to Lima, Cusco and Machu-Picchu, August 3 to 14, 2005.

If you have a hankering to go, contact John at Alexandria Vacation Centre, P.O.Box 580, 11 Main Street South, Alexandria, ON, K0C 1A0.

Tel: (613) 525-4477 Fax: (613) 525-5569, e-mail: [alextrav@personainternet.com](mailto:alextrav@personainternet.com).

**From Glengarry to Peru !  
by John McLaren**

In this increasingly homogenized world, there are few countries which provide such a unique experience as does Peru: the people are more Tibetan than South American, modernity rubs shoulders with the unexpectedly ancient past, the Incas and previous civilizations are everywhere, and the scenery is in many places, other-worldly. An experience which will live in our memories for a long time, this tour includes very special features such as: second day of visit to Machu-Picchu, leisurely pace allowing a gradual acclimatization to the Cuzco altitude of 12,000 feet, and other details resulting from our knowledge in organizing previous trips to Peru.

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**See You on May 5<sup>th</sup>**

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**SUMMER 2005  
GLENGARRY PIONEER MUSEUM**

**Glengarry Community Art Show**

*Saturday, Sunday & Monday  
May 21 - 23 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
PLUS... Saturday & Sunday  
May 28 - 29 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
(Drop-off for 2005 "Book Sale" books)*

**Pioneer Food Festival**

*Sunday, June 5 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM*

**Clan MacLeod Picnic**

*Sunday, June 12 12:00 – 4:00 PM  
Saturday & Sunday*

**Annual Book Sale**

*July 9 & 10 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM*

**Silver Céilidh**

*Sunday, August 14 1:00 – 5:00 PM*

**Glengarry Glows: A Festival of Lights**

*Sunday, August 28 1:00 – 5:00 PM*

**Doors Open Ontario**

**(FREE admission)**  
*Saturday & Sunday  
Sept. 10 & 11 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM*

**Feis Glengarry**

*Saturday, Sept. 24 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM*

**6th Annual Fall Festival, Harvest  
Market, and Zucchini Contest**

*Sunday, Sept. 25 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM*

**Museum closes for the season**

*Monday, October 10 1:00 – 5:00 PM  
(Drop-off for 2006 "Book Sale" books)*