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The mission of the **Morrin Centre** is to share and foster English-language culture in the Quebec City region. The Morrin Centre is administered by the Literary & Historical Society of Quebec.

#### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear members, friends and partners,

Since I last wrote to you in March, we have had several successful events. We hosted Visions of Community, a series of workshops that culminated in the unveiling of a mixed media exhibit on our

community. We also presented two very successful events as part of our Quebec's Bilingual Women series. A panel discussion on May 6 highlighted the impact of bilingualism on women throughout Quebec's history, and a conversation titled Bilingualism and Diplomacy was held on May 18 with Allison Areias-Vogel, U.S. Consul General in Quebec City, as well as Margaret Delisle, a prominent figure in Quebec politics.

In addition to these new events, we are looking forward to seeing past events make a comeback in the summer and in the fall. Our summer reading club, *Book Quest*, will be presented for a 14th consecutive year, and our *My Morrin Program*, which allows members to shape our programming with the Centre's support, is currently looking for project proposals. We also look forward to connecting with you at our second annual Members' Day in September.

The Centre's vitality greatly depends on its members. Therefore, it is with much enthusiasm that we can announce that we have already met our goal of bringing in 150 new members by the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation. Building on our success, we will continue our efforts to sign up 150 more by the end of the year. We hope you will help us spread the news and convince your family and friends of the benefits of joining our community for only \$20 a year.

Yours sincerely,

#### Barry Holleman President

## FROM THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Members, Friends and Partners,

I feel honoured to have been chosen to act as Interim Executive Director until December 2017 and would like to thank Council for entrusting me with this role. I would also like to thank Barry McCullough and our team for all

our accomplishments, and everything they have set in motion for the summer and fall.

Our annual fundraising dinner is an example of what we can all look forward to in the coming months. The ninth annual Literary Feast will be held on November 2 and promises to be a remarkable evening thanks to the participation of Christiane Germain of Hôtels Le Germain as honorary chair, and New York Times bestselling-author Louise Penny as keynote speaker. Louise Penny will be talking about her latest novel, *Glass Houses*, and she will also be giving a special *Bury Your Dead* tour of our building. A limited number of tickets are available for the dinner and the tour. Be sure to contact our staff to purchase yours. On July 2, we will be hosting, in collaboration with the English Language Arts Network, our third Arts Alive Quebec! Festival. We hope you will join us for the concerts featuring Final State and Krief, and the free workshops for kids and adults. Don't miss the street fair on Monday, July 3 for more music, art and activities.

The summer is a wonderful opportunity to discover or rediscover the Morrin Centre. In addition to our cultural activities, we have been offering daily guided tours since the end of May. We are expecting tens of thousands of visitors in the coming months. Some will be learning about our building's bicentennial history and its various functions, from prison, to College, to learned society and cultural centre. Others will be gathering with family and friends to celebrate weddings, anniversaries and other significant events.

We look forward to seeing you this summer at the Morrin Centre. Until then, stay in touch through our website, newsletter and Facebook page.

#### **Elizabeth Perreault**

Interim Executive Director

#### TRANSACTIONS

#### BILINGUAL WOMEN WERE AMONG QUEBEC'S FIRST EDUCATORS By Britta Gundersen-Bryden

At the corner of Quebec City's Donnacona and Des Jardins streets, only a few blocks from the Morrin Centre, there is a statue. Two clasped hands point skyward, in tribute to Quebec's women educators. It is not surprising that the statue is across the street from

the Ursuline Convent; in 1639 the Ursulines opened the first girls' school in North America.

What may be surprising is that several of the earliest educators in New France were English captives. As European conflicts played out in North American colonies, more than 1500 New Englanders were captured in frontier raids and taken north to New France. About 250 eventually settled along the St. Lawrence; they became part of the fabric of New France in the early 1700s. A handful of the captive girls and young women entered religious institutions, became teachers and, by necessity, bilingual. Five taught in or near Quebec City.

The best-known of the captives to make a new life in Quebec City was Esther Wheelwright. She was captured in 1703, when she was six years old.

She spent the next six years with the Abenaki before being ransomed. She entered her novitiate at the Ursuline convent in 1711. She was not bilingual but trilingual, having learned the Abenaki language. In 1760, soon after the British victory in New France, she became the first religious sister of Anglo origins to become Superior of the Ursulines.

But Esther Wheelwright was not the first New England captive to become an Ursuline. Marie Anne Davis had been captured in 1686 when she was six years old; she became a Catholic in 1692 and enrolled as a convent student in 1698. In 1699 she entered the novitiate and professed her final vows in 1701. She died in March 1749, more than a decade before the end of the French Regime.

The last of the Ursulines' New England captives was Dorothy Jeryan (or possibly Jordan). She entered the convent in 1720 when she was about twenty-two years old. It seems she was captured in 1703 when she was very young, had resided in an aboriginal community for

many years and was not certain of her exact age. She died on September 14, 1759, the day after the British forces attacked Quebec City.

Lydia Longley was twenty years old when captured in 1694. Mary Sayward was only eleven when captured in 1692. Their fates took them to Montreal, where they joined the Congregation of Notre Dame. On September 16, 1699, Lydia became "the first American nun"; a few months later Mary took her vows, too. Like the Ursulines, the Congregation sisters were teachers. They had a mission in Quebec City's Basse Ville as well as a mission on l'Île d'Orléans. Mary was sent to the Basse Ville mission in 1709: she died there in 1717. Lydia was assigned to the small l'Île d'Orléans mission at Sainte-Famille in the 1730s. She would have stopped at the Basse Ville mission periodically when she

Esther Wheelwright

travelled between the island and the Montreal Mother House. Lydia Longley died in 1758, in the final full year of the French Regime.

Historians have yet to explore the strength of any links between the Anglo Ursuline and Congregation sisters in Quebec City. An intriguing question is whether Esther Wheelwright knew that her cousin, Mary Sayward, lived and died in Basse Ville, just a ten-minute walk down the hill from the Ursuline convent in Haute Ville.

These five Anglo educators all lived in New France and they all worked in French. Among them, they taught several generations of girls and young women in and near Quebec City.



#### TRANSACTIONS

BILINGUAL WOMEN (CONTINUED)

The Ursulines suspended classes during the 1759 siege but by 1761 the school re-opened. English officers, officials and merchants sought a "convent education" for their daughters. The sisters were able to practice their own faith but not provide religious instruction to their Protestant charges. However, the language of instruction was French. Esther Wheelwright, whose own first language was English, taught English girls, in French, up until shortly before her death in 1780.

The Congregation of Notre Dame's mission in Basse Ville was destroyed during the 1759 bombardment and the Sainte-Famille mission abandoned. The teaching sister sent to reopen in it 1761 was Marie Raizenne, daughter of Josiah Rising and Abigail Nims, New Englanders captured as children during the 1704 raid on Deerfield, Massachusetts. Marie Raizenne went on to become the Superior of the Congregation of Notre Dame.

The Ursuline Superior who eventually introduced English-language instruction at the convent school was Marie Louise McLoughlin. She was no English captive but was child of the Conquest. She was born in 1780, the first child of John McLoughlin and Angélique Fraser. Her Catholic father was the son of Irish parents who had settled at Rivière-du-Loup. Her first sibling was brother John, who became a doctor, a Hudson Bay factor and the "Father of Oregon."

Marie Louise's mother was the daughter of Quebecoise Marie Allaire and Malcolm Fraser. He had been an officer in the Fraser Highlanders' Regiment during the 1759 battle. As a reward, the British granted him the seigneury of Mount Murray, which stretched for eighteen miles along the St. Lawrence River. Fraser was a fiercely Protestant Scot. He spoke English, French, Gaelic and a bit of Latin. Angélique converted to Catholicism when she married John McLoughlin and moved across the St. Lawrence. Her father disinherited her but father-daughter relations improved later when Fraser gave his daughter and son-in-law a farm in Rivière-du-Loup.

When Angélique brought six-year-old Marie Louise and toddler John across the river for a visit, Grandfather Fraser insisted that Marie Louise stay with him at Mount Murray. The little girl was raised in the Protestant faith and undoubtedly learned English. When she was fifteen, Grandfather Fraser sent her to Quebec to enrol in the Ursuline convent school, considered the best girls' school in Quebec. Fraser must have thought Marie Louise would spend a year or two, her Protestant upbringing enabling her to withstand any allure of the Catholic faith. He was wrong. She soon went though her Catholic confirmation and at age eighteen took her first vows and the name Sister St. Henry. She was elected Superior in 1818.

Several of Sister St. Henry's nieces followed her to the convent. They came as students, such as Dr. John McLoughlin's oldest daughter, Eliza, who added her own mother's Cree background to the family's Franco-Celtic -Gaelic mix. At least three of Sister St. Henry's nieces became Ursulines.

Marie Louise McLoughlin, Mother St. Henry, died in 1846. She had been baptized a Catholic, raised a Protestant and educated in schools of both faiths. She taught – and lived – in French. She oversaw one of North America's most historic educational institutions as it was staffed by women of French, Irish, Scottish, British and American backgrounds. She introduced new curricula in the arts and sciences, curricula that were taught in English. Marie Louise McLoughlin was an educator and a leader very much in the tradition of her bilingual predecessors.

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#### BOOK REVIEW THE LOST BOY, BY GREG RUTH By Deborah van der Linde



I have been having a great deal of fun, lately, choosing new books for our children's section. This time I have been focusing my efforts on graphic novels, and have been delving into what turns out to be an impressive number of amazing books to choose from! My to-be-read pile has increased significantly...

I discovered that Jane Yolen has a graphic novel entitled *Foiled*,

which looks spectacular. There is *Nimona*, by Noelle Stevenson, which is a different take on the typical supervillain and sidekick storyline. Then there is *The Sleeper and the Spindle*, written by Neil Gaiman and illustrated by Chris Riddell, which has to be the most amazing partnership. The well told story is a fractured fairy tale featuring some well-known characters, but in a totally new light – and with amazing illustrations.

However, Greg Ruth's *The Lost Boy* is the one that grabbed me and refused to let go. I found the cover art captivating: the image of a mysterious figure striding purposefully off into what is undoubtedly a very creepy forest completely caught my imagination. A quick flip through the book shows it is illustrated with lovely black and white sketches that set the mood perfectly and capture the characters' emotions. Once you pick up this book, it is hard to put it down.

The story follows Nate, who has just moved into a new house in a new town with his family. You can see he is not happy with the situation, just as you can see that his parents realize it and are trying to engage and include him. It all starts when he is told he can choose his own room – whichever one he wants. In so doing, he discovers a hidden tape recorder that draws him into a strange mystery concerning another boy, a boy who went missing many years ago.

Strange things start to happen after Nate finds this tape recorder, and he starts seeing strange creatures. Teaming up with a new friend and self proclaimed sleuth, Tabitha, Nate has to figure out what is happening and solve the mystery before it is too late.

This story will undoubtedly keep young readers captivated. Along with our new books for young people, we have been getting in many new books for adults as well, both fiction and nonfiction. Be sure to stop by the library to check out our new books for members of all ages!



## PICK-A-BOOK

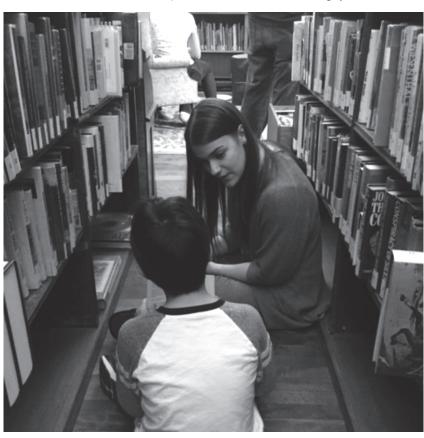
By Marjorie Lepage

Every year, CEGEP Champlain-St.Lawrence offers its students an opportunity to give back to the community and build their leadership skills with their program *Reaches Out.* This year, Social Science student Marjorie imagination in many ways was an objective of the project, the "buddy reading" followed a craft activity related to the group reading material or to the theme, such as drawing pictures and making Valentine's Day

Lepage (pictured here) partnered with the Morrin Centre as part of her *Reaches Out* project.

Her project, entitled Pick-a-Book, centred her love on of reading as well as her love of the English language. She organized volunteers to read to children in English in order to stimulate their imagination, enhance their knowledge and vocabulary and gain familiarity with another language.

Pick-a-Book took place on four occasions during the winter 2017 semester. Each time, the children listened



Marjorie Lepage and Pick-a-book participant

to two volunteers read a book on a different theme such as winter, Valentine's Day, and siblings. The volunteers then asked the children questions, asked them to point out certain objects in the book, and asked their opinion on the subject matter. Following the group reading, each volunteer teamed up with a child and found a genre that would interest him or her for a one-on-one reading activity. As one-on-one reading is more personal, it is a great way to enhance children's reading and listening skills. As stimulating the

familiar faces return week after week and hearing positive comments on the project.

Marjorie Lepage will be moving away from the region next year, but due to high demand for a Pick-a-Book comeback, she will be passing the torch to Marie-Love Jacques. The two are currently working alongside the Morrin Centre to plan and improve the Pick-a-Book edition for the next school year.

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cards.

The project also emphasized the importance of recycling books that others have read. Following a book fair November in at CEGEP Champlain-St.Lawrence. the volunteers collected many boxes of English books which were made available to the children during the activity and the donated to Morrin Centre afterwards.

Pick-a-Book enabled us to share our love of reading, benefit the English community, and recycle beloved books. It was a pleasure to see

## BOOK QUEST: OH CANADA!

By Kennedy Huffman-Baillargeon



Book Quest, our English summer reading club for children, celebrates its  $14^{th}$  anniversary this year.

In collaboration with the TD Summer Reading Club, Book Quest offers children under the age of 12 the opportunity to explore our great country for its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Thanks to many exciting books and engaging activities organized throughout the summer, we will journey through Canada's history and explore the diverse provinces that make up the True North!

The Book Quest Launch Party will take place on Sunday, July 2 in the Morrin Centre library. Each

participant will be given their Book Quest package including a reading logbook with unique Canada stickers for every book read, and a web access code to unlock all the recommendations and online activities on the TD Summer Reading Club 2017 website (tdsummerreadingclub.ca). For every 12 books read, each child will receive a ballot to be entered into the draw for prizes (including great books) at the end of the summer.

This year we are doubling the fun by putting on activities every Saturday from July 2 to August 26 with two groups, one for preschoolers (3 to 6 year olds) at 10.30 a.m., and another for school age groups (7 to 12 year olds) at 2 p.m. Please consult our website for a schedule of all activities (www.morrin.org).

Children can register for free for Book Quest throughout the summer during opening hours at the library.

For more information about our summer reading club please contact our new Book Quest coordinator Kennedy Huffman-Baillargeon by email at library@morrin.org.

## OUR BOOK QUEST COORDINATOR



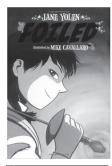
Name: Kennedy Huffman-Baillargeon Hometown: Lévis Field of Studies: Acting for the Theatre

I am back in Quebec City for the summer after a year in Montreal studying acting for the theatre at Concordia University. I am very excited to be working in the heart of historic Old Quebec this summer as the new Book Quest coordinator. I am especially thrilled about this year's theme: Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

In CEGEP I developed a passion for history and literature while studying in the creative arts, languages and literature program at St. Lawrence College. While I was attending this school I learned that I had been accepted into The Acting Corps in North Hollywood, Los Angeles. After I completed my training in LA, I began my first semester at university in Montreal where I also worked on a series of projects from voiceover work to performance art. I obtained many skills that I hope to use while coordinating this year's summer reading program! I hope to share my passion for the arts with you!

## **NEW ACQUISITIONS**

Here are a few of the recent additions to the Library collection. To reserve a title, please contact the Morrin Centre Library at 418-694-9147 or visit our online catalogue at www.morrin.org



Foiled Jane Yolen



Tower of Treasure Scott Chantler

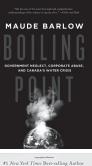


Such a Lovely Little War Marcelino Truong

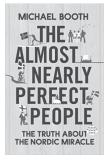


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Ngozi Adichie



We'll Always Have Casablanca Noah Isenberg

Dear ljeawele Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Ice Ghosts Paul Watson

#### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## EVENTS AT THE MORRIN CENTRE: SPRING & SUMMER

By Sofia Collares

| MAY 2017 | In the month of May, we hosted two events on bilingual women of Quebec. The first event took place on Saturday, May 6, where Ann M. Little, Colorado State University; Lorraine O'Donnell, Concordia University; Britta Gundersen -Bryden, writer; and Alex Tremblay, historian, came together to discuss the impact that bilingualism has had on women throughout Quebec's history. Along with an exhibition on the topics discussed, guests were invited to stay after the discussion, hosted by Britta Gundersen -Bryden, to enjoy a glass of wine as they talked with the invited panelists.

The second event on Quebec's Bilingual Women took place on Thursday, May 18, and presented bilingualism through a diplomat's point of view. **Allison Areias-Vogel**, U.S. Consul General in Quebec City, born in California, shared her personal insight on how speaking multiple languages has helped her break down barriers between herself and her multilingual interlocutors. Accompanying her was **Margaret Delisle**, a prominent figure in Quebec politics, who was raised in a French family, but always encouraged by her mother to learn and practice English from a very young age. Having travelled the globe, the two women agreed that bilingualism was a formidable tool to have.

| JUNE 2017 | This month of June brought an opportunity to reunite and mingle with our community. In collaboration with La Maison de la Littérature, the Morrin Centre opened its doors on June 10 for **Neighbours Day 2017.** To celebrate, we hosted a special activity for children and offered our signature "Discovery Tour" to curious visitors. This event also enabled new members to get to know their community and find out about what is to come in the next months at the Morrin Centre.

| **COMING UP** | The **Arts Alive! Festival** is back this July. On July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, the festival will offer a large range of events at the Morrin Centre that will please the entire family. From free writing workshops for children and adults to a night of live music, the 2017 edition will shine a light on our very talented local English-speaking artists. Come pay us a visit on July 2<sup>nd</sup> for the workshops and musical performances by Krief and Final State, and on July 3<sup>rd</sup> for our colourful street fair with musical performances and artists showcasing their work. ■

## **OUR INTERN: SOFIA COLLARES**



Full Name: Sofia Collares Hometown: Santiago, Chile Field of studies: Event planning

After completing my studies in event planning this spring, I chose the Morrin Centre for my month-long internship in event planning. During that time, I got to discover and fall in love with the establishment and its history. I was lucky enough to be given the task of helping create this year's Arts Alive! Festival where Quebec arts come alive for a festive July weekend! Being an art enthusiast myself, the mission of finding local talent has been incredibly enjoyable. I am excited to be part of this fun project and to see you all on July 2 and 3 here at the Morrin Centre, feel free to come say "Hello" if you see me around!

After completing my internship, I was offered a position as an Events and Communications Assistant for the summer which allows me to keep helping with upcoming events and rentals. Since then, I have been involved in projects such as "Quebec's Bilingual Women" and "Neighbours Day 2017" which have been great learning experiences. I look forward to being part of the Morrin Centre's future events and to getting to know you, the vibrant English-speaking community of Quebec City!

#### SOCIETY PAGES

#### **EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

### LITERARY FEAST 2017

By Alicia Lamontange

With Louise Penny and Christiane Germain bringing their support to the Morrin Centre's ninth annual fundraising dinner, this year's Literary Feast will undoubtedly be a warm and convivial event. Hundreds of thousands of readers have curled up with Penny's The evening's Honorary President, **Christiane Germain**, is co-president of Groupe Germain Hotels, as well as the soul behind the experiential concept at Germain establishments. She is also in charge of operations for all hotels under the Le Germain Hotels

mystery novels. while thousands more have stayed in Germain's luxurious hotels. Attendees meet both can nationally-acclaimed women at this event b e held to Thursday, November 2, 2017. The evening will start with a cocktail at 5:30 p.m. in one of Canada's most beautiful libraries. followed by dinner College Hall in at 6:30 p.m.



banner and the Alt Hotel banner. Dynamic, tenacious inventive. and Christiane has made her mark in the restaurant and hotel industries. She is also a "dragon" on the show Dans l'oeil du dragon on Radio-Canada, the Quebec adaptation of Dragons Den.

A silent auction will take place during the evening, with proceeds enabling

Louise Penny (credit: Jean-François Bérubé) and Christiane Germain

**Louise Penny**, renowned international author, will be keynote speaker for the evening. Penny has received many literary honours including a New Blood Dagger for Best First Novel; two Arthur Ellis awards; three Anthony awards; and an unprecedented four consecutive Agatha awards for best novel, in addition to a nomination for a fifth. Her books have made the New York Times Bestseller Lists repeatedly, and her Gamache novels have been published in 23 languages. One of her Inspector Gamache novels, *Bury Your Dead*, uses the Morrin Centre's Victorian library as backdrop for a terrible murder. She will be talking about her new book, *Glass Houses*, on this occasion.

the Morrin Centre to continue offering a variety of stimulating and innovative English-language cultural programs at a reasonable cost.

A limited number of tickets for this black-tie (optional) event are available for \$250 per person. A private VIP Bury Your Dead tour of the Morrin Centre with Louise Penny can also be purchased with your ticket for \$100. We strongly advise purchasing your tickets in advance since a limited number are available for the evening and tour. Tickets may be reserved by calling our Administrative Assistant, Rosemarie Fischer, at 418 -694-9147 x221, or by e-mail.



#### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## MEET OUR NEWEST GUIDES



From left to right: Sarah Bellemare; Laurent Généreux; Cynthia Bureau. Absent: Sara-Eve Belzile

#### Full Name: Laurent Généreux Hometown: Westmount

Hometown: westmount

Field of Studies: Architecture and Urban Design

What you love about the Morrin Centre: I like the feeling of stepping into history as you enter the building and walk through its many different rooms. When visiting the former cell blocks, you feel what it was like to be incarcerated in the Quebec Gaol, while the Chemistry Lab and College Hall are reminiscent of the building's heyday as a modern and progressive learning institution. As a tour guide with expertise in architectural heritage, I like to point out traces of these different eras to visitors to share with them the building's history and to help them understand its key role in the history of Quebec City.

#### Full Name: Cynthia Bureau Hometown: Trois-Rivières Field of Studies: Tourism

What you love about the Morrin Centre: Before tourism, I studied in history. The Morrin Centre is the perfect combination of my studies: a lot of history, located in the Old Quebec and in one of the most touristic districts of the city. I also love reading, so it is an amazing opportunity to work here with the beautiful library!

Full Name: Sarah Bellemare Hometown: Quebec City

Field of studies: Going into Biology at Laval

What you love about the Morrin Centre: I love the idea that a building could hop from one purpose to a completely different purpose and the fact that there are so many different elements to the history of this building.

Full Name: Sara-Eve Belzile

Hometown: Rivière-du-Loup

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## THE LITERARY & HISTORICAL KITCHEN CORNER

LITERARY RECIPES THAT WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY

#### SAUCES FOR BREAD **& BUTTER PUDDING**

by Alicia Lamontagne

#### Crème Anglaise

6 egg yolks 2 cups sugar I tsp vanilla extract I quart heavy cream

#### **Caramel Sauce**

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pound butter, chilled  $1/_2$  pound brown sugar I cup heavy cream

tion.

#### For the Crème Anglaise:

Heat up the cream and the vanilla ex- For the Caramel Sauce: to boil. Meanwhile combine the egg and cook over a medium high flame. yolks by ladling a small amount of Allow to cool to room temperature. cream into the bowl and mixing well. Add the yolk and sugar mixture to the

As promised, here are the delicious sauces pot of cream, whisk well so that it to serve with the Irish Bread and Butter does not curdle. Place over a low recipe we shared with you in the last edi- flame and whisk for 2 minutes until it starts to thicken. Strain and allow to cool at room temperature.

tract on the stove until it almost starts Combine the sugar and butter in pot yolks and sugar in a bowl and whisk Whisk well to combine, and when well. When the cream almost reaches sugar is melted and starts to boil, turn the boiling point, turn off and remove off the stove, remove from the flame the pot from the flame. Temper the and whisk in the cream to combine.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

By Rosemarie Fischer

The Literary and Historical Society's 193rd Annual General Meeting was held at the Morrin Centre on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. During the meeting, the assembly elected the following members of Council for 2017-2018: Jean-David Banville, Peter Black, Jack Bryden, Katherine Burgess, Diana Cline, Gina Farnell, Donald Fyson, Barry Holleman, Ladd Johnson, Arthur Plumpton, Grant Regalbuto, Cheryl Rimmer, lacob Stone and Éric Thibault.

The newly-elected members then appointed the following members to the Executive Committee: President: Barry Holleman, Vice President: Ladd Johnson, Honorary Librarian: Donald Fyson, Secretary: Diana Cline, Treasurer: Gina Farnell, Executive Member at large: Jacob Stone, Executive Member at large: Éric Thibault.

The meeting was followed by a wine and cheese cocktail and a magazine auction, with Peter Black acting as auctioneer.



From left Arthur Plumpton, Cheryl Rimmer, Grant Regalbuto, Éric Thibault, Ladd Johnson, Diana Cline, Barry Holleman, Gina Farnell, Peter Black, Katherine Burgess, Jacob Stone and Jean-David Banville.

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