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# NEWSLETTER

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## **A Transformed Board of Directors**

At the Annual General Meeting in December 2022, Héritage Sutton's Board of Directors welcomed new executives with the departure of our Secretary, Louise Harpin, and of Carole Kierulf, our Treasurer of fourteen years and innovator of numerous projects, A huge thank you to these two pillars of Héritage Sutton for their valued commitment.

Four candidates having expressed an interest in joining the Board, it was decided, in conformity with the by-laws, to increase the number of Board members to nine rather than calling for elections.

The Board for 2023 is as follows:

Jeanne Morazain, President

Gilles Gauthier, Secretary

Hubert Manseau, Treasurer

Anne Lipowski, Thérèse Piette, Alexandrine Poissant,  
Winston, Bresse, Paul Kinnis and Robert Larocque, directors

## Archiving - A Top Priority

Pandemic conditions prevented the hiring of students and interns, causing Héritage Sutton to fall behind with the archiving of our holdings and collections. Making up for the delay has become a priority.

In addition to funds previously set aside for this project, we have received a grant from Bibliothèque et archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ) for indexing the Oral History Fonds. Contracts have now been awarded to two recent history graduates with experience in document management Raphaël Marquis and Hannah O'Donnell, and to an experienced project manager, Sylvie Grégoire, for a total of 1,200 hours. Work is progressing well and, if necessary, these contracts can be extended.



## Launch of the *Border Town of Sutton*

For over two years, we've had a team working on a virtual exhibition on the theme of 'life on the border'. The exhibition will be viewable across Canada, and even internationally, thanks to Digital Museums Canada.

The people of Sutton will be able to visit it for the first time during public presentations at SAG (salle Alec & Gérard Pelletier, 4c rue Maple) as part of the Journées de la culture 2023.

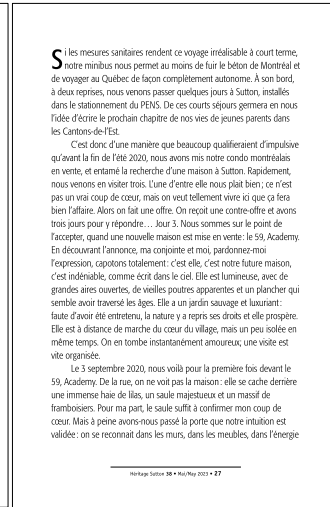
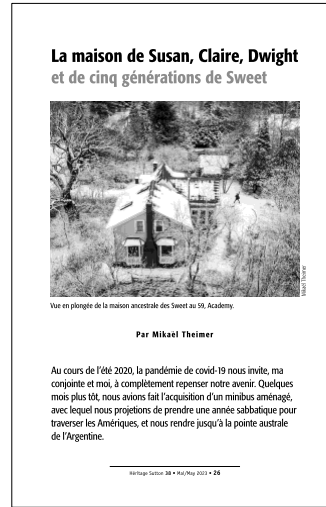
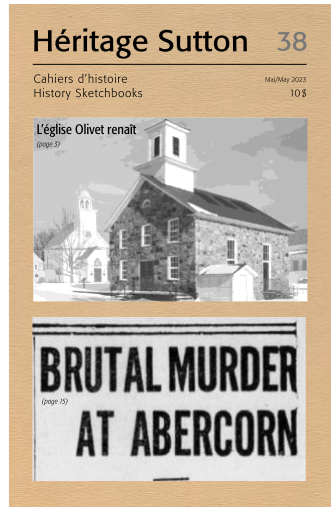
A French presentation will take place on September 30th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., and an English one on Sunday, October 1st, at the same hour.



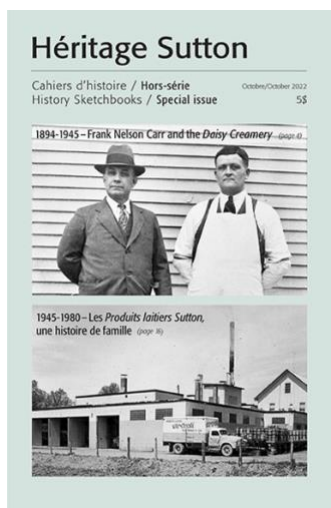
*Border marker on Claybank Road (photo Lise Lévesque)*

## Heritage Sutton Sketchbooks

Sketchbook No. 38 has just come off the presses, and No. 39 is in the works. The price of each issue, which hadn't increased in 20 years, has been raised to \$10 due to rising costs of production. (The first 37 issues are still selling for \$5). The impact of inflation on membership dues is currently being assessed. Any changes will be communicated to members at the time of renewal in November.



The successful presentation of a fourth edition of *Mémoires en fête* provided an opportunity to publish a special Sketchbook issue on the history of the former Sutton dairy, and to design eight historical panels which are now permanently displayed at the site of the event, the École d'Art (79 Principale Sud).



## Sutton in Capsules

With a view towards expanding our digital presence, we'll be posting short capsules (a photo and its caption) reflecting unique moments in Sutton's history on Facebook, Sutton Ami, Eastern Townships Roots and other social networks. The capsules will also be sent directly to our members. Please feel free to share them with your virtual entourage.

To begin, we present to you the one on the bear.



*Bear tamers in front of the Mountain View Hotel in Sutton, probably in the 1940s.*

*From time immemorial, bear showmen have attracted crowds by performing in circuses or by going on the road alone. It was as if man took great pride in dominating such a ferocious animal.*

*These travelling entertainers were extremely popular in the South of France. A hundred of them left the Ariège department in the Pyrénées and arrived by boat in Montréal at the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th. Some of them came to Sutton as evidenced by this photo taken in front of the Mountain View, probably in the 1940's since the old hotel where Round Top Bagels is now housed was not named as such until 1941.*

## Wordless stories

In this section, we will present old photos evoking life in the past in Sutton and the surrounding area. Hoping that they are just as entertaining and informative as the capsules.



*Sawing blocks of ice*



*Firewood chore*

## Reminder

Don't forget to visit our website ([www.heritage Sutton.ca](http://www.heritage Sutton.ca)) for regular updates on Heritage Sutton activities, research, and more.

Have a great summer!