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Preserving and highlighting seniors' oral histories in Sutton

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As part of the Quebec Friends of the Elderly program (QADA), Heritage Sutton will receive \$106,200 in funding over two years to preserve and enhance the oral histories of local seniors.

In order to trace the history of Sutton, its region, and the people and families who wrote it, the Sutton-based historical society has collected and preserved the oral testimonies of many local seniors. Interviews conducted between 1960 and 2010 resulted in a bank of nearly one hundred life-stories.

Most of the interviews were recorded in formats that make them hard to consult, so access to this historical gold-mine has become difficult and very limited.

The Heritage Sutton project aims to transfer the existing interviews to digital media, to index them and to transcribe them if necessary, to preserve the testimonies and to make them easily accessible. The project also aims to organize meetings to continue to enrich this bank of oral history with new interviews, workshops gathering seniors to discuss old photos, workshops bringing seniors and non-seniors together, all of which will be recorded on audio or video.

Activities will be including short live events based on testimonials and presented to various audiences, exhibitions, educational projects, publication of thematic portfolios on the web and articles in the History Sketchbooks of Heritage Sutton.

Heritage Sutton Historical Society has teamed with two partners for the project; the Management Committee of the Sutton Junction Community Hall will participate in the coordination of the project, identifying new oral histories and finding people to conduct the interviews and lead group activities. They will also loan their premises and facilities. The cultural organization, Cœur du village, and the Salle Alec et Gérard Pelletier, will stage performances of oral-histories, provide technical services and loan their venue and equipment.

2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Boys and Girls Group youth in Mansonville



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Saturday, March 31, 2018 the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) youth program organized its second annual Boys and Girls Group

Easter Egg Hunt in Park Manson located in the town of Mansonville. Sarah Jersey (CABMN Youth and Volunteer Coordinator) was on the scene bright and early with volunteers who helped the Easter Bunny in hiding over a thousand eggs throughout the park. Children

began arriving around 10:30 with their parents and quickly lined up along the taped barrier waiting for the hunt to begin.

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