

Suggested topics for writing contest (not limited to these suggestions):

1. Family history
2. Immigrant experiences
3. First Nations historic locations
4. War veterans, celebrities, politicians and sports stars
5. Sports teams and leagues
6. Military and federal institutions
7. Neighbourhood history
8. Streets, highways and bridges
9. Politics and municipal administration, including Vanier and Rockcliffe Park
10. Gloucester or neighbourhood organizations
11. Historic events
12. Public buildings, historic houses and cemeteries.
13. Parks and natural areas
14. History behind names (streets, parks, buildings, bridges etc.)
15. Islands in the Ottawa and Rideau Rivers (must have been part of Gloucester at some point)
16. Something that no longer exists

Judging

1. Historic merit and accuracy. This does not mean the older the better. Modern history can be equally interesting.
2. Quality of story-telling
3. Creativity
4. Relevance to the specified geographic territory.

Possible sources of information

- Gloucester Historical Society website – www.gloucesterhistory.com . See links page and resources page for more sources of research. Information is provided on accessing the *Ottawa Citizen* archives up until 1986. After 1986, can be accessed through ‘Canada Newstand’ on the Ottawa Public Library website and is free to everybody with a current public library card.
- Ottawa Room of the downtown public library
- Seniors at retirement homes
- Ancestry.com website (pay website but free trials available). Also available for free at some public libraries.
- *Ottawa Journal* archives are available on newspapers.com website (pay website)