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« Valentine's Day, feast of lovers »



Valentine's Day is the feast of lovers. A particularly important celebration during this difficult time. For the occasion, we invite you

to participate in the draw for a \$ 100 gift card for a restaurant dinner with your Valentine or Valentine (home delivery). (see p.3)

Let's not forget the GÉNÉA-JEUNESSE competition for young people aged 10 to 35, see the conditions in La Billaudière and on our website www.famillesbilodeau.com.

Renewal and recruitment are the basis of our organization. Inform your family members about the many services, publications, genealogies, meetings, family stories, etc. that the Association can offer.

I invite you to research your ancestors through communications with members of your families, emails, Facebook and to visit our WEB site www.famillesbilodeau.com.

The GÉNÉA-JEUNESSE competition, initiated by Jocelyne and Pierre, a great initiative that will interest our young people in the history of your families and your ancestors. As the saying goes, "Words fly away, writings remain".

We have an easier winter, the days are longer, spring in a few months. We can imagine activities for the summer. This period of confinement encourages us to make virtual meetings on Skype and Zoom, Facebook and the phone.

Experts invite us to keep our spirits up by staying active, walking, snowshoeing, skiing, increasing the time in the sun, etc. It's important to stay in shape physically and mentally, and to find new ways to keep doing the activities that make us happy.

We need to plan activities for the Bilodeau Association, such as a virtual annual convention if gatherings are prohibited. It would be interesting to think about family gatherings outside in small groups like a picnic while respecting the indications of Public Health.

On behalf of the members of the board of directors, I wish you A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, HEALTH, PEACE, HAPPINESS and LOVE.
Gilles Bilodeau, President, Branch II, John to John



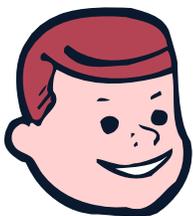
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TRY YOUR LUCK TO WIN A \$ 100 GIFT CARD! Sign up! (p.3)



**EH! FRIENDS THE CONTEST IS EXTENDED
UNTIL JULY 1, 2021
DO NOT HESITATE TO PARTICIPATE,
I'M WAITING FOR YOU!**



GENÉA-JEUNESSE CONTEST

In this time of pandemic, the Bilodeau Association invites you to participate in the GENÉA-JEUNESSE CONTEST which aims to arouse interest in genealogy, to know its origins, to promote the research of our ancestors, to obtain information for our database, to recruit new members, to make known and discover the Association of Bilodeau

The winner will receive the JEAN-CLAUDE-BILODEAU PRIZE, genealogist, who for almost 18 years was responsible for the database and a valuable contributor to the active life of the Bilodeau Association. This award will immortalize his passion, his dedication, his love of history and the genealogy of his ancestors Jacques Billaudeau and Geneviève Longchamp.



The winner of the JEAN-CLAUDE-BILODEAU PRIZE will receive a certificate accompanied by an amount of \$ 100. the 2nd prize will be \$ 50, the 3rd prize will be \$ 25. A participation prize of \$ 25 will be drawn at random from all participants.

Note: For tree models see the Genealogy tab on the Bilodeau Association website. www.famillesbilodeau.com. The projects will be evaluated by a committee of 3 members of the Bilodeau Association, based on a score that takes into account the age of the participant and all the specified criteria.

The results of the competition will be revealed in summer 21

Did you know?...

« Memory slips on, "so as not to forget" »

Powerless in the face of the escalation in the number of deaths in long-term care hospitals (CHSLDs) in Quebec caused by COVID-19, former set props Sylvie Bilodeau wanted to pay tribute to the victims through the work Memory threads on, "so as not to forget". She sewed and arranged, one by one, 3759 buttons in memory of the 3759 people who died, "too often alone", of the virus.

“As I categorized my buttons, I said to myself, 'I'm going to touch them one by one, thinking that each button represents a person who has died [from COVID].' As if each button represented a soul ”

Sylvie Bilodeau

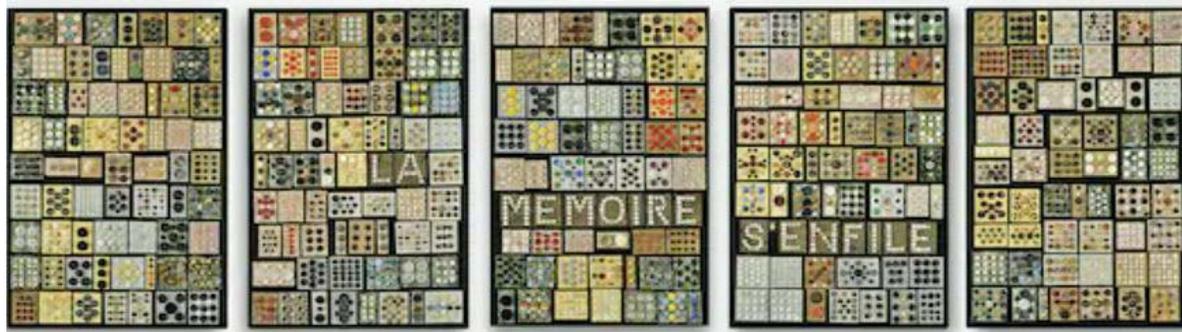


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Is Valentin Patron saint of lover's ?

February 14, is often given the face of a patriarch, surrounded by multiple hearts on greeting cards. Valentine's Day really existed, but it does not really correspond to the character that we imagine. "Nearly eight saints bore his name", specifies sociologist Jean-Claude Kaufmann. But they were not for all that the owners of lovers: they protected "the vineyard from phylloxera, the cows from disease or the cultivation of onions".

Less glamorous

Without solid historical sources, it is difficult to determine who was the real Valentine at the origin of the feast of lovers: "There is a very real Saint Valentine who lived in the 3rd century in Rome and who was later called 'patron of lovers ', writes sociologist Jean-Claude Kaufmann. But it was (...) invented a posteriori, because religious and political authorities needed this storytelling. " Moreover, nobody knows if it results from the amalgamation of "two or three people", nor if it was "filled with love". The only certainty is that this saint celebrated marriages. "He did it in a very special context (...) Not really in the name of love, anyway, but rather to combat the unbridled passions of the time."

Medieval origin in England

The first mention of Valentine's Day with an amorous connotation dates back to the 14th century in England, where February 14 was believed to be the day birds mate. This belief is mentioned in the writings of Geoffrey Chaucer in the 14th century.



It was common during this time for lovers to exchange tickets and each call each other their valentines. One of these 14th century banknotes is believed to be in the British Library. At the beginning of the 15th century, Charles of Orleans introduced Saint Valentine to the court of France. He himself wrote several poems dedicated to Valentine's Day. This tradition was subsequently lost in the Latin world.

Valentine's Day around the world

In France, florists make the same turnover on this Valentine's Day as they would usually do in a week. The rose represents 80% of sales.

In Japan, Valentine's Day was introduced by chocolate makers in the late 1950s. It is a commercial holiday **where women offer chocolates to men** on February 14 each year.



Around a billion cards are traded on this day around the world. According to the American company Hallmark, which specializes in greeting cards, Americans and Canadians would send some 114 million to themselves.

In Canada, even schoolchildren play the game and exchange cards with their classmates. Who does not remember making or receiving Valentine's Day cards from classmates or making them for their parents.

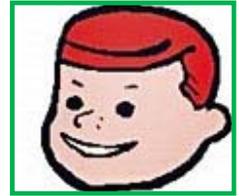
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**Send to : Valentine's Day contest
 211, ave Gosselin, St-Agapit, Qc. G0S 1Z0
 associationdesbilodeau@outlook.com.
 Competition ends: March 1, 2021**

Youth genealogy contest. Registration form to be completed:

Name _____ Age _____
 Address _____ City _____
 Province _____ Postal Code _____
 Telephone _____ Email _____



Indicate the # of member or that of the parent: # _____ Registration date: _____
 I would like to become a member: yes no see info: www.famillesbilodeau.com.

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 Génée-Jeunesse Competition, , 1215, rue de l'Espérance, Ancienne-Lorette, QC, G2E 1T4
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