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Readers Write

Zombie Walk a Big Success!

The first annual Zombie Walk for Hunger was a huge success. We had 47 walkers, which included a little boy's birthday party group. Now how much fun was that?! And thanks to "CRATUR" (Charlie Dunlap, Bob Davidson, and Arlene Probert), a local Celtic group who donated their time, those little Zombie toes were a-tapping.

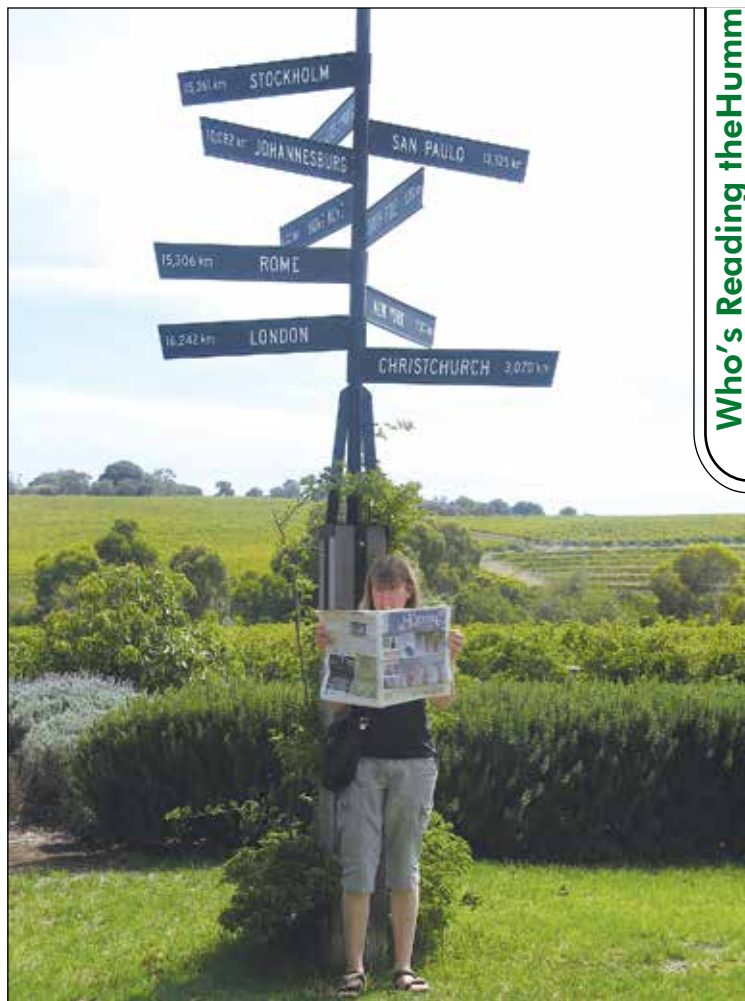
Through registration fees and donations, the walk raised \$1,232, which will be split between Soi Dog Foundation and Country Cat Sanctuary — two non-funded registered animal rescues. Between the Zombies, the walk and the dropped off bags of groceries, 375 pounds of food and water were collected for the Lanark County Food Bank in Carleton Place.

Thank you to all the merchants in Almonte and Carleton Place, who have always been so supportive of the fundraisers we do, for coming through again for the Zombie Walk and donating so many marvellous prizes. Thanks also to Nancy Fulton and Tommy Levi of Levi's Home Hardware, and Tanya and Guido Patrice from Patrice's Independent Grocer, who supplied all the water for the walk. And how can we forget Sean Isaacs of Alliance Coin & Banknote, our very own Bankers of our Apocalypse. Sean took the time to come down and personally give each walker one of the amazing Zombuck coins which he generously donated.

In closing, thanks to all of the Zombies who took the time to come and take part and make this walk a success. See you all next year, and bring along your Zombie friends. This walk can only grow and will be bigger and better next year with your participation and support.

Thank you for your support.

— Heather Gadbois



Back in 2013, we got this adorable note, along with five great shots of theHummm in Australia (this one taken in McLaren Vale): "The photographer would be my partner **Chris Carlisle**, and I am **Nikki Rumbelow**, the avid Humm reader. I think poor Chris was the good sport. That paper went everywhere for the month and was quite tattered by the end. There were a lot more photos taken with that January edition, but we edited down to the five."

Thanks Chris and Nikki — and we've put the other four photos on our website this month!

See More Online!

In addition to four more great shots of Nikki Rumbelow reading theHummm in Australia (see explanation above), we've got some **book picks** from Pam Harris — Almonte librarian and author of this month's *Speaking Volumes* column (on page 38), as well as a notice about the deadline for this year's **National Capital Writing Contest**, which is now open to all residents of Ontario and Quebec, as well as those in the Ottawa area.

There are a few other tidbits that we just couldn't fit into this very squishy issue (try saying that five times fast!). They include an article about the November meeting of the **West Carleton Garden Club** (taking place on Tuesday, November 10 in Carp, and featuring Robin Lee of Lee Valley Tools as the guest speaker), details about two fundraisers for the **Arnprior & District Humane Society** (read about their book & bake sale on page 10 of this issue), and an invitation from the **Perth & District Horticultural Society** to join them on November 24 to watch Cindy Zorgel create fabulous floral designs you can make for this Christmas season!

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Meredith Kucey – Building a Legacy in Silver

It's the process that keeps Meredith Kucey firmly riveted to her jeweller's bench in her rural silversmithing workshop, designing and building brilliant heirlooms-to-be. Kucey loves to build. Tools that intimidate most females are just a welcome challenge to this graduate of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD) who majored in jewellery design and metalsmithing.

by Sally Hansen

Kucey has mastered all elements of the process, from design through fabrication and finishing. Her expertise in carving, casting and finishing results in jewellery that is innovative and visually exciting. During her recent participation in the area Crown and Pumpkin Studio Tour, she noted again that men are particularly attracted to her bold style. While their female companions admire her dramatic butterfly pendants, her delicate silver earrings and her distinctive silver rings, the men frequently select or commission a handsome silver ring for themselves.

Kucey's craftsmanship is outstanding. She uses the traditional Lost Wax Casting process, and unlike many jewellers, does all her own casting. Carving, forging, and the use of both physical and chemical treatments of the surfaces, create a wide set of design options that she combines to realize her artistic visions. Her artistic goal is "to create jewellery that stirs the senses," and in my opinion, she succeeds.

Her workshop is replete with dangerous-looking objects that are either incredibly sharp or extremely hot, and I am hard-pressed to follow her enthusiastic mini-tutorial on how she builds a beautiful sterling piece. She loves working with metal, and has learned to respect the fluidity of the sterling silver she uses, constantly experimenting with techniques of forming, carving and pushing her materials to their limits.

Material Choices

Kucey's use of silver as the material for her artistic expression gives her a versatile medium that not only has a long tradition of use in arts but is also an important material with many applications in technology. The history of silver is rich and inter-



sects in many ways with the development of our society; applications of silver extend from the arts to medicine, electronics and optics. It is one of the few metals found in its pure form in nature and has been known and prized since ancient times for its unusual properties that include luster, high reflectivity and ease of working. In its purest form, silver is very soft, but the addition of a small amount of copper lowers its melting point and increases hardness. Sterling silver contains 7.5% copper and is the most common form of silver in general use. It takes a high degree of polish and, while chemically inert, slow surface reactions occur that result in formation of dark coloured coating or 'tarnish'.

Meredith expands her artistic repertoire with semiprecious gems and is delighted with the Persian turquoise she selected recently at a gem show. She is looking forward to designing the perfect home for each stone. Turquoise is found among the world's oldest jewellery and has long been considered a stone that guarantees health, good fortune, and protection from evil <gia.edu>. In a Kucey ring, it will also guarantee an ongoing aesthetic pleasure.

Forging Ahead

Born in Nepean, Kucey attended Ashbury College in Ottawa where she was very active in sports. A knee injury in grade 10 caused her to shift her attention to the arts, with a special interest in the theatre program. While earning her International Baccalaureate credit in art, she was privileged to study for a month in Sienna, Italy. The fascinating experience solidified her resolve to pursue a career in art, and she chose jewellery as her life's work.

Her experience at NSCAD has left her a permanent fan of Halifax and its amazingly friendly, helpful citizens. After graduation she returned to Ottawa, where she supplemented her arts earnings by working as a medical receptionist for seven oral surgeons, honing her organizational and administrative skills. Almost twelve years ago she moved to her present wonderful location on the shore



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of the Mississippi River in Almonte. Throughout the past decade she has contributed to the success of the Crown and Pumpkin Studio Tour, both as an artist and organizer, and she recently became an enthusiastic gallery assistant at the General in Almonte.

Carrying a Torch

Kucey (formerly Kucey-Jones, if you come across her previous identity on the internet — she is in the painfully liberating process of de-hyphenating from her soon-to-be ex-husband) has always loved jewellery and states without reservation that she will always make jewellery. Recently, however, her love for building, combined with her love for metal, enticed her to complete Algonquin's course in Welding and Fabrication. She worked briefly at Branje Metal Works in Almonte, welding and finishing metal stairs and railings. Her next artistic goal is to design and fabricate metal accessories such as light fixtures, tables and other decorative home accessories.

As a certified welder, Meredith has participated in programs sponsored by the Canadian Welding Foundation and Skills Canada, designed to encourage young women to become welders.

She points out that women can succeed in this male-dominated field by working smarter, not harder, and that they excel at fine work. This quote from <vietnamwelder.blogspot.ca> says it well: "You know, welders that work with their hands are labourers; welders that work with their hands and minds are craftsmen; and welders that work with their hands, minds and hearts are artists." Kucey is an artist.

Meredith Kucey's jewellery art will be on exhibit from November 3 to 29 at Almonte's General Fine Craft, Art & Design gallery at 63 Mill Street. She is delighted that her work will appear with "the very tactile and complementary paintings of Lily Swain-Brady." The gallery is a wonderful addition to Almonte's humming arts scene, and a visit during November is definitely a welcome antidote to the looming winter blahs. Not a single item will be available at your nearest box store, and your Christmas shopping could not be more enjoyable.

Kucey welcomes commissions, and is equally comfortable working with gold, if that is your preference. To see her exceptional silver jewellery and/or discuss a commission, you can contact her at <instagram.com/meredithkucey>, check her coordinates on the back of her Artist's Trading Card, and follow the links at our online home at <thehummm.com>.

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WHY "I love the process of building beautiful, lasting jewellery that can be valued across generations."

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What are You Doing this February?

How About Changing the World?

Every February, the Guatemala Stove Project (GSP), a registered Canadian charity, brings a group of volunteers to the western highlands of Guatemala as part of its work to improve the lives of the poorest of the poor by building safe, efficient masonry cook stoves.

The travelling conditions are not glamorous — you'll work hard and live simply — but you will change the lives of several poor families by improving their health, their economic situation and their local environment. You will be the one to truly gain from this experience, as you will be given a rare opportunity for a person from the first world: the opportunity to see, touch and make a difference in the life of people in the developing world. You will have the unique opportunity to visit the homes of Mayan families and experience daily life in rural Guatemala.

After the stove building sessions, there are possibilities to further explore the culture and beauty of Guatemala and to forge new friendships with other volunteers.

What is the Guatemala Stove Project?

Three billion people on our planet cook over open fires, and indoor air pollution from cooking fires is a major cause of illness and death in the developing world. In Guatemala, Mayan families traditionally cook over a "3-stone fire". These open cooking fires fill the homes with smoke and ash, coating the interior walls and ceilings with creosote. They burn wood inefficiently, which leads to



The look on the face of this Mayan mother shows the impact this stove will have on the health and wellbeing of her family. Would you like to help the Guatemala Stove Project change more families' worlds?

local deforestation as these poor subsistence farmers seek fuel for cooking their meagre meals. Over the past sixteen years, working with partner organizations in Guatemala, the GSP has funded and built over 5000 improved masonry cook stoves in the western highlands.

These stoves are efficient and burn more cleanly, and their chimneys take the smoke and soot outside the home. This greatly improves the living conditions of all in the household, especially the children and women. More efficient burning means the family needs less fuel, and can use those resources for other pressing needs. This also means reduced deforestation of the hillsides, benefitting the environment in many ways.

The GSP is a group of volunteers who will be doing something interesting and meaningful this winter. If you are interested

in joining them, please let them know. If you have ever considered a different kind of travelling, then you might want to explore the work that the Guatemala Stove Project does by visiting <guatemalastoveproject.org> or by contacting them directly at <info@guatemalastoveproject.org>.

Fundraising Dance on November 14

The GSP will be holding their Fall Fundraiser on Saturday, November 14. Featuring a silent and live auction and music by Dave Balfour with No Principles, this is a perfect opportunity to learn more about the organization while having a great time!

The event will take place at the Perth Civitan Hall, 6787 Hwy 43. Doors open at 7PM, and tickets are \$20 (\$15 for students) from Coutts & Company or Shadowfax, or at the door.

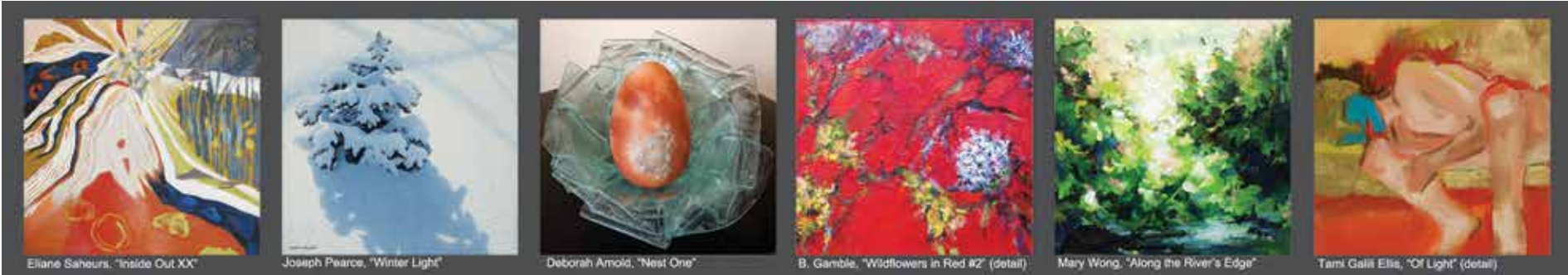
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The Theatre According to Tish

Advice Columnist Tish "The Dish" Weighs in on New Mudds Show

Dear Tish,

I have been engaged for over eight years. My fiancé — I'll call him "Jim" — says we need to wait a little longer to get married because of the stupid trial we are both involved in. Did I mention that I am a cracker-jack prosecuting attorney? Well, I am. Now, don't y'all think that eight years is a bit of a long time to be engaged?

— *Impatient*

Dear Impatient,

I always remember the wise words I once overheard in a coffee shop. "My husband and I were happy for twenty years. Then we met." Think about it!

— *Regards, Tish the Dish*

Dear Tish,

I have been accused of something terrible that I did not do. I swear to you, I didn't! Half the people in town think I am guilty; the other half know I am innocent! How can I convince the other half to believe in me?

— *Squeaky Clean*

Dear Squeaky,

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

Dear Tish,

I have a friend who refuses to come clean and tell me the truth about something that could actually be the difference between life and death! Why would she keep a secret like that?

— *Dumbfounded*

Dear Dummy,

Most people can keep a secret. It's the people they tell them to who can't!

Dear Tish,

My singing voice is — how can I put this modestly — fantastic. For some reason, I cannot get a record contract, no matter how much I beg. I sing around town all the time, and the people love me. Why can't I get a break?

— *Noteworthy*

Dear Noteworthy,

Cry me a river. I have a beautiful but unappreciated voice, too. An ex-friend once said to me "I hope you die first, because I don't want you singing at my funeral!"

Dear Tish,

I am due to appear in court next week and am really stressed out about it. As an older man, I worry that my heart will give out during a tough cross-examination. Wouldn't that be just the worst time ever to have a heart attack?

— *Nervous*

Dear Nervous,

Don't worry! What you say is simply not true. The worst time ever to have a heart attack is during a game of charades.

Dear Tish,

Word on the street is that the upcoming Mudds' show, *The People vs Mona*, is really entertaining and funny. I am a little worried about going to it because of an embarrassing problem. My



Advice columnist "Tish" (centre) was caught chatting up some of the cast of the Mudds' upcoming show at St. James Gate in Carleton Place

problem happens when I laugh, if you know what I mean. Do you think I should risk it?

— *Springing a leak in Almonte*

Dear Leaky,

Well, it depends...

Dear Tish,

My friends and I are looking for an exciting and unique way to kick off the holiday season. Oh, and we don't want to spend a ton of money. Any ideas?

— *Desperate*

Dear Desperate,

I can give you the perfect solution to your problem in one short sentence: live show, buffet and a cash bar for a mere \$40!

What are the details, you ask eagerly? Read on. Go and see the Mudds' production of *The People vs Mona*! It runs for two weekends, each with a different format, so pick the one best suited to your taste. The first shows are "regular" shows, on December 4 and 5

at 8PM and December 6 at 2PM. There will be reserved row seating and a cash bar at the evening shows. Tickets for that first weekend's performances are \$25. Soft drinks and treats will be available at the matinée.

On the second weekend, December 11 and 12, the show will be presented as dinner theatre, with round tables of eight. The southern-style buffet dinner — in keeping with the Georgia setting for the story — is provided by Leatherworks Catering. Dinner is served at 7PM, but get there early to enjoy a beverage and get ready to enjoy the show. Tickets for the dinner theatre performances are \$40. All shows are at the Carleton Place Town Hall.

— *All the best, Tish the Dish*
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Talking Trash(Dance) with Fern Martin

The redoubtable Fern Martin has done it again. The local playwright and activist is tackling a troublesome topic through song and humour. This time, it's litter — and its impact on the planet and your neighbourhood. Martin has a real knack for personalizing big issues (“think globally, act locally” could be her motto, but she doesn't have time to put it on a plaque). *Trashdance* is a pun-filled take on a commonplace problem.

Martin took a little time out of her busy schedule to answer a couple of questions.

Fern, you're well known in the community for your garden. And some may even know that you serve on the Beautification Committee. Can you talk a bit about beauty?

Fern Martin: Beauty is, of course, in the eye of the beholder. But I suppose we can all agree that our surroundings look more beautiful without plastic water bottles or paper garbage amongst the wildflowers or along the river's edge.

Mown perfection or wildflower meadow?

I rather like the wildflower meadow, with bees buzzing and butterflies flitting.

Which is worse, cigarette butts or dog poop?

I can't choose. They are both detrimental to the environment. But dog poop does eventually decompose — cigarette butts are here forever.

You have a celebrity cameo in this play! How did you convince him?

Ed (Lawrence) came along to the audition with his partner Tove Hunding. She was auditioning and, of course, got a part. We just asked Ed if he would sing too, and we liked the sound of his lovely bass voice. I kind of think that he also has an aversion to litter...

Is it true that Miss Mills (the puppet) was a real prima donna in rehearsals? Or is that a vicious rumour started by jealous puppets?

It was the jealous puppets — but *you know* how many of those there are around here.



Trashdance — a light-hearted look at litter — opens on November 6 with shows in Pakenham, Clayton, and Almonte. Above, Miss Mills (left, puppeteered by Elizabeth Veninga) and the Trash Surveillance Officer (right, Austin Campbell) attempt to convince Ms Benson (Nadia Taylor-Meyer) and Mr. Hedges (Ed Lawrence) not to throw their cigarette butts on the ground...

Trashdance features an all-star local cast, including Miss Mills, Ed Lawrence, youth and adults. The play is a light-hearted look at the issue of littering and some of the excuses people make for themselves. Martin does not use old anthems for this (Pete Seeger's *Garbage* came immediately to mind), but rather takes lively songs and makes them topical with new lyrics, including *Another One Bites the Dust*, *Time Warp*, and *Dancing in the Street*. The cast is strong of voice, ably assisted by the vocal coaching of Jennifer Noxon, and well-choreographed, thanks to director Kris Riendeau.

Trashdance is a touring production; the play will appear across Mississippi Mills, including daytime shows for students, and evening stops (7:30PM) at Pakenham School (November 6), Clayton Community Hall (November 7), and the Almonte Old Town Hall (November 13 and 14, plus a 2PM matinee on November 15). Tickets are \$15 (students \$10) and are available at Baker Bob's in Almonte, Nicholson's Sundries in Pakenham, and the Clayton General Store, or by calling 624-5104. Please note that the evening performances contain slightly more mature content than the school shows and matinee.

— Sandy Irvin

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25 Years of Lighting Up the Night

Light Up The Night celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, and on Friday, December 4, the popular outdoor family event will mark this special milestone by presenting its wonderful Christmas show at their traditional location at the bottom of Mill Street in Almonte, Mississippi Mills... with the return of that host with the most!

Wayne Rostad, affectionately known around these parts as “Our Wayne”, is coming back from Nova Scotia (where he now lives) to be our favourite headliner. He’s pretty happy about returning for the 25th anniversary. “It’s a heck of a milestone!” he told me over the phone. “To have it last this long is a huge testament to all the wonderful volunteers and the Town that kept it going. When they asked me to come back to do the anniversary show, it only took a heartbeat, a blink of an eye, for me to say yes!” Wayne is coming back “on his own dime” to be



with his friends and family at Light Up The Night. “It’s my Christmas gift to the Town,” he adds. You can look forward to seeing Wayne onstage as MC and you can be sure he’ll lead a rousing rendition of his original song *Christmas in the Valley* with the audience. It wouldn’t be Light Up The Night without it.

Other talented performers onstage will include Voices of Praise (a Light Up The Night favourite), popular singer-songwriter Terry Tufts, Canadian country music queen Brea Lawrenson, Almonte’s own Brad Monroe & Marty McTieman, the Cedar Hill Church Choir, town crier Daniel Richer, Canadian country music phenomenon Blackwell, and of course, the Twinkle Fairies, puppets Mrs. Claus and Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, and last but not least... the big guy himself... Santa Claus!... who always makes his sensational first appearance in the spotlight at the top of the Victoria Mill building. And don’t forget the amazing fireworks display at the end of the show to the glorious strains of the *Hallelujah Chorus* from Handel’s *Messiah*. What a way to close off the evening! It always gives me goosebumps.

Twenty-five years ago, when Light Up The Night first started, it was a much simpler affair. It really was all about lighting up the night. Strings and strings of Christmas lights were mounted on the Mill Street trees and buildings and over at the Mississippi River falls at the old Almonte Hydro building. “Our Wayne”, who was

part of things right from the beginning, flipped the switch for the lights at the falls while the Fairy Queen of Christmas Lights and her princesses led the torch-bearing audience through the downtown area waving her magic wand and turning on the lights as she went. Following the lighting ceremonies, people could relax on bales of hay at the town square and sing Christmas carols and enjoy live music by local musicians, including, at that time, Tracey Brown and Randall Prescott. Plenty of hot chocolate and cider, along with roasted chestnuts and doughnuts, was served up by members of local service organizations. At that time, Santa and his reindeers and sleigh made their appearance by flying across the waterfalls — like Evel Knievel — and landing behind the Hydro building. How Santa managed to pop out seconds later from behind the building is a magical trick known only to a select few. Currently, Santa suddenly appears at the top of the Victoria Mill and then magically steps onto the stage seconds later down on Mill Street — another visual trick that is carefully protected from disclosure.

“For Light Up The Night to last as long as it has, it had to capture the imagination of the people to start with, and it did!” says Wayne. The original committee members — Nancy Fulton, Brian Gallagher, Margo Hay-Goodings and Harriet Byrne — probably had no idea that what they were start-



These vintage photos of the Light Up The Night crowd (above) and Brian Gallagher come from Nancy Fulton’s scrapbook

ing would enjoy such longevity. Twenty-five years later, people are still putting on their warmest winter clothes and gathering on Mill Street in Almonte to enjoy a Christmas tradition that just keeps on going like the Energizer bunny. It’s free, it’s fun for all ages, and it’s so very familiar.

Nancy Fulton, one of the original founders, is still heavily involved in Light Up The Night. You’ve probably bought paint from her at Levi’s Home Hardware in Almonte. “Light Up The Night is my heart and soul,” she declares, “I love it!” Right about now, Nancy is getting pretty darned excited about the upcoming anniversary, and, if you ask her, she can definitely tell you exactly how many “sleeps” there are until this year’s event on December 4. See you there, Nancy!

— Noreen Young

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A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens featuring David Bird

Monday December 7, 2015
Perth Civitan Club

Doors Open at 5:30PM

Show starts promptly at 6:30PM

Christmas Snacks and Sweets
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Silent Auction

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Community Justice Hosts Two Events

Lanark County Community Justice Program (LCCJP) volunteers and staff are busy planning two events that are scheduled for the coming weeks.

First, they are excited to announce an amazing guest speaker, Jake MacIsaac, who is a restorative practices facilitator from Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia. Dalhousie's Dentistry Faculty was in the news for several months earlier this year as they used a restorative approach to deal with a serious issue involving some of their male students. After a lengthy process, the participants (male and female students) and the university managed to

advance. The cost for the tickets is \$20 or pay what you can. Contact them at 264-1558 or <beth@commjustice.org> for further information or to reserve your ticket.

Then, to get everyone into the holiday spirit, LCCJP is hosting *A Christmas Carol*, featuring David Bird, at the Perth Civitan Club on Monday, December 7. Doors open at 5:30 when there will be an assortment of Christmas snacks and sweets, a cash bar and a silent auction. The show starts promptly at 6:30PM and is suitable for ages 10 and up. Tickets are \$20 and can be reserved by contacting Rina at <rina@commjustice.org> or 264-

1558. This promises to be a fun evening for all. Who knows, you may be able to get some of your holiday shopping done at the silent auction!

Lanark County Community Justice Program is a registered charity operating throughout Lanark County and the Town of Smiths Falls. They provide court diversion services for cases referred by the police services or the Crown Attorney. Restorative justice is a process that brings together accused persons and the victims (complainants) in a circle forum, to work together to heal the harm



Lanark County's own Long Sault Trio will provide music during the social hour at the LCCJP Annual General Meeting on November 19

that has been done and reach an agreement. Mr. MacIsaac was one of the facilitators in this process and the co-author of the final report, and will speak about the experience and the outcome. He will be speaking on Thursday, November 19 at the Perth Lions Hall, during National Restorative Justice Week.

This presentation is in conjunction with a buffet dinner and will be followed by the LCCJP **Annual General Meeting**. One of their own facilitators, Linda Grenier, along with her band Long Sault Trio, will provide music during the social hour at the beginning of the event. Doors open at 5PM and tickets must be reserved in ad-

advance. The Ministry of the Attorney General provides a portion of the funding needed for cases involving youth aged twelve to seventeen. LCCJP is pleased to also be a United Way of Lanark County partner agency. Their United Way funding is primarily used to help with cases of youth aged eighteen to twenty-five years and to assist them to work proactively in the schools and youth centres. This Christmas fundraiser will help them to fund other portions of their operation, and they appreciate the community support. More information about the organization can be found at <commjustice.org>.

Almonte Harvest Market

The Almonte Farmers' Market is pleased to announce its second annual Harvest Market! It will be held on November 14, from 9AM until 3PM, upstairs in the Almonte Community Centre (a.k.a. the arena). There will be produce, the Duncans' certified organic beef, all kinds of delicious baking and breads, pickles, jams, hot sauces, wreaths, pottery, hand-dyed wool, handmade skin care products, handmade pet accessories, knitting, crafts... The list goes on! Along with the typical stellar cast of the AFM, including the ever-faithful musicians, will be a number of guest vendors, including Harwood Estate Winery. Amanda Sears will also be back to offer a delicious menu for breakfast and lunch, and refreshments!

So if you are going through farmers' market withdrawal, come on out to the Harvest Market on November 14. And if you think that's exciting, the AFM folks will also be holding a Christmas Market on December 12, from 9AM to 3PM at the same location!



Photo by Dawn Walker



Lanark County
Community Justice Program

DINNER and GUEST SPEAKER



Jake MacIsaac, one of the restorative facilitators from the recent issue at the Dalhousie University Faculty of Dentistry and a Lead Caseworker at Nova Scotia's largest Restorative Justice agency.

Buffet Dinner (including Vivian's award-winning apple pie!)

Followed by our Annual General Meeting
Thursday November 19 at 6PM

Perth Lions Hall (Halton Street at the Fairgrounds)

Cost is \$20 or pay what you can • LCCJP memberships available for \$5

Tickets must be reserved in advance.
Contact Beth Peterkin, Executive Director
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This event is open to the public. Everyone welcome!

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And So Oscar Season Begins...

As we enter the first stretch of the Oscar season, the films being released have, so far, been well worth the time. However, some obvious attempts at big hitters and pre-Oscar hopefuls have fallen through, for various reasons. Antoine Fuqua's glossy, melodramatic

by Matt Roche

Southpaw failed to create any momentum; the usually spot-on Jonathan Demme gave us the uninspired *Ricki and the Flash*; the one-two acting campaign for Jonah Hill and James Franco quickly ended in the rather empty affair that is *True Story*; and the indie filmmaking team of Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck, who specialize in the dispirited and sombre but usually to stunning ends (*Half Nelson*), failed to give us anything new, aside from two noteworthy performances from Ryan Reynolds and Ben Mendelsohn, with *Mississippi Grind*. And *The End of the Tour* gave us a fascinating glimpse into David Foster Wallace, but failed to make an impact.

Smiths Falls' Station Theatre recently showed *Love & Mercy*, the tragic true story of Beach Boys founder and musical genius Brian Wilson's fall from grace and his struggle dealing with mental illness, which is arguably mended through the unorthodox treatment methods of Dr. Eugene Landy. The treatments result in Brian being equally inspired and depleted. Small hope is seen in a new girlfriend (a surprisingly effective Elizabeth Banks), yet the thunderous Landy (a never-better Paul Giamatti in an Oscar-worthy performance) dominates poor Brian and foils attempts at



Sir Ian McKellen stars as a 93-year-old Sherlock in *Mr. Holmes* — showing at the Station Theatre in Smiths Falls on November 20 & 21

any sort of solace. *Love & Mercy* is a heartbreaking film.

Bill Condon's *Mr. Holmes*, starring the ever-reliable Ian McKellen as a 93-year-old Sherlock Holmes, will be showing at the Station Theatre on November 20 and 21. *Mr. Holmes* is a lovely little film. The famous detective has retired to the lush English countryside, far from the hustle and bustle of London, to finish his days in peace with his beloved bees. Unfortunately, his worst fear — the loss of his mind — seems imminent, as Alzheimer's slowly encroaches. Experimental herbs and Royal Jelly are unable to bring back the unprecedented prowess of mind he once possessed. The caretaker, Mrs. Munro (Laura Linney), deals with Holmes' senility and crankiness with tact, but only for so long. Her young son Roger takes a liking to the cantankerous detective and they form a spirited pair, bonding over their love of bees and Holmes' final case, which he tries desperately to recall. Meditations on life and death, guilt and fear, are all subtly invoked in the screenplay by Jeffery Hatcher; Sherlock Holmes

has never been as human as he is here. As he states in the film, it's something "even logic cannot illuminate."

These are all well worth your time, though I doubt they will make many ripples in the Oscar pond. What should, and will, rack up a few major nominations is one of the best films I have seen this year, *The Martian*, directed with aplomb by our generation's Cecil B. DeMille: Ridley Scott. Even though Scott is the master of the epic (*Gladiator*, *Kingdom of Heaven*), *The Martian* is a simple, carefully crafted film. And Matt Damon has never been better, and more than deserves a Best Actor nomination. Dominating the majority of the film with absolute assurance, Damon brings unbelievable humanity to the role of Matt Watney, the astronaut (and incredibly creative and proficient botanist) left stranded on Mars (which is absolutely stunning to look at). To his crew's credit, it was a life or death situation and they were pretty sure he was dead. But through luck and perseverance, Damon's Watney survives and is actually able to radio for help. Both Damon's performance

and Drew Goddard's impressive screenplay convey painfully accurate depictions of how one would survive in such a situation with a surprising amount of humour, and that is what makes this film so exceptional. It provides not only a relief from the trials and tribulations poor Watney endures, but also elevates the character to a more vulnerable level; there is both fear and disappointment in his humour.

There are so many more films I wish I could review. I enjoyed *Black Mass* but was not as impressed with Johnny Depp's performance as "Whitey" Bulger as everyone else was, though he did bring a ferocious intensity to certain scenes. The indie hit *Me and Earl and the Dying Girl* is a lovely stirring film, and *The Gift*

is a surprisingly original and effective thriller. The documentary *The Look of Silence*, a sequel to the brilliant Oscar-nominated documentary *The Act of Killing* (2012), is just as powerful in its depiction of the horrors that enveloped Indonesia for so many decades.

And more are coming! Atom Egoyan's *Remember* will be playing at the Perth and Smiths Falls Theatres in November; Danny Boyle's *Steve Jobs* and Spielberg's *Bridge of Spies* are newly released; and indie hits *Spotlight*, *Room*, and *Brooklyn* are already making big splashes, and are available for viewing at the Bytowne Cinema this November as well.

It's looking like another great year for films. And as the snow arrives, it's the perfect time to escape to a movie!

Home Town Talent

You may know him as a hockey player who recently played with the Carleton Place Canadians, as a young man with a great voice and talented fingers on strings, or as the smalltown country boy with a kind heart. This young musician, Alex Vala, is on the rise. He grew up just outside of Carleton Place, in the small town called Franktown. Vala recently graduated from Notre Dame Catholic High School and decided to take a year off to work and travel.

He and his friend Lee Francoeur have formed a band called The Vallee. The two recently won the talent show in Palmer Rapids, a country and bluegrass festival near Barry's Bay, with their winning song, *Country Girl*, by Luke Bryan. Alex often plays at the Barley Mow in Almonte, at private parties, talent shows, and pubs. During this past summer, The Vallee had a gig at the Thirsty Moose Pub in Carleton Place and the venue was filled to capacity. His band uploaded an original song on Facebook called *Memory Making Place*, which has received over 10,000 views. The Vallee was asked to play at a business conference in Las Vegas, as their popularity continues to grow.

"If I was to say one thing about music, it would be that it's my passion. I've done so many things in life that I thought I loved but this is really, truly, it. Getting up in front of a crowd, there's nothing like it," Alex says. He has a hidden talent that takes many by surprise. Watch for his local upcoming gigs — you will experience how far he has come and absorb his talent personally.

— Leanne Baker is a grade 12 student at Notre Dame Catholic High School in Carleton Place

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The Book Nook in Perth is pleased to invite you to a free colouring and doodling interactive demo with local artist Sheila Cain-Sample, on Saturday, November 7, from 12 to 2PM.

Doodling is Sheila's way of relaxing. It travels everywhere with her — compact, lightweight and simple. It's something you can pick up or put down at any time. Sheila writes: "I love to open people up to the possibilities of doodling/colouring and how relaxing it can be. It is so good to exercise your mind with the challenge of figuring out patterns. You can create your own designs to add colour to... What could be better? The benefits of colouring have been abundantly documented. Don't you want some of that?"

The Book Nook is located at 60 Gore St. E. in Perth. For more information, call 267-2350 or email <thebooknook@bellnet.ca>

Travel Down Memory Lane

St. George's Anglican Church in Clayton is once again inviting you to take a trip "Down Memory Lane" in honour of Remembrance Day on Sunday, November 8, beginning at 2PM. Down Memory Lane features Roger Fowler on accordion, Earl Casey on guitar, and Donna St. Louis providing vocals. They will be performing tunes from the '40s and '50s and encourage you to sing along. Refreshments will be served following the concert. For more information, call Ray or Kathy at 256-9010, or check out <stgeorgechurchclayton.webs.com>.

Blue Moon Café

Perth band EDGE presents the 15th annual Blue Moon Café on Saturday, November 14 at 7:30PM in the hall at St. Andrew's Church, Perth.

The setting is a relaxed, coffee-house atmosphere and the music is an entertaining mix of pop, folk, country and singable hits from the past to the present.

Members of this popular trio are Ann Savage, Jeff Earl and Graeme Crabb. They have been performing together for a number of years and have worked out lovely harmonies for their songs. Audiences are encouraged to sing and clap along to familiar tunes.

Admission is \$10 at the door and light refreshments are served during the intermission.

Because you Can't Adopt Every Animal...

If you like books and/or sweets, you'll want to head to Arnprior on November 15, when the Arnprior & District Humane Society hosts its annual **Book and Bake Sale**, as part of the 2nd annual Christmas in the Prior, at the Nick Smith Centre.

Already have too many books? Well, first of all there is no such thing as "too many books", and secondly, they invite you to sort through your bookshelves in preparation and welcome your donations of books (or baked goods) at the Nick Smith Centre between 8:30 and 9:30AM that day (or on the 14th, from 12 to 5PM, at the Arnprior Humane Society, 490 Didak Drive).

Fresh in the glow of your good deeds (cleaning and helping animals) — and with disturbingly empty shelves — you can enjoy shopping for some good reads and treats (to sustain you through a really good book). There are also vendor and craft tables, including GelMoment, Pampered Chef, Origami Owl, Sunset Gourmet, Yunique, and more.

The sale is on Sunday, November 15, from 10AM to 4PM, at the Nick Smith Centre, 77 James Street in Arnprior. For further information, you can see <arnpriorhumanesociety.ca> or contact the Humane Society at 623-0916.

A Choral Christmas

The West Ottawa Ladies Chorus will perform "Christmas Around the World" on Saturday, December 5 at 7PM and again on Sunday, December 6 at 2:30PM at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 20 Young Road in Kanata. The choir, under the direction of Robert Dueck, will perform a variety of traditional carols from around the world.

Also performing will be the West Ottawa Chorale, comprised of sixteen guest tenor and male voices in concert with the forty voices of the West Ottawa Ladies Chorus for several mixed chorus (SATB) selections. Tickets are \$15 in advance from Gaia Java (1300 Main Street, Stittsville), Kanata Barbershop (2 Beaverbrook Road, Kanata), and Robin's Nest (98 Mill Street, Almonte), or \$20 at the door. Admission is free for children 12 and under.

Karen Savoca Returns to Play MERA

One of the most popular acts at this summer's Blue Skies Festival — Karen Savoca — returns to the area in November for a concert in the popular Sunday Schoolhouse Concert series at MERA Schoolhouse in McDonalds Corners.

"Karen was by far my favourite act at this year's festival," says Danny Sullivan, who is organizing the MERA event. "I'm really happy to have the opportunity to present her at MERA in a show with a longer format than one set at a music festival."

Karen pours her heart into a song the way a great actor throws herself into a role. Her songs draw you into a world of humour and compassion, shared with grace and ease, as though you've been invited to her table for supper.

Born in northern New Jersey, the daughter of a big band singer, Karen's baby diary reads "20 months, knows 6 songs". At the age of eight she asked for piano lessons, and at thirteen she began composing on a guitar she bought with saved birthday money. She attended Syracuse University, where she studied music and elementary education.

Pete Heitzman, a Syracuse native, was playing in clubs at the age of fifteen. He carved out a reputation as an ace guitarist capable of playing many styles, touring across the country with a variety of bands. He met Savoca during a return trip to his hometown, invited out by friends to



After a successful gig at this summer's Blue Skies Festival, Karen Savoca returns to play the MERA Schoolhouse with Peter Heitzman on November 29

hear a new singer. They jammed the night away, and he joined her group the next day. In that band they forged their unique style, performing original songs to a packed house every Monday just off-campus. Those Monday nights became a seven-year-long tradition during which Karen and Pete revelled in patrons' enthusiastic dancing and improvised call and response routines. Years later, that chemistry would spark an enchanted scene at the Vancouver Folk Music Festival when 10,000 people spontaneously removed their shoes and waved them over their heads.

Acoustic Guitar magazine calls Heitzman "a true virtuoso of groove, with a sly touch that, combined with Savoca's in-the-pocket drumming and spectacu-

larly soulful vocals, gives the duo the impact of a four-piece band."

The duo has released eight CDs on their own Alcove Records label, the latest of which is *Promise*, recorded in their 19th century church studio nestled deep in the hills of upstate NY. *The Edmonton Journal* says: "there's soul in the delicious grooves and phrasing, and soul in the broader sense that floats out of her lyrical vision."

Savoca and Heitzman will appear at MERA Schoolhouse in McDonalds Corners on Sunday, November 29, at 7PM. Advance tickets are \$20 (\$18 for MERA members) and are available from Tickets Please at 39 Foster Street in Perth (Jo's Clothes), online at <ticketsplease.ca>, or by phone at 485-6434.



We want to thank the community for their generous donations and continued support. Here is our current wishlist of items for the shelter:

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- Paper towels & toilet paper
- Hand sanitizer
- Pedigree Pro Plan Dry Dog Food and Pedigree Canned Dog Food
- Canned Kitten Food Presidents Choice, No Name or any other kitten food
- Canned Adult Cat Food
- Presidents Choice Non Clumping Cat Litter or any other non clumping litter
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November 7 & 8
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95 Bridge Street, Almonte
www.almontepottersguild.com

A Merry Month in Perth

I am not going to lie to you: it will snow in November and it will be cold. This according to *The Old Farmer's Almanac*: "Nov. 18-21: Flurries, cold." But that's not that bad, is it? We have comfortable sweaters and warm toques, fireplaces and heated car seats. Cafés will serve us mugs

to and to honour all who have served to afford us our freedom.

Switching gears now, [ahem], cyclists will wish to take note that on November 15 at Conlon Farm, the Ottawa Bicycle Club will host their annual **Cyclocross Race**. The race, which promises to keep its participants warm and likely sweaty, goes from 7AM to 12PM. For more information about the race, please contact the Ottawa Bicycle Club at 230-1064 or visit their website at <ottawabicycleclub.ca>.

From November 15 to December 31, the **Perth Museum** will host a delightful yesteryear holiday-themed exhibit called

tre. Reserved tickets are \$20 (call 267-1884). They are \$22 at the door, and \$10 for students.

'Tis the season! You know it is in Perth when the BIA presents the **Festival of Good Cheer** in the Crystal Palace. This year's festival takes place on November 28, from 11AM to 8PM, and features horse-drawn trolley rides, music, tastings, demos, and downtown merchants offering specials. For more information, please call 267-3311.

The following day, the Perth Farmers' Market hosts its **Christmas Market** at the Crystal Palace, from 9AM to 3PM, while, starting at 10AM across town, there is a **Christmas Craft & Gift Sale** at the Perth Civitan Hall. For more information about the craft show, please call Bonnie at 267-5088.

Lastly, the **CP Rail Holiday Train** rolls into Perth on November 29 at 7:40PM, stopping for a concert on the Wilson Street CPR tracks. The Build-A-Mountain-Of-Food campaign truck will be

on hand accepting donations of non-perishable food items and cash for The Table Community Food Centre. Come early, bring the family, and have a wonderful time!

by John Pigeau

of hot chocolate and steeped, steaming tea. And some of us still own longjohns. I mean, don't freak out here — we're Canadian, we're not Chihuahuas.

Also, there is a whole lot to see and do in Perth this month; enough to please even the Scroogiest of hearts, and to keep us all warm and busy, festively happy and thoroughly entertained.

Let us begin... with the **Perth Community Choir's** presentation of Gilbert & Sullivan's rollicking classic *Pirates of Penzance*. Nothing quite warms the cockles

of one's heart like a comic opera in two parts. PCC's annual fall show kicks off on November 6 at 7:30PM at the Mason Theatre. Evening performances are on November 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14, with 2PM shows on November 8 and 15. Tickets (\$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, \$10 for children 12 and under) are available at Tickets Please, 39 Foster Street. You can also buy them online at <ticketsplease.ca> or by phone by calling 485-6434.

Next up we have a weekend event for the whole family as The Merchants of Code's Mill put on an **Open House** on November 7 and 8. Just in time for the gift-giving season, all are invited to the beautiful old mill at 17 Wilson St. E. for two days — a local shopping extravaganza, which also includes entertainment and loads of family fun. The Open House runs from 10AM to 5PM, both days.

November 11, of course, is **Remembrance Day**, and the annual march in Perth will form at 10AM at the Perth Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion (26 Beckwith St. E.) and make its way to the Cenotaph, located at the Great War Memorial Hospital of Perth. The Remembrance Day Ceremony will take place at 11AM sharp. The public is invited and streets will be closed to accommodate the march. Please don't forget to buy a poppy and to take some time to give thanks



The CP Rail Holiday Train rolls into Perth on November 29 at 7:40PM

"Home for the Holidays." For more information, please call 267-1947.

There is a wonderful literary event happening on November 19, as Kay Rogers will be reading from *At Home in Tay Valley*, a charming and informative book that celebrates the 200th anniversary of Tay Valley (see the article on page 18). The reading, a presentation by the Perth and District Historical Society, is open to the public and takes place at 7:30PM at the Perth Canadian Legion Hall.

Billed as the Christmas event of the season, the Perth and District Community Foundation's **Christmas Gala** takes place on November 27 at the Best Western Plus Parkside Inn & Spa. It's the ideal time to put on your seasonal finery and join your friends, old and new, for hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, music and laughter. The evening includes both a live and silent auction with the proceeds going to support the work of the Perth and District Community Foundation. Tickets to this formal attire event are \$110 and available at Tickets Please (ticketsplease.ca, 485-6434).

BarnDoor Productions kicks off its holiday season celebrations with *Snowed Under*, a holiday farce by Alan Smithee. Performances run from November 27 to December 6 (November 27-28, December 3-5 at 8PM; November 29, December 6 at 2PM) at the Full Circle Thea-

Prior Players Present Fall Comedy



Rehearsals are under way for the Prior Players' fall production of *Don't Say Goodbye, I'm Not Leaving*. The play is a comedy by Roger Karshner that is being directed by Dave Anthony. Pictured here are cast members Lynn Grinstead (above) and Steven Oliver with Margaret Stewart (below).

Performances will take place at the Christian Education Centre (257 John Street North) in Arnprior on November 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 8PM, and on November 8 at 2PM. Tickets are \$15 for the evening shows and \$12 for the matinée, available from the Arnprior Book Shop or Green Bean Natural Foods (cash or cheque only).

For more information, please call 623-5585 or email <priorplayers@gmail.com>.



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## Folkus on Music this Winter!

The **folkus concert series** has put together a bang-up season for you this year. We can't think of a better way to beat the winter blues than by getting out of the house for a magical night (or three or four) of live music in our own community.

The Almonte Old Town Hall is justly celebrated for its acoustics, and it's a fabulous setting for live music. Pick up some season's passes for a stocking stuffer or for yourself, and you're all set for the cold months.

Our season has been tweaked slightly since our original announcement; we've switched up the line-up to accommodate a European Tour for Craig Cardiff.

So this year's performances are as follows: **Harry Manx** (above) on January 30, **Craig Cardiff** with special guest **Jennifer Noxon** on February 20, a double bill with **KEWT** (Terry Tufts and Kathryn Briggs) and **Allison Lupton** on March 26, and **Slow Leaves** with special guest **Jill Zmud** on April 23.

All folkus shows are held in the Almonte Old Town Hall. Details can be found at <folkusalmonte.com>, and tickets will be available on Eventbrite <folkusalmonte.eventbrite.ca> and at Mill Street Books in Almonte (256-9090). Questions? Email <hello@folkusalmonte.com>.

— Sandy Irvin



### Beckwith Township Christmas Craft Show

**Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 10AM—3PM**  
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#### Music Matters

## Music in a Free Society

Whenever I write my column for November, I always try and find a way to reference some kind of connection to Remembrance Day, as I believe that this is perhaps the most important day of the year. I'm thankful to be living in a free society in a country that has for the most part avoided warfare during my lifetime.

For some reason, as I was preparing to write this column, I was listening to a lot of music by Russian composer Dmitri

by Tony Stuart

Shostakovich. Shostakovich did not live in a free society, and the accounts of his struggles with the government in his country are heartbreaking. The Communist regime had control over every aspect of that society, including its artistic community. Shostakovich struggled for his entire life to be true to his art while at the same time having to make compromises in order to protect his family. It is easy to see why much of his music is so dark. Artists were terrified of being perceived as being against the government, no matter what their personal feelings were. There were very real and dangerous consequences for being outspoken.

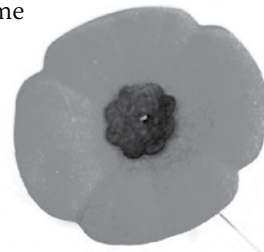
In Canada we don't have to worry about this, and we should all be grateful. However, I also think that we have to be careful to not become complacent. I was born in 1969, not too far removed from the protest songs of the 1960s. Back then it seemed like musicians felt a responsibility to speak out against injustices in our society. Whether it was protesting the war in Vietnam, or singing *We Shall Overcome* as they marched on Washington to fight for civil rights, people understood that these songs had tremendous power to help bring about change.

I'm a little out of touch with popular music, but I have a sense that we don't have as many of these voices today. Whether that is due to the way the music industry has collapsed, or the way that our society has become so insular because of cell phones and computers, is up for debate. We still have causes worth fighting for, including the fight

to achieve full equality no matter your sexual orientation. We only have to look at the troubles that are happening in the United States with gay couples still being refused marriage licenses. Are there musicians speaking out against this? I certainly hope so, but I'm not noticing anyone in the mainstream who is really speaking out the way that they did in the sixties.

Music is more than just something to be consumed. It has an important role in a free and democratic society. It has the power to bring people together and to bring about real change. One of my favourite quotes is from Bono of U2: "Music has the power to change the world, because it can change people."

If we look around the world there are examples of musicians who are making a difference. The band Pussy Riot in Russia has been causing all sorts of headaches for those in charge, despite facing prosecution and the threat of jail time. To



their credit, many Western artists have spoken publicly about their support for that band. However, as a result of their "antics", the Russian government has placed even more restrictions on free speech in that country. I have no doubt that other musical artists in that country will make their voices heard, despite the dangers of doing so.

Pete Seeger, the protest singer who helped popularize *We Shall Overcome*, said it best, I think: "Once upon a time, wasn't singing a part of everyday life as much as talking, physical exercise, and religion? Our distant ancestors, wherever they were in this world, sang while pounding grain, paddling canoes, or walking long journeys. Can we begin to make our lives once more all of a piece? Finding the right songs and singing them over and over is a way to start. And when one person taps out a beat, while another leads into the melody, or when three people discover a harmony they never knew existed, or a crowd joins in on a chorus as though to raise the ceiling a few feet higher, then they also know there is hope for the world."

— Tony Stuart is the Music Director of Notre Dame Catholic High School in Carleton Place, and a freelance professional musician.

## Sunday Evenings in November

There are two exciting evening services this month at St. James the Apostle Anglican Church in Perth: Choral Evensong on Sunday, November 15, and the Advent Procession with Carols on November 29. Both services start at 4PM, but there will be a prelude, so make sure you arrive by 3:45PM!

Last month, St. James' hosted the Cranmer Singers who joined the choir at Evensong. Their director, Frances MacDonnell, thanked Peter Woodwork and the choir for their welcome and hospitality. "Please pass my congratulations on to your choir for a well-sung service. Their whole approach is professional and effective, and I was most impressed. I am sure the congregation enjoyed the service, and they seemed to sing most heartily themselves."

Everyone is invited to the next Evensong, on November 15, where you can hear the choir singing psalms, canticles and an anthem, and join in singing three well-known hymns — *The Love of Jesus Calls Us*, *Dear God Compassionate and Kind* (formerly *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*) and *The Day thou Gavest*. The anthem *From the Rising*

*of the Sun* is based on a text from Malachi. The St. James 4 will provide the prelude and postlude.

During the dark days of late November, a very different carol service helps prepare our hearts and minds for the joyful season of Christmas. St. James' 20<sup>th</sup> annual Advent Carol Service takes place on Sunday, November 29 at 4PM. It starts quietly and mysteriously in darkness with the Junior and Senior Choirs bringing the first light as they process around the church singing and bearing candles. As they pause for scripture to be read, the darkness gradually recedes until the church is filled with light, and the coming of Christ, the Light of the World, is proclaimed in the last reading. Prayers, anthems by both choirs and Advent hymns, sung with the congregation, complete the service.

St. James' Church is located on the corner of Drummond and Harvey Streets in Perth. Traveling west on Highway 7, turn left at the first traffic light as you enter Perth. For more information, contact the church office at 267-1163 or check the website <stjamesperth.ca>.

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November 2015



# Christmas Continuity in Cedar Hill

You know something has become a family tradition when no one in the family can recall when it actually started up. For the Riendeau clan, no Christmas would be complete without our annual trek to Cedar Hill Christmas Tree Farm; yet we can't remember when we first began going there. Every moment is treasured: the communal wagon ride out to snow-covered fields, tromping through the snow to find our perfect tree, taking turns with the saw (and throwing snowballs at each other when not sawing), sitting around the bonfire, and finally warming up with hot chocolate and cider while choosing one of Ria's gorgeous wreaths to adorn our front door. One year our family Christmas card even featured a composite of photos from the outing!

So when we heard through the grapevine that the farm was for sale, we naturally flew into a panic. What if the new owners had no intention of carrying on with the business? And if they did, who could ever provide as warm a welcome as Ria and Paul Ralph, along with their wonderful family and staff? Who would love the land and care for the trees as much as they did?



## Shirley Deugo's Family — That's Who

Almost as if they heard us fretting, we got a call from Ria and Paul recently, asking if we would come out and interview them along with the farm's new owners — Pamela and Grant Martin. Imagine our relief when we discovered the strong connection Pamela has to this area: her mom is Shirley Deugo, the indomitable owner-operator of Fulton's Pancake House & Sugar Bush, located minutes away from the Christmas Tree Farm.

Pamela grew up roaming the woods of Cedar Hill, helping with maple production and developing a deep love for this area and its inhabitants. She met her husband Grant at the University of Guelph where they were both pursuing a B. Sc. in agriculture, and they soon married and moved near Grant's home farm. They took over that farm soon after their first two boys were born, and within three years had converted it to a certified organic dairy, producing milk as well as organic poultry, beef, pork, lamb and eggs. Two more boys came along, and today their four sons are 13, 12, 11 and 7 years old. Understandably, Grandma Shirley was eager to have them move closer to home!

Shirley was indeed the one who first told the Martins that the Christmas Tree Farm was for sale. When the family visited at Eastertime, Grant went to have a visit with Ria and Paul, and ended up staying so long that they offered him dinner. After Grant left, Paul says he could tell that the Martin family would probably enjoy living there and being stewards of the land and its trees. It was important to both Paul and Ria that the property be sold to people who would love the land, and Paul is delighted that the current crop of 35,000 trees will continue to be farmed.



Pictured above (l-r) are the current owners of Cedar Hill Christmas Tree Farm, Paul and Ria Ralph, and the soon-to-be new owners, Pamela and Grant Martin. The Ralphs are delighted that the Martin family will be taking over the business soon, but Paul and Ria look forward to serving their customers again this year. The picture at left is from an annual Riendeau family outing to the farm — those goofballs are just happy that the tradition continues!

For his part, Grant went away impressed with how well the Ralphs had maintained the property, and the attention to detail that they have given to their business. Pamela says: "it just feels like I am coming home, and my family and friends feel the same!" And for the whole Martin family, the move from dairy to tree farming is a real simplification of their lifestyle. Dairy farming, as they say, occupies "389 days a year", but Christmas trees have a down time that just happens to coincide with maple season, so don't be surprised to find Pamela, Grant and the boys helping out over at Fulton's in the spring...

## Christmas Continuity

This season, Paul and Ria look forward to welcoming you to the farm for their wonderful array of fresh cut and cut-your-own White Spruce, Balsam Fir or Fraser Fir trees, as well as Ria's wreaths, decorations and jams (see their ad on page 27 for hours and details). Pamela and Grant will be busy selling their dairy operation, but they hope that by the 2016 season they will be selling trees — with assistance from Paul and Ria — because all four are committed to making the transition as smooth and successful as possible.

As for the Riendeau family, we would like to welcome the Martins, wish Paul and Ria much happiness as they enter the next chapter of their lives, and thank them all for allowing our Christmas family tradition to continue!

— Kris Riendeau



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# No Sleep 'til December in Miss Mills

Ah November... a nice quiet month... a time to cocoon and — Ha! You didn't fall for that, did you? In Mississippi Mills there is no down time — it is simply a time of change, when our thoughts leave festivals and turn to music series and plays and books and food and, of course, Christmas! Fortunately, Miss Mills is here to help you plan your Christmas shopping — EARLY! And if you're one of those freaks well-organized people who've got your prezzies all bought and wrapped already, then you are free to shop for yourself!

by Miss Mills, Puppet Reporter

## Arts & Crafts

Almonte kicks off their Christmas shopping on the weekend of November 7–8, with the artisanal triad of **Handmade Harvest Holiday Craft Show** (Old Town Hall, Sat. from 9 to 4, Sun. from 10 to 3, different vendors each day, \$2 admission), **Christmas in the Valley Artisan Show** (Community Centre, Sat./Sun. from 10 to 4), and the **Almonte Potters' Guild's Pottery Sale** (95 Bridge St., Sat./Sun. from 10 to 5). Insider tip #1: park somewhere in between — the parking lot behind the Bank of Montreal or by the Library — so you can pop to your car between shows to drop off your purchases. This ain't my first craft rodeo, ya know. Insider tip #2: start at Handmade Harvest, first thing, as the first 50 people each day get a great "swag bag". Note: if you love **Light Up The Night** (and who doesn't), you'll want to buy a limited edition pewter ornament or other handmade delight at the LUTN fundraiser also taking place on November 7 and 8, at the Almonte Curling Club (see ad below).

Also on that weekend is artist **Rosemary Leach's** open studio, at 255 William St. in Almonte. And of course, our galleries serve up beautiful and intriguing art all month long at **General Fine Craft** (Meredith Kucey/Lily Swain-Brady are featured, with vernissage November 15), **Mississippi Valley Textile Museum** (see Gayle Kells' transformation of plastic bags into art), and **Sivarulrasa Gallery** (a special anniversary show of eight fabulous Canadian artists, with a vernissage on November 14 from 3 to 6PM).

## Upcoming Celebrations

In Mississippi Mills, Christmas is a pretty big deal. I mean, we start December with a weekend of **Light Up The Night** (the homespun smalltown event guaranteed to feel like Almonte's giving you a big Xmas hug, Dec. 4, 7PM), followed by a daytime **Santa Parade** in Pakenham so good it goes around twice (Dec. 5, 1PM), and the cool **Night-time Christmas Parade** in Almonte (Dec. 6, 5PM). And we do our Christmas shopping with just as much thoroughness and vigour.



From craft shows to downtown events, it's holiday shopping season in Almonte and Pakenham!

## Shop & Make: Christmas Kick-Off!

Which is why Almonte's merchants are having not one but TWO **Christmas Kick-Off** shopping Thursdays: November 12 and November 19. They know you want to shop locally, so they make it easy by staying open late and offering a wide selection of gifts across the spending spectrum, as well as specials and treats! If you love super cool gadgets and tools, DO NOT got to the new **L.G. Lee & Sons...** because we will never get you out of there! Instead, send your family in there to shop for YOU! Plus, they will be handing out the Lee Valley Christmas catalogue in a nice reusable Lee Valley bag! Keep the bag to use as a stocking stuffer (or in lieu of a

stocking) for the handy person and/or cook on your list. Speaking of presents for yourself, you can Deck Your Neck at **doree's habit's** annual event (on the 12<sup>th</sup>) and get a free gift with purchase at **Vamos' Outerwear** event (both nights).

Crafters will want to do a Christmas Tree Spider Make and Take at **Dragon's Lair Beads** (\$6, both nights), and check out the Annie Sloan two-colour distressed Chalk Paint finish demo at **Tin Barn Market** (on the 19<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:30PM) and weaver/spinner demos at the **MVTM**, which will also have their Gift Shop open (both nights).

Take a walk across the bridge to **Kehla Jewellery Design** on the 19<sup>th</sup>, where from 5 to 8PM, all sales are tax-free. Finish the night with a stop by one of our newest studios/shops — Jennifer Kelly's **Current Works of Glass** (up by the LCBO) — where you can see a pulled hot glass demonstration (8PM-ish both nights). Many other wonderful downtown shops will have special treats and discounts, so make a night of it — or two! Visit <founditinalmonte.com> for details and store hours.

"But Miss Mills," you interject, in that innocent voice you have, "how will I have the energy to keep going through the night?" I'm glad you asked. In addition to many retailers providing goodies to keep you energized, you can partake of The **Mill Street Crepe Co.'s** \$30 crepe-dessert-wine special (both nights), and enjoy goodies at **Equator** when they have their Open House (on the 19<sup>th</sup>).

There will be special shopping available on November 14 as well, when the **Almonte Farmers' Christmas Market** returns to the Community Centre, with the usual suspects, as well as guest vendors, including Harwood Estate Winery and Amanda Sears (I have my fingers crossed that she's making her Pad Thai!).

And on November 21, from 3 to 6PM, **Alliance Coin** is bringing back their popular Coins & Strings event. This is a great chance to view hundreds of new Canadian and world coins that they have in stock, as well as some very special coins that will be on display during this event only. Enjoy music by harpist Robin Best from 3 to 5PM.

## Plays & Films

Theatre lovers (and litter haters) will be happy to know Fern Martin (author of *Naismith is Colourblind*) is back with her new play, **Trashdance**, a musical playing in Pakenham, Clayton and Almonte (see the article on page 6 for details).

This month's **Movie on the Mississippi** (TIFF film presented by Hub Hospice) is *Testament of Youth*, a powerful story of love, war and remembrance, based on the WWI memoir by Vera Brittain, which has become the classic testimony of that war from a woman's point of view. See it on November 22, at 2:30PM at the MVTM.

On the 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30PM at the Old Town Hall, you can catch **Sign Painters: The Movie**, featuring some great hand-painted-sign makers and a brief history of the rise, fall, and resurgence of the hand-painted sign industry.

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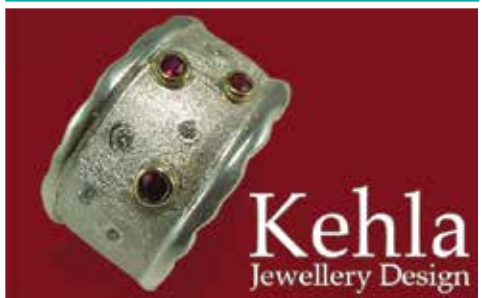
















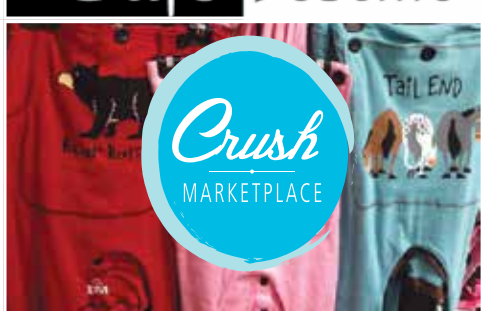
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# This holiday season, you are invited to SHOP THE NEIGHBOURHOOD in Downtown Carleton Place

Here are some of the wonderful events coming your way in Carleton Place:

**All of November**

**Shop the Neighbourhood in Downtown Carleton Place!** Watch for social media campaigns highlighting Christmas shopping and special events taking place throughout the month!

**November 12**

The Carleton Place BIA **Downtown LED Lighting Display** begins! Invite your family and friends to take in the spectacular display of LED lights while you shop and savour downtown.

**November 19**

Celebrate the sparkle at **Ladies' Afternoon/Evening Out!** Throughout downtown Carleton Place, you'll find terrific in-store specials and a chance to win one of five \$100 BIA Buck draws. Take a stroll and enjoy the LED lights, the festive sounds of Christmas music and much more while you shop. This event runs from 1-8PM.

**November 28**

The Carleton Place BIA **Santa Claus Parade**. This year's theme is *A Whoville Christmas*. The parade will start at Carembeck Community Centre and travel through downtown. Register your float and start getting ready for the parade! Spectators are encouraged to dress up as their favourite Whoville character too. With all the joyous floats, in Carleton Place they say, that even the Grinch's small heart will grow three sizes that day.

**December 5**

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# Come to a Country Western Jamboree!

## Kidney Foundation Fundraiser in CP

The Tysicks are no strangers to the challenges of living with kidney disease. Sue has been driving her husband Brian in for regular dialysis for several years now, and although that has been difficult for them, it really opened their eyes to the hardships faced by others. Determined to raise both awareness and much-needed funding for research, the couple has spent the last several months planning a wingding of a Country Western Jamboree — and you're invited!

Taking place on Sunday, November 15 from 2 to 7PM at the Carleton Place Arena, this amazing concert will feature the musical talents of Andy Bowes, Dave Brown, Wade Foster, Ed Bowes, Freddie Dickson, George Chenier Sr., Neville Wells, Harry Adrain, and Henry Norwood, and probably several more special guests and friends. To ensure that they all sound their best, John Bowes will be running the

sound board, and to ensure that everyone has a great time between sets, Charlie Kitts will emcee.

Amazingly, the ticket price for all that talent is only \$15 per person, but you'll want to bring more with you in order to partake of the great refreshments, as well as the 50/50 draw and the silent and live auctions. Pulled

pork sandwiches, sausages on buns, desserts, coffee and a cash bar are all on offer, and all proceeds after expenses will go to the Kidney Foundation, allowing you to dance the afternoon away for a great cause!

This project has been a months-long labour of love for Brian and Sue, who spent the summer coordinating BBQs to raise the money needed to put on the concert. Fortunately, the community in Carleton Place has been tremendously supportive. Sue has been overwhelmed by the number of amazing door prizes donated by local businesses, as well as behind-the-scenes assistance offered by people like Bob White (who organizes the annual Country Harvest Music Show at



The line-up for the Country Western Jamboree on November 15 features Henry Norwood (above), Neville Wells (below left), and a whole slew of other great performers!

the same venue), organizations like the Civitan Club (of which Sue and Brian are members), and emcee Charlie Kitts. According to Sue, Charlie agreed to donate his time in exchange for "a can of pop".

That kind of support, along with a lot of determination, has carried the Tysicks through the eight months it has taken to pull together an event of this magnitude. All that is needed to complete the picture is a great turnout on the 15<sup>th</sup>, and that's where you come in! Tickets are available from Graham's Shoes in Carleton Place, Nicholson's Sundries in Pakenham and Mark's Cobbler Shop in Perth — grab yours now so Brian and Sue can relax and enjoy the lead-up to the show. For more information, give them a call at 257-8764.

— Kris Riendeau



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# Book Review: *At Home in Tay Valley*

Fascinating stories abound in *At Home in Tay Valley*. Some of them, as with much of history, are unexpectedly captivating. One such story, which opens the book, is about something you might not immediately think of when considering the history of a place: its geology. How the land was shaped certainly impacted the people who settled there and influenced how they survived, built their homes, earned their livings, and put food on their tables.

In his overview of the geology of the Valley, Jim Stone writes: "Geology might be considered itself one of the historical characters that make up the history of Tay Valley township." Indeed, and that portion of the book is not only historically important but also fascinating.

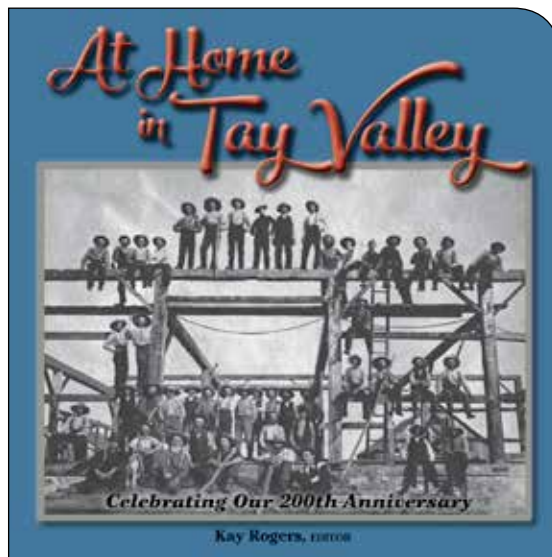
Surface rocks in Tay Valley have been dated at more than a billion years old. Hard to imagine? Try whistling this: archaeologists in the area have unearthed artefacts dating from as far back as 6000BC. Some of these are in the Perth Museum collection, including a Paleo-Indian period fluted point found in the Rideau Lakes.

Such finds make you wonder who made these things. Not much is known about that. What is known, and what is spelled out in this book, is that the Omàmiwinini people were the first to live in the Tay Valley. They fished and hunted seasonally along the Kiji Sibi (Ottawa River) and its tributaries, including the Rideau, Mississippi, Tay, and Fall Rivers in Lanark County, but life changed drastically for them in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century when early immigrant settlers moved into the area. The Omàmiwinini, who lived largely off the land and water, found it next to impossible to survive.

At a council held in 1840, an Omàmiwinini leader named Kaondinoketch described the situation: their hunting grounds were ruined, they were starving half the year, wood merchants had destroyed their valuable timber, their deer had been driven off, their beaver population annihilated. This brief chapter about the Omàmiwinini, written by Algonquin scholar Paula Sherman, is as sad as it is enlightening, and well worth the read for historic if not spiritual purposes.

What is more widely known about Tay Valley's history is that many of the first settlers were part of the Perth Military Settlement, founded in 1816 by disbanded soldiers from the War of 1812 and civilian

settlers from Great Britain. That history is also revisited in this book. The first settlements were established in the Town of Perth, and in Bathurst and Burgess townships. More Scottish immigrants arrived in 1820, settling in South Sherbrooke Township. Even more soon arrived from Ireland.



By all accounts in *At Home In Tay Valley*, life wasn't easy for the region's first European settlers. They faced many challenges, hardships, and a lot of hard work. Kay Rogers, who did a fabulous job editing this comprehensive book, writes: "They took on the daunting tasks of felling trees, clearing land, building a temporary shelter, and planting crops so as to survive their first winter. Through all this, they also had to contend with hordes of mosquitoes. What's more, 1816 was the year of no summer; it snowed in June and frost occurred in July and August, resulting in failed crops."

To earn money in those early days, people combined a little of everything, writes Nick Mulder, including: "farming, maple syrup production, fishing, hunting and trapping, forestry, and, later, cheese production and mining." It was never easy, but with great resolve, spirit, pluck, and grit, they persevered. Some even prospered.

Much of the rest of *At Home in Tay Valley* consists of personal accounts by family members of people who settled in the area, and includes contributions from over sixty people. They speak to many of those hardships — the challenges of building roads, fighting fires, cultivating farmland, and so on — but also highlight the people who succeeded in establishing prosperous businesses, built infrastructure, forged strong community ties,

opened schools, and raised and sustained families in Tay Valley.

Among these are some very charming stories. There is the enchanting love story of Otty Lake pioneers Anna and William "Willie" McLaren, who happily lived for many years in a simple house on the Otty Lake mining property owned by Willie's father, Senator Peter McLaren. The Senator was wealthy, and as a wedding gift the young couple had their pick of many a fine residence in Perth. Instead, the McLarens chose to live on Otty Lake, which was at the time isolated and remote, but that suited Anna and Willie just fine. Rather romantically, they wanted to live year-round in the woods, and so they did. Then there's the story of the Marks Boys who grew up on Christie Lake and were eventually hailed by *Maclean's* magazine as "the most remarkable theatrical family in Canadian history." No history book about Tay Valley would be complete, of course, without mention of the Mammoth Cheese. You may have heard of it, but did you know the Perth Citizens' Band played *The Maple Leaf Forever* as hundreds of people gathered to cheer as the cheese left Perth on a special railway flat bound for the 1893 World's Fair?

Everyday life is also celebrated in *At Home in Tay Valley*. Kay Rogers writes about the long-time lure of cottage life at the many lakes and rivers of Tay Valley — "camping, fishing, boating, and all-around fun" — noting that one of the earliest cottages in Tay Valley township was built on Christie Lake in 1892 by R.J. Drummond, manager of the Bank of Montreal in Perth. In a chapter called "Community: The Heart of Who We Are", Susan Code adds interesting anecdotes of community life in the area — from a time when conversation outside the general store and post office made for a fine afternoon of socializing, and when winning a bit of walking-around money on an impromptu horse race at a community fair was not uncommon.

With the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tay Valley just a few months off and the holidays right around the corner, I cannot recommend this book highly enough to those who love history, the Tay Valley, or an all-around great read. *At Home in Tay Valley*, a book celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tay Valley, is available for purchase at the Perth Museum, Sunflower Bake Shop, The Book Nook, The Bookworm, the Tay Valley Township Office, and at The Village Green in Westport.

— John Pigeau

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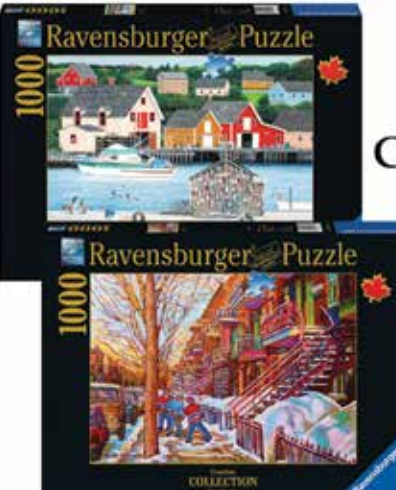
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# Heritage Perth Christmas House Tour

The Heritage Perth Christmas House Tour has been a holiday fixture now for the past nine years, and tour guests over the years have found that it is well worth the ticket price. The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Perth and District seems to be able to find an unlimited number of lovely heritage or heritage-inspired homes to share.

The December 5 and 6 (10:30AM to 3:30PM) event features eight homes that have never been on the tour before. All were built in the nineteenth or very early twentieth century. They are located both in town and close by in the countryside. They include one of Perth's earliest homes, lovely heritage farmhouses, and an early 1800s square-timbered log house. Maybe after your tour you will even be booking a stay at the lovely new bed and breakfast this year!

The extra touches are always what make this tour shine. Local decorators and florists regularly contribute their talents to help dress the houses for the holidays. You may find ideas for your own holiday decorating or even for renovation projects.

Visitors will be treated to lovely background music as they tour, provided by talented local musicians. Don't miss the opportunity to be entertained by well-known pianists Peter Woodwark and Pam Newton, playing an 1882 Knabe Custom grand piano. These are just two of the many musicians who will be on hand. Of course, it wouldn't be Christmas without delicious cookies, and these will also be provided courtesy of the Sunflower Bake Shop in Perth, to be enjoyed with warm cider at one of the homes.

The whole community supports the event as evidenced by the specially-priced lunches offered to ticket holders by many local restaurants as well as St. James Anglican Church. Be sure to check your ticket brochure for discounts offered by advertisers as well.



The popular Heritage Perth Christmas House Tour takes place this year on December 5 and 6, but get your tickets early!

But what really makes this experience special is knowing what the CFUW Perth and District will do with the money raised. Since the tour began ten years ago, over \$150,000 has been distributed in Lanark County in support of literacy and educational programs. Four area libraries benefit from contributions, and art supplies are donated to some local schools. The majority of the funds raised by the House Tour are awarded to local women who are enrolled in colleges and universities. In the past year alone, bursaries have been awarded to young women studying in such diverse areas as environmental studies, biology, practical nursing, respiratory therapy and social service work. As a tour guest, you can be part of making the dream of post-secondary education possible for deserving candidates. CFUW Perth and District is, once again, delighted to offer you this opportunity and to make this contribution such an enjoyable experience.

Tickets are available for \$30 at Home Furniture in Perth, Elizabeth Interiors in Smiths Falls, Windsor's Courtyard in Merrickville, Tivoli Florist in Ottawa, and Crush Marketplace in Almonte. Ticket enquiries can also be made by calling Jane at 267-7817.

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## Heritage Perth Christmas House Tour

December 5 & 6, 2015  
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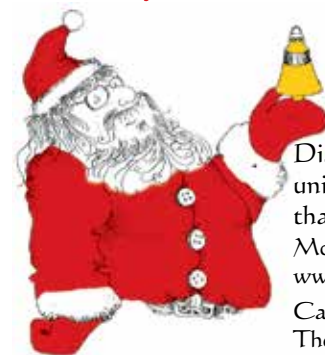
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# Heritage Perth invites you to celebrate

*Holiday on the Tay*  
in Downtown Heritage Perth, Ontario

*Festival of Lights*  
**Friday, December 4th**  
6:00pm - 8:00pm  
At the Crystal Palace

*Festival of Good Cheer*  
**Saturday, November 28th**  
11:00am - 8:00pm  
In Downtown Perth

*Jingle & Mingle*  
**Saturday, December 19th**  
5:00pm - 8:00pm  
At the Crystal Palace

*All Is Calm, All Is Bright*  
**Saturday, December 12th**  
5:00pm - 8:00pm  
At the Crystal Palace

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Heritage Perth is located on the Tay River in Eastern Ontario, set against a backdrop of beautiful heritage architecture and plenty of open, natural spaces. As a community, we continue to foster the high expectations of our ancestors. Settled in 1816, Perth Ontario will celebrate its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2016.

Perth Tourism invites you to explore Heritage Perth this Holiday season! As a small town with the perfect "Dickens" feeling, we all look to the Christmas Season. Heritage Perth offers a huge range of shopping, dining, arts and culture and entertainment options. Watch for Father Christmas as he often makes an appearance at the Perth Museum and Visitor Information Centre (11 Gore Street)! Like us at Perth Tourism on Facebook!

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**CP HOLIDAY TRAIN**

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*Home for the Holidays at Matheson House Museum*

We invite your family to join us for the holiday season. Enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of the holidays as you step back in time at the Matheson House Museum!

December 1st to December 31st, 2015

The Museum is open daily 10-6 p.m.  
We will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Years Day

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# Celebrate **Holiday on the Tay!**



## Celebrate the season in Heritage Perth

- November 28 **Festival of Good Cheer** kicks-off Perth's Holiday on the Tay. Registration 11AM at the Crystal Palace. First 100 shoppers receive a VIP swag bag! Horse-drawn wagon rides 11AM to 8PM
- November 28 **Midnight Makers 2015 Holiday Pop-Up Sale**, 1 Sherbrooke St. E. 10AM to 4PM
- November 29 **Crystal Palace Farmers' Market** with local artisans, bakers and farmers. 10AM to 3PM
- November 29 The **CP Rail Holiday Train** stops in Perth at the Wilson Street CP Rail tracks. Road closes 7:15PM
- December 4 The **BIA's Festival of Lights**, 6PM in the Tay Basin, with a bonfire, Build-a-Mountain-of-Food donations accepted. Fireworks 6:30PM sharp, followed by lighting of the Community Christmas Trees.
- December 5 **Nick of Time Christmas Artisan Show** at McMartin House (125 Gore St. E.) 10AM-4PM
- December 5 The Perth & District **Children's Santa Claus Parade of Lights** starts on Sunset Boulevard at 5PM
- December 5 & 6 **CFUW Heritage Perth Christmas House Tour**, with eight unique homes. 10:30AM-3:30PM
- December 7 **A Christmas Carol**, with David Bird. Refreshments, cash bar, silent auction. Doors 5:30PM, show 6:30PM
- December 12 **All Is Calm, All Is Bright** at the Crystal Palace with bonfire, entertainment and refreshments. 5-8PM
- December 12 & 19 **Free Skate** at the Perth & District Community Centre. 7-8:30PM
- December 19 **Jingle and Mingle in Downtown Perth** at the Crystal Palace. 5-8PM

Find out about more Perth events by visiting [www.perth.ca](http://www.perth.ca) and viewing the Calendar of Events which will be updated frequently throughout the season.

The Perth & District Chamber of Commerce Presents

# Jingle & Mingle

in Downtown Heritage Perth

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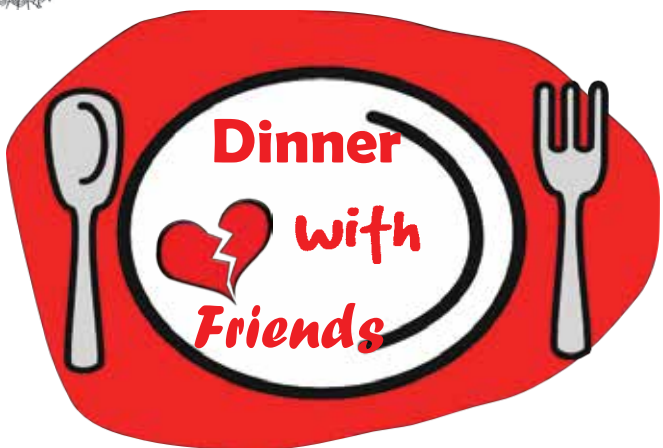
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Words From Westport

# Step Back in History at Papillon Press

Last month I attended an amazing workshop here in Westport at Papillon Press. Chantal Bennett is the owner of this extraordinary, artistic endeavour. Working with a letterpress that is a throwback to the early days of printing, she produces cards, invitations, posters and more with her own drawings and with hundreds, maybe even thousands of individual letters in — I would guess — twenty to thirty different fonts/typefaces.

Her background in illustration, which she studied at Parsons School of Design in New York City, gave her her start in printmaking. This turned out to be a very useful tool, allowing her to reproduce her drawings and illustrations, as well as to experiment with many new techniques.

In 2009 Chantal saw an ad for a letterpress and typecases, and decided that were she to purchase them, she could print stationery. Thus, the first Papillon Press was born and opened in Sudbury. Chantal moved her business — with all of its extremely heavy cast iron machinery and lead type (almost two tons' worth) — to Westport in 2013. What a great and wonderful thing for Westport — Thanks, Chantal!

Papillon Press is located at 26 Spring Street in Westport, and you can find them online at <[papillonletterpress.com](http://papillonletterpress.com)>.

by Georgia Ferrell

When I received a notice of a workshop for learning how to create letterpress cards, I immediately signed up. I must tell you that it was one of the most interesting and excellent workshops that I have attended. Chantal knows her work and her business, and communicates the history and uses for letterpress very, very well.

I learned how to set type — a skill that perhaps is no longer used, but nonetheless worth knowing, in order to understand where we have come from, and perhaps even where we might be headed with artistic printing. Letterpress as an art form is fascinating to those of us who have a keen interest in lettering and typography today. As an art form, lettering is experiencing an incredible comeback in the art world. Nostalgia notwithstanding, the ability to look back into history and actually participate in it is a creative delight.

Chantal is a first-rate artist who also makes polymer plates of her drawings to include in her letterpress works. Her cards are sold in many shops around the province and country, and are delightfully unique.



Chantal Bennett operates the letterpress at Papillon Press in Westport where she specializes in illustrated stationery with a vintage twist.

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# Get Ready to Celebrate Tay Valley's 200<sup>th</sup>!

Significant anniversaries call for special celebrations.

2016 marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the first European settlers and War of 1812 veterans to the municipalities we now know as Beckwith, Drummond/North Elmsley, Perth, and Tay Valley. A year-long, community-wide celebration is planned for Tay Valley Township and the other municipalities that made up the 1816 Perth Military Settlement.

Special events in 2016 include a Tay Bells Winter Celebration on February 6 with sleigh rides and settler games, the Scotch Line History Fair in June, the Settler Heritage Days and Lanark County Plowing Match in August, and the Betwixt & Between Dinner Dance that closes the year of celebrations in December 2016!

Tay Valley Township is home to Art in the Garden at Kiwi Gardens, the Silver Queen Mine and Mica Festival at Murphys Point Provincial Park, the Sundance Artisan Show in Maberly, and the Perth Autumn Studio Tour in Brooke Valley — all of which will put a heritage twist on their annual event in 2016, while the Blue Heron Golf Club is planning a Heritage Golf Tournament.

Music will play a large role in the celebrations. The Fiddler, Tay Valley Township's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo, evokes community gatherings such as barn dances,

fairs and socials. Indeed, the fiddle was the principal instrument for dance music in rural Canada from the 1600s to the 1960s. As a tribute to Canada's fiddling heritage, Canada designated the third Saturday in May as National Fiddling Day. Tay Valley's talented fiddlers will be performing



Keep track of all the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary events with this lovely 2016 calendar!

at events throughout the year.

The 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary is the catalyst for legacy projects that will live on long after the year is over. Historians and genealogy buffs will be entranced by the Historical Mapping Project developed by Barrie Crampton with assistance from CGIS. By integrating data from ship records and other sources to update the original survey maps of the Perth Military Settlement into a digital

format, you can see who received land grants on which lots, where they were from and how many were in the family. Barrie will launch the Historical Mapping Project in early January.

Another group of volunteers mapped the land and water routes the first settlers followed from Brockville to the Perth Military Settlement beginning in April 1816. Ken Watson will talk about "Finding the Settlers' Trail" at the January meeting of the Perth and District Historical Society.

What better way to keep track of all the events taking place throughout 2016 than with a calendar! Tay Valley resident and designer Annie Dalton used original hand-colored postcards in designing an outstanding Commemorative Calendar of the Perth Military Settlement. This calendar is receiving rave reviews as a true keepsake!

The recently launched book *At Home in Tay Valley* weaves together the history of the Algonquin, the arrival of the first settlers, their economic and community life, and the 20<sup>th</sup> century arrivals: the cottagers, campers and back-to-the-landers. This richly illustrated anthology includes tales, family recollections and special memories of those who know it best — the people of Tay Valley.

The proceeds from *At Home in Tay Valley* and the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Calendar will be directed to an annual History

Scholarship for a student graduating from either the Perth and District Collegiate Institute or St. John Catholic High School who has demonstrated a keen interest in history and has been accepted into a post-secondary program. *At Home in Tay Valley* (\$30) and the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Calendar (\$10) can be purchased at the Tay Valley Township Office and the Perth Museum, as well as shops in Balderson, Perth and Westport.

The area's agricultural heritage is highlighted through the designation of almost fifty farms that have been in the same family — for 100, 150 or 200 years — as Legacy Farms; and trees with historical, cultural or natural heritage significance are being recognized as Legacy Trees. Volunteers are searching for a cultivar of Robert Anderson's Lanark Greening Apple, popular throughout Lanark and Renfrew counties in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, with the goal of reintroducing it next year — any leads are welcome!

Tay Valley's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations pay tribute to the Algonquin, celebrate our rich heritage and honour our forebears. Organizers welcome back friends and relatives who have moved away, and invite first-time visitors to join in the celebrations.

For more information, please contact Amber Hall at 1-800-810-0161, 613-267-5353 x133, or by email at <events&promotions@tayvalleytwp.ca>.

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| <b>Jake by the Lake</b>         | 14 Bedford Street                          |
| <b>Lake Effects</b>             | 16 Bedford Street                          |
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| <b>Pinecone</b>                 | 23 Church Street                           |
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| <b>Seasons of Westport</b>      | 17 Church Street                           |
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| <b>The Cottage Coffee House</b> | 15 Church Street                           |
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# Studio Tours, Gallery Openings, and...

## Silver Linings at the General

The November feature at General Fine Craft in Almonte promises to be a feast for the eyes, featuring two buzz-worthy emerging artists showing their work together in a show called Silver Linings. The title is wonderfully descriptive of the literal and metaphorical elements of the exhibition, which opens November 3.

**Meredith Kucey**, a jeweller with a degree from Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, and **Lily Swain-Brady**, a painter with a degree from Emily Carr College of Art and Design in Vancouver, bring a lot

of skill and intuition to their practice, resulting in dynamic and compelling work.

Meredith makes some interesting links between her work and Lily's: "when I build my works, much like Lily, I consider the rules of a strong composition, such as dominance, unity, movement, balance... layers of thought and subject, the physical response to colour choice, and overall imagery. We are also creating these new works while embarking on new chapters in our lives, so that's sort of a subconscious similarity."

Lily, whose work is pictured at left, is balancing full-time parenting of her year-old son with her painting practice, and has also been investigating the industrial history of her new hometown, Almonte. Meredith is currently broadening her jewellery practice, or perhaps "enlarging" the use of metal in her practice with welding; it will be interesting to see how this skill set will influence the jewellery in this exhibition.

Both women live and work in Almonte, adding to the growing population of strong artistic voices in the community. The gallery is honoured to be able to show the divergent yet subtly linked work of these exciting artists, and will have a reception for them on Sunday, November 15, from 1 to 4PM. General Fine Craft is located at 63 Mill Street in Almonte — for more details visit <generalfinecraft.com>. They urge you to support these committed full-time artists by coming to see what is possible when one's life is art and art is life.

## The \$100 & Under Show

The many talented artists of the Rideau Lakes Artists' Association (RLAA) invite you to take a short drive to the Lombardy Agricultural Fair Grounds, located on Highway 15, just south of Smiths Falls, on Saturday, November 21 (10AM to 5PM) and Sunday, November 22 (10AM to 4PM). There you will find the third annual **\$100 and Under Pre-Christmas Fine Arts & Crafts** show and sale. Come out and do your Christmas shopping this year the way it should be done — enjoyably, leisurely, and successfully.

Your experience begins with a pleasant drive to your destination, where you will find ample free parking. Upon entering the hall, you'll find delightfully decorated displays brimming with beautiful handcrafted creations and fine art. Created for you by the very talented RLAA member artists, all items are attractively priced at \$100 or less.

In this hectic season, come and experience a delightful leisurely shopping experience, here in the countryside. Meet local artists and chat about their work, while enjoying freshly baked cookies and warm apple cider, coffee or tea. You will be surprised to find that many RLAA artists, while perhaps best known for their fine art, are also accomplished in a variety of other art forms. The association includes members who are accomplished jewellery designers, potters, woodworkers, painters of folk art, glass painters and decorative



You'll find works by Pat Purdy (above) and many other artists at this year's \$100 and Under Fine Arts & Crafts show & sale

artists, textile artists (including those who quilt, knit and crochet, paint on silk and/or create wearables), photographers, etc. This year's \$100 & Under Show will feature a variety of these works, as well as the fine art RLAA artists are so well known for.

A portion of the proceeds raised at the annual Christmas show and sale will again be donated to support the important work of the food banks in the area. Come out and see the beautiful array of handmade offerings, enjoy country hospitality, and discover those hard-to-find perfect gifts for your family and friends. Your patronage of the \$100 and Under Show supports local artists and their communities and is very much appreciated.



# Carp Farmers' Christmas Market



Friday, December 4, 3PM - 8PM

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# ... Itty Bitty Teenie Tiny Art Shows!



Santa (or at least Santa dolls by Catherine Nutt) will be on the Red Trillium Tour on Nov. 14 & 15

## Red Trillium Studio Tour

This fall marks the 33<sup>rd</sup> Red Trillium Studio Tour, taking place on November 14 and 15. Thirty-six artists will be participating at thirteen studios, including many old favourites and several new faces. Admission is free, and brochures and information are available at <redtrilliumst.com> or by calling Catharine at 839-2793. The studios are open from 10AM to 5PM each day, and are located in the beautiful rural setting of West Carleton.

Artists new to this year's tour (or returning after an absence) include Catherine Gutsche (mixed-media and abstract art), cartoonist Gord Coulthart, jeweller Rosanne Belanger, Jennifer Foster (landscape and figurative

art), Erika Ferrarin (one-of-a-kind sculptural jewellery), Carol Howard-Killoran (fused glass art), and potters Victoria Jenkins, Colleen Dooley, Debbie Gilmer and Kirstin Davidson. Also visit the Good Day Workshop at Studio 6, where Doug Ginn teaches woodworking skills to individuals with disabilities.

Many other area artists, working in a wide variety of media, look forward to welcoming you over the weekend. Get an early start on your holiday shopping, and find distinctive, handmade local gifts for everyone on your list!

## Have a MERA Christmas!

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual MERA Christmas Fair is the perfect place to shop for wonderful works by local artists and artisans, and at the same time you are supporting community arts at MERA in McDonalds Corners in Lanark Highlands.

This popular juried show features vendors of original one-of-a-kind creations that you won't find anywhere else: hand-weaving (by MERA heritage weaver Heather Sherratt), pottery, fibre arts, woodcraft items, organic chocolate by Ludwig, Strawberry Cottage beeswax candles and natural soaps, jewellery, felted creations, jams and jellies, and more! The event also features a Gift Bag Raffle, home baking and a café.

Don't miss MERA's Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 28 from 10AM to 4PM.

For details on vendors and directions to MERA in McDonalds Corners, go to <meraschoolhouse.org>.

## Itty Bitty Teenie Tiny Art Show & Sale

Arts Carleton Place is presenting holiday shopping with a new twist! On Saturday, November 28, drop in to purchase original art, all priced under \$100, at St. James Hall (225 Edmund Street), any time from 10AM to 4PM. Local artists and artisans have created small, affordable, unique works of art. Admission is free, and the Ginger Café will be of-



Works by Jan Gilbert and other Arts Carleton Place members will be on display on November 28

fering sweet treats, savoury eats and a coffee bar. Bring your shopping lists! Find more information at <artscarletonplace.com> or by calling 257-2031.

## Living Stones Open Studio

If you're inside town and want to get out, on December 5 and 6 from 10AM to 5PM each day John Schweighardt is again welcoming folks to his Living Stones Studio out in the country. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary for this Christmas-time event at John's studio, which is situated just west of Hopetown at 1787 3<sup>rd</sup> Concession Dalhousie, Lanark, and is a chance to see some new things he's been creating in stone. Situated less than twenty minutes from Wheeler's Pancake House and Sugar Camp near McDonald's Corners <wheelersmaple.com>, there's more to do if you make the 25-minute



Sculptor John Schweighardt opens his Living Stones studio on December 5 and 6

  
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# Local Foods Baskets from Two Rivers Food Hub

The Two Rivers Food Hub is pleased to announce that they are ready to accept orders for the fall and winter version of their popular Local Foods Basket. This new program will pick up where their summer CSA-style weekly food basket program leaves off, with some seasonal adjustments and a few shiny all-new features.

Starting in November, the food basket will be available for pick-up at one of their four convenient locations in Lanark or Leeds and Grenville counties, and will contain a variety of local products for lovers of local foods. Every basket will contain at least one full family meal's worth of all-natural, sustainably-farmed local meat, local fruit and veggies, a pickle, a preserve, and at least one "wild card" option. Everything in the basket is clearly labeled and sourced with care from a small local farm. Think of it as a local food of the month club for you, your family and your friends. Maybe even a great gift for some lucky person in your life?

Payments can be made all at once or, if you prefer, you can pay half now and half later. A full season share is \$60/basket (\$420 for 7 months) and shares are limited, so sign up now! There are also five "giving back" shares available at \$504 for the season, for which the purchaser receives a full share of their own and also helps to support a half price basket for two families selected in partnership with a local food bank. Another new feature for this basket will be the ability to add some select grocery items which will be available for purchase through the Two Rivers website.

The Local Foods Basket will be delivered monthly to four convenient pick-up locations in Carleton Place, Perth, Kemptville and Smiths Falls. Deliveries will be on the third Tuesday of each month, starting on November 17 and ending on May 17,



Local foods baskets from the Two Rivers Food Hub are now available for the fall and winter!

just in time to continue your local food supply with their weekly basket when it resumes in June.

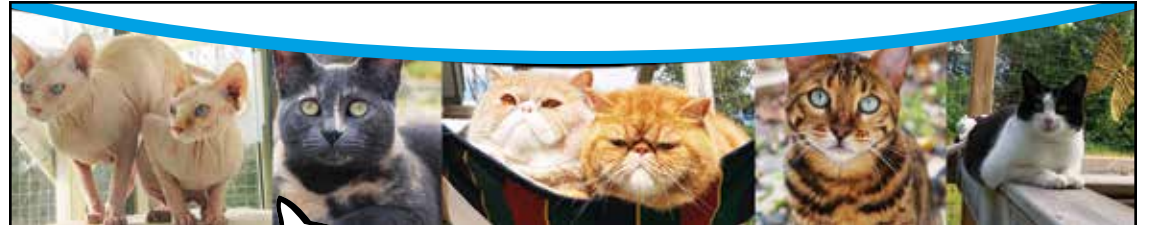
Some of the products already promised for this season's basket include local beef, pork, lamb, potatoes, carrots, kimchee, dill, sweet and bread & butter pickles, raspberry, strawberry and crabapple jellies and jams, beets, kale, kale chips, sausages, honey, apples and garlic, and don't forget those wild cards! This is going to be a fun way to experience local food for the fall, winter and spring for you and your family, a neat way to try new things, learn about local farms and what they offer year round, and to help support your neighbours in the agricultural community. Please call the food hub at 205-1338 to order your share today.

The Two Rivers Food Hub is a connection point for buyers and sellers of local foods. Their mandate is to support the small farm agricultural community around the two rivers that run through Lanark, Leeds and Grenville counties. The project began as a grassroots effort, and is now incorporated as a not-for-profit company that is designed to be self-sustaining within three to five years. Start-up funding was raised with successful grants and donations from a diverse group of interested supporters including Trillium, OMAFRA and the EODP, several municipalities, as well as other groups and individuals. The board of directors includes members of environmental groups, buyers and producers of local foods, the leader of a health organization, a financial services expert, and an elected official. The food hub is well positioned to service the tri-county area from their physical location in the Gallipeau Centre on County Road 43 in Smiths Falls.



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# Midnight Makers

## Popping Up to (Hand) Make Christmas!

All over our area there are passionate people who fulfill their artistic visions by creating original artwork, jewellery, printmaking, natural body care products, and other beautiful handcrafted wares. It's a labour of love that occupies the mind and stirs the soul. And it's anything but a 9-to-5 job.

On November 28, two dozen of our area's most creative makers will come together in the very first Midnight Makers Collective pop-up, a one-day show and sale that shines a brilliant spotlight on the skill and originality of talented makers from around Lanark County.

Founded by friends Jaana Brett, Sam Atkinson and Bonnie Joyce, the Midnight Makers Collective is on a mission to collaborate with like-minded creatives, and offer the public a chance to support local and buy handmade. The Collective also organizes networking evenings for mem-

bers, and supports and encourages each other in their creative ventures.

Of course, the Collective's inaugural show and sale is arriving just in time to solve the annual Christmas conundrum — what to get for those friends and family members on your shopping list who already have everything. How about stunning handmade, kiln-fired bead wear, or hand-stamped jewellery? Or a handcrafted bicycle saddlebag made from recycled materials? (It's unlikely that your grandson has one of those!) And for those very young ones on your list, say hello to a local children's author and illustrator, and sample the most beautiful handmade kids' clothing you've ever seen. From amazing local woodwork to fabulous organic foods, and from all-natural body care products to the artwork of Almonte's celebrated Without Exception program, this remarkable event brings a fantastic array of local handmade wares — and the inspired people who create them — together in one place, just in time for the holidays.

So prepare to be amazed by the abundance of creativity in your very own backyard. Don't miss the Midnight Makers Collective Pop-up, November 28, 10AM to 4PM at the Old Perth Shoe Factory, 1 Sherbrooke Street West in Heritage Perth. For further details check out <midnightmakers.com>, or follow Midnight Makers on Facebook or on Instagram.



Don't miss the Midnight Makers' handmade pop-up shopping event in Perth on Nov. 28!

# Book Sale for Child Haven International

Attention book lovers: don't miss our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Toonie" Book Sale in support of Child Haven International. Last year's sale was such a success that we decided to do it again! Fiction or non-fiction, contemporary or classics, hardcover or paperback, all kinds of books will be available for a donation of just one "toonie" each. This is a great opportunity to pick up Christmas presents for all the readers, young and old, on your list.

We are also accepting book donations. If you have too many books taking up precious shelf space in your home, please consider donating them to this sale — making room for your new acquisitions! We welcome any books that are in very good condition. They can be dropped off at the address below any time before Friday, November 20.

The sale takes place at 280 Wilson Street in Appleton on November 21 and 22, from 1 to 5PM. Come enjoy the browsing, the socializing, and the coffee bar.

All proceeds from the sale of books will go towards supporting eight children's homes in India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Tibet. Child Haven International is a registered charity founded in 1985 by Order of Canada recipients Bonnie and Fred Cappuccino of Maxville, Ontario. Inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, the charity supports almost one thousand children as

well as over one hundred women in need, providing food, shelter, health care, education, and lots of love. Find out more at <childhaven.ca>.

For more information about the Toonie Book Sale, please contact Adrian or Robert at 257-4233, or email us at <appletonstudio@gmail.com>.

— Adrian Baker



A "Toonie" Book Sale in Appleton on November 21 & 22 will support Child Haven homes in India, Nepal and Tibet



## Celebrate the Season at Cedar Hill Christmas Tree Farm

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## Make a Day of It!

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## Sounds of the Season in Pakenham

As part of their 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, St. Andrew's United Church in Pakenham invites you to Sounds of the Season, a concert of Christmas and seasonal music featuring The fiVe Woodwind Quintet on Sunday November 22 at 7PM.

The musicians are all present or former members of Ottawa's Divertimento Orchestra, and they have been entertaining audiences throughout the region for a dozen years.

Their performance at St. Andrew's in 2011 brought rave reviews: "enormous talents", "shared their knowledge and tal-

ents on a personal level — a rare opportunity to hear some splendid musicians", "I come from a background where classical music was not what we listened to but... the fiVe have made me appreciate the beautiful music they create."

Asked why they chose to return to St. Andrew's, oboist David Sale described the sanctuary as "a wonderfully intimate space with marvellous acoustics, a hidden gem... and they also really know how to provide great desserts!"

Admission will be by freewill donation, and refreshments will follow the concert.

## Perth's Nick of Time Artisan Show

When you do your holiday shopping this year, would you like to buy unique gifts that are of lasting value, support the economy where you live, and enjoy your shopping experience in a traditional, festive atmosphere?

If your answer is yes to any of the above, set some time aside to shop at the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Nick of Time Artisan Show on Saturday, December 5 from 10AM to 4PM at McMartin House, located at 125 Gore St. E. in Perth.

This popular show, long established as an integral part of Perth's old-fashioned traditional Christmas festivities, owes its success to a simple philosophy: keep the quality as high as possible by featuring original juried works from over twenty gifted artisans, and keep the show as local as possible.

While primarily an art and artisan show, we have always believed that food should be well featured at this festive time of year, and who says food isn't art anyway? Our chocolatier will be returning this year and we have added artisans with cheese and honey into the mix. Nick of Time features treats to tempt the palate!

As you have come to expect, the traditional crafts will be well represented in keeping with the ambiance of historic McMartin House and the spirit of the season. Look for wonderfully rich and creamy chocolate, fine woodworking, delicate crocheted Christmas ornaments, handmade pens, clever carvings, jewellery, and

much more. This year, the Lanark County Grannies will be back selling items to help the Grannies of Africa raise their orphaned grandchildren.

So take a break from the commercialism of the season and treat yourself by taking some time to bask in the relaxed and festive atmosphere of the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Nick of Time Show. Enjoy some hot cider, cookies and the gentle strains of Christmas music filling the cedar-bedecked halls of one of Canada's most elegant heritage homes. Then let your shopping adventure begin as you recapture some of those warm and cosy feelings of Christmases past in the company of good friends and neighbours.

Be sure to enter our draw for a basket of fine gift items donated by participating artisans. Admission is free, but donations to The Table (Perth's food bank) would be greatly appreciated. For more information, visit <sites.google.com/site/nickof-timeinperth>

— Kathryn Makinson



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# Camino Trail Stories — and Music

Thanks to Facebook, over the past few years I've been able to enjoy countless pictures from various friends' adventures along the historic Camino de Santiago Trail or others similar, and, as a result, I've learned more about these trails of pilgrimage through France and Spain. My friends all walked for their own

by Steve Tennant

reasons — be they religious, historical, or self-challenging — all finished with satisfaction, gratefulness, a more humble view of life, plus vast quantities of pictures. They also had great stories of what they'd seen and who they'd met, as well as having their own personal evaluation after having walked for several weeks outside, through a great variety of scenic beauty and climates, in foreign lands away from their normal hustle and bustle. Many call these adventures life-changing experiences. Any time I see a Camino picture I'm reminded of the music that resulted from one such journey and the incredible photos taken by those who travelled with the musician.

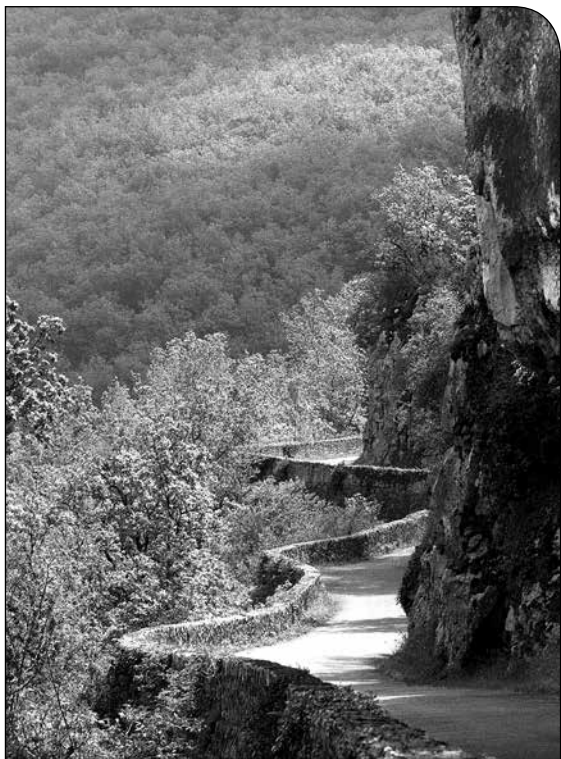
On May 3, 2004, one of Canada's most eclectic fiddler/composers, 6-foot 5-inch Oliver Schroer, along with his wife Elena, photographer/historian/lecturer Peter Coffman and his partner Diane Laundry, set out to walk the ancient pilgrim Camino trail. They started in Ennayrac sur Truyere, trudged right across southern France and Northern Spain, and ended up in a town called Santiago de Compostela, where legend says the remains of the apostle St.

James are buried. Oliver had brought his 5-string fiddle and portable recording gear to attempt to capture the sounds of his music within the various ancient churches they came across on their 1,000-km trek (which took seven weeks to complete). When he found a church or cathedral that was acoustically enticing, Oliver played and recorded in these spectacular sonic spaces — 25 different churches in two months of walking. Toronto critic Robert Everett-Green described his style as a "fusion of Ontario fiddling traditions with the kind of architectural, string-crossing music of Bach's solo violin works." The

the sometimes eerie sounds blending with the crackling campfire and other local critter sounds to provide quite an enjoyable experience. Sadly, Oliver was diagnosed with leukemia in February 2007 and passed away on July 3, 2008.

I share all this to make you aware of this wonderful body of music — *Camino* — and its composer, but also to help entice you to attend a wonderful event being held on Saturday, November 7 (from 3 to 10PM) at the unique Wintergreen Studios, set in the woods of South Frontenac. It will feature the award-winning photography and many stories of Peter Coffman (who shared Oliver's journey), the music, and a Spanish-themed meal. Go to <wintergreenstudios.com/creative-camino> or call Alfred Von Mirbach at 200-2005 for more details. Anyone with "Hike Camino" on their bucket list would find this a great place to get more information about the trek from those with direct experience. Readers who are "Camino Veterans" are welcome to come and share their stories of this indescribable journey. Thanks to Peter Coffman for the picture.

While on a recent road trip with Ed Ashton and Johnny Richard to Carleton Place's Waterfront Gastropub (for their Wednesday Open Jam), I ran into Lanark Blues icon Barry Buse, who updated me on some health issues he's been having. The curmudgeon he is though, he reassured me he's on the mend and, ya know, he sounded damn good backing his musical brothers Bill, Ed and Johnny. All the best, Barry. We need you around!



Hear about the Camino de Santiago at a special Creative Camino event on November 7 (photo by Peter Coffman)

resulting recordings ended up as Oliver's CD *Camino*, which originally came out in 2005 (since re-released in 2008 by Borealis Records). The album features solo playing, occasionally against a background of local sounds such as church bells, birds and monastic voices. I love its haunting sounds and used to play it late at night at my camp,

## Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 7: **Creative Camino** (see above)

November 12 & 13: **Sherman Downey & Matthew Byrne**, Sharbot Lake Inn. Both have played at Stewart Park Festival and wowed the crowds, and I'm looking forward to seeing them together. Dinner and show is \$55. Call Sandra at 279-2198 for reservations.

November 28: **Boxcar Boys**, at Sharbot Lake Inn. You have

to hear this cosmic mix of jazz, folk, klezmer and country. They've been making large waves in the music world. Hell, you throw a clarinet, tuba, fiddle, trombone, accordion and washboard together, and yer feet are tappin' and you reach for something to hang on to! Dinner and show is \$55. Call Sandra at 279-2198 for reservations.

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## What's Up at the Diefenbunker

The Diefenbunker: Canada's Cold War Museum is delighted to invite you to the launch of **Group 6: The Canadian Forces Artists Program, 2012-2013**. Organized in collaboration with the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces, the exhibition presents a selection of works produced by artists of the Canadian Forces Artists Program.

Working in a variety of media, the artists in Group 6 bring a unique perspective to the history, contributions and interactions of the men and women in the Canadian Armed Forces in 2012-2013. The art serves to document the work undertaken by the Canadian Armed Forces in Canada and abroad, and to provide a unique perspective from creative and independent viewpoints.

The Group 6 artists are Joseph Amato and Alicia Payne, Sophie Dupuis, Leslie Hossack, Mary Kavanagh, Thomas Kneubühler, Sharon E. McKay, Leslie Reid, Rhonda Wepler and Trevor Mahovsky, and the show is curated by Dr. Laura Brandon.

Please come celebrate the opening of this special exhibition with a panel discussion, book launch, and reception on November 8. At 1PM Laura Brandon will moderate a panel discussion with the artists, and then from 2:30 to 4PM there will be an opening reception. This is a free event, but please RSVP to <marketing@diefenbunker.ca> as space is limited.

Then on November 12, everyone is invited to the first public reading of *With Respect*, an oratorio (opera in concert) developed through the Canadian Forces Artist Program by Joseph Amato (composer) and Alicia Payne (librettist).

The evening will also feature some of the music inspired by the strength and resilience of Canadian Forces Families. Come for an optional Military History Tour at 6PM, or for the Opening remarks and reading at 7PM, followed by a Q&A. This is a free event, but donations to the Military Family Resource Centre will be accepted. Please RSVP to <marketing@diefenbunker.ca>, and specify if you wish to participate in the tour.

The month's final event is a **Whisky Business Fundraiser** on November 28. With the help of Geoffrey Skeggs, master sommelier, guests will savour the wide range of flavours, aromas, and colours available in single malts and learn how various influences determine the distinct characteristics in particular whiskies, the importance of ageing, and the process of maturation. Come for an optional guided tour at 5PM; the tasting runs from 6 to 9PM. Tickets go on sale soon at <whiskybusiness2015.eventbrite.ca>!

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# Visual Arts

**Open Studio - Rosemary Leach**, Nov 6, 4-7PM; Nov 7-8, 10AM-4PM. 255 William St., Almonte. rosemaryleach.com

**Colour/Doodle Demo**, Nov 7, 12-2PM. The Book Nook, Perth. 267-2350, thebooknook@bellnet.ca. Free

**Pottery Sale**, Nov 7-8, 10AM-5PM. Almonte Potters Guild, Almonte. 256-5556

**Christmas in the Valley Artisan Show**, Nov 7-8 (10-4). Almonte Community Centre. valleyartisanshow.blogspot.com

**Handmade Harvest Holiday Craft Show**, Nov 7 (9-4), Nov 8 (10-3). Almonte Old Town Hall, handmadeharvest.com. \$2

**Pottery Workshop**, Nov 7, 10AM-2PM. Register at mollyhforsthe@gmail.com, 278-2556. MERA, McDonalds Corners. \$60

**Exhibition Opening/Discussion**, Nov 8, 1-4PM. Panel, book launch & reception. RSVP marketing@diefenbunker.ca. Carp. Free

**Finders Keepers Craft Show**, Nov 14, 10AM-3PM. CP Canoe Club, Carleton Place. finderskeeperscraftshow.com

**Red Trillium Studio Tour**, Nov 14-15, 10AM-5PM. 30 artists in West Carleton. redtrilliumst.com. Free admission

**Vernissage/Party**, Nov 14, 3-6PM. Meet 8 Cdn artists. Sivarulrasa Studio, Almonte. 293-2492, sivarulrasa.com

**Meredith Kucey/Lily Swain-Brady**, Nov 15, 1-4PM. Jeweller & painter. General Fine Craft, Almonte. 461-3463

**Almonte Quilters' Guild**, Nov 16, 7PM. Almonte Civitan Hall, 257-8444

**Arts CP AGM**, Nov 17, 7-9PM. The Thirsty Moose, 20 Bridge St., Carleton Place

**\$100 & Under Show/Sale**, Nov 21 (10-5), Nov 22 (10-4). Fine art & crafts. Lombardy Fairgrounds, SF. rideaulakesartists.com

**Lanark County Quilters Guild**, Nov 24, 7PM. Joni Newman trunk show. Lions Hall, Perth Fairgrounds. \$3 guests

**Itty Bitty, Teenie Tiny Art Show**, Nov 28, 10AM-4PM. Original art under \$100. St. James Church, CP. arts.carletonplace.com

**MERA Christmas Fair**, Nov 28, 10-4. Weaving, pottery, crafts, café. MERA, McDonalds Corners. meraschoolhouse.org

**Midnight Makers Collective Pop-up**, Nov 28, 10-4. Local handmade items. Old Shoe Factory, Perth. midnightmakers.com

**Studio Capitanio Fine Art Opening**, Nov 28-29, 10AM-5PM. 1523 Sheridan Rapids Rd., Lanark. studiocapitanio.ca

**Open Studio & Holiday Sale**, Nov 29, 10AM-4PM. Artists & writer at Mill Creative Centre, 150 Mill St., CP. 257-9777

# Youth

**Beckwith Halloween Party**, Oct 30, 6-8PM. Beckwith Rec Complex, 257-1539

**Youth Square Dance Night**, Nov 12, 6:30PM. Brunton Community Hall, Beckwith. 257-1539, \$3

# Theatre

**An Evening of One Act Plays**, Oct. 31 8PM; Nov 1, 2PM. Studio Theatre, Perth. 267-7469. \$24; \$22 in adv; \$10 students

**Here Comes the Train!** Nov 1, 1PM Renfrew Rec Centre, Nov 7, 1 & 6PM Station Theatre, SF. stonefence.ca

**Auditions**, Nov 2, 7PM. A Life in the Theatre. 3 men. Full Circle Theatre, Perth. barndoor-productions.ca

O'Brien Arnprior Film Group: 7:30PM. Nov 2 **Grandma**; Nov 9 **Remember**. obrien-theatre.com, 622-7682

**Don't Say Goodbye, I'm Not Leaving**, Nov 6, 7, 13, 14 at 8PM; Nov 8 at 2PM. Prior Players. Tix: Arnprior Book Shop. Christian Ed Ctr, Arnprior. 623-3836. \$15 (\$12 Sun.)

PCC's **Pirates of Penzance**, Nov 6, 7, 12-14, 7:30PM; Nov 8, 15, 2PM. PDCI, Perth. 485-6434, ticketsplease.ca. \$20/\$15/\$10

# WHAT'S ON IN

## Monday

## Tuesday

## Wednesday

## Thursday

November is **National Novel Writing Month!** <nanowrimo.org>

- Arnprior Museum presents **Vintage Quilt Show** <arnpriormuseum.org> [Nov 7-22]
- The Diefenbunker** presents Group 6: The Canadian Forces Artists Program, 2012-2013 [Nov 8-]
- Fairview Manor Lobby** presents Almonte & Area Artists Assoc'n Mill St. Panorama
- General Fine Craft** features Meredith Kucey's jewellery & Lily Swain-Brady's paintings <generalfinecraft.com> [Nov 3-29]
- Heritage House Museum** presents Art Show & Sale <smithsfalls.ca/heritagehouse> [Nov 7-]
- MVTM** presents Unnatural Consumption by Gayle Kells <mvtm.ca> [-Nov 28]
- Perth Museum** presents Home for the Holidays holiday-themed exhibit [Nov 15-]
- Sivarulrasa Studio & Gallery** presents 8 Cdn artists in Anniversary Show [Nov 13-] <sivarulrasa.com>
- The **Mississippi Mills Chambers Gallery** presents the acrylic art of Dirk Mietzker
- The **Almonte Library Corridor Gallery** presents Ann Jezewski's pen & ink/acrylic & Barbara Cotterill's mixed media

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**Trashdance**, Nov 6, 7:30PM (Pakenham P.S.); Nov 7, 7:30PM (Clayton Hall); Nov 13, 14, 7:30PM, Nov 15, 2PM (Almonte Town Hall). \$15/\$10 Baker Bob's, Nicholson's, Clayton Store

FINI presents **Un Homme Ideal** Nov 11, 2 & 7PM (Full Circle Theatre, Perth); Nov 12, 7PM (Station Theatre, SF). **Remember** Nov 25, 2 & 7PM (Full Circle Theatre, Perth); Nov 26, 7PM (Station Theatre, SF). filmnightinternational.blogspot.ca

**With Respect, an oratorio**, Nov 12, 7PM. Reserve at marketing@diefenbunker.ca. Donations to Military Family Resource Ctr

**Dinner with Friends**, Nov 19, 20, 21, 27, 28 at 8PM; Nov 22, 29 at 2PM. \$24/\$22 at Book Nook, Tickets Please. Studio Theatre, Perth. studiotheatreperth.com

**Mr. Holmes**, Nov 20, 21; 7:30PM. The Station Theatre, Smiths Falls. 283-0300, smithsfallstheatre.com. \$10

**Testament of Youth**, Nov 22, 2:30pm. Presented by Hub Hospice. MVMT, Almonte. 256-1909, hubhospice.com. \$12

**Sleeping Beauty Panto**, Nov 26-28 (8PM); Nov 28, 29 (2PM). TNIM. \$12 at McGarrigle's. Merrickville Com Centre, theatrenightinmerrickville.ca

**Snowed Under**, Nov 27-28, Dec 3-5, 8PM; Nov 29, Dec 6, 2PM. Full Circle Theatre, Perth. 267-1884, \$22/\$20/\$10

**Sign Painters: The Movie**, Nov 28, 7:30pm. Almonte Old Town Hall, scott@gaslightelectric.com., \$10

**Book Signing: Sandra Nikolai**, Nov 12, 10AM-3PM. Michael Elliott Mystery series. Shoppers Drug Mart, Almonte

**Meet the Authors**, Nov 14. Randy Ferrier & Steffany Sinclair, Lanark Learning Centre. 259-2207, grahamanne56@bell.net

**Meet Author Tim Cook**, Nov 15, 1:30PM. *Fight to the Finish: Cdns in WWII*. Call 256-9090 to reserve. Almonte Legion

## Local Food

**Almonte Farmers' Harvest Market**, Nov 14, 9AM-3PM. Almonte Community Centre. almontefarmersmarket.ca

**Perth Farmers' Market**, Nov 29, 10AM-3PM. Crystal Palace, Perth

## Music

**Country Gospel Concert**, Nov 1, 7PM. W/ Faithful Friends. Light refreshments, freewill offering. Westport United Church



# NOVEMBER 2015

## Friday

## Saturday

## Sunday

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Almonte Lectures: Alzheimer's, Almonte</li> <li>An Evening of One Act Plays, Perth</li> <li>Beckwith Halloween Party, Beckwith</li> <li>Breakfast with Soul, Almonte</li> <li>DanahKae CD Release Party, Valley Food &amp; Drink Co.</li> <li>Ghastly Tales of Almonte's Past, Almonte</li> <li>Live Music, Waterfront Gastropub</li> <li>Long Sault Trio, The Cove</li> <li>mAlice &amp; Monsters (Cooper tribute), John St. Pub</li> <li>Scottish Country Dancing, Perth</li> <li>Steve Barrette Trio, The Swan at Carp</li> <li>Texas Tuxedo Halloween Party, Golden Arrow</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acoustic Saturdays, Waterfront Gastropub</li> <li>An Evening of One Act Plays, Perth</li> <li>Brea Lawrenson, Love That Barr</li> <li>Fall Tea &amp; Bazaar, Almonte</li> <li>Hallowe'en Party for LAWS, Lanark</li> <li>Halloween Open Studio, Almonte</li> <li>Halloween Party, Valley Food &amp; Drink Co.</li> <li>Head over Heels, The Cove</li> <li>Incident at the Bunker: Zombie Adventure, Carp</li> <li>IODE Fall Craft Show/Fundraiser, Carleton Place</li> <li>Lucky B's Halloween Party, Golden Arrow</li> <li>Pottery Workshop: Tiles, McDonalds Corners</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An Evening of One Act Plays, Perth</li> <li>Country Gospel Concert, Westport</li> <li>Country Music Jamboree, Bolingbroke</li> <li>Here Comes the Train!, Renfrew</li> <li>Incident at the Bunker: Zombie Adventure, Carp</li> <li>Magnolia Rhythm Kings, The Royal Oak</li> <li>National Novel Writing Month, Carleton Place</li> <li>Open Mic w/Kelly Sloan, Ashton Pub</li> <li>Search for Franklin's Lost Ships, Smiths Falls</li> <li>Sunday Blues, Waterfront Gastropub</li> <li>Valley Singles Lunch, CP</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                   |
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**Country Western Jamboree**, Nov 15, 2-7PM. For Kidney Fnd. \$15 at Graham's Shoes, Nicholson's. CP Arena, 257-8764

**BOTR: Rick Fines & Suzie Vinnick**, Nov 20, 7-11PM. The Cove, Westport. 1-888-COVE-INN, \$65+tax dinner & show

**A Song Upon My Heart**, Nov 21, 7:30PM. Almonte United Church, 257-3692. \$15, 12 and under free

**SRO Big Band Tea Dance**, Nov 22, 1-4PM. Almonte OldTown Hall, 692-5380, sroteadances.org. \$14; \$25 couple

**The five Woodwind Quintet**, Nov 22, 7PM. St. Andrew's United Church, Pakenham. 623-3823. Freewill donation

**Maberly Quarterly Contra Dance**, Nov 28, 7:30PM beginners, 8PM Dance., Maberly Community Hall, 264-1993. \$10

**Advent Procession with Carols**, Nov 29, 4PM. St. James Anglican Church, Perth. 267-1163, stjamesperth.ca.

**Karen Savoca**, Nov 29, 7PM. MERA Schoolhouse, McDonalds Corners. 485-6464, ticketsplease.ca. \$20 adv

**Town Singers Xmas Concert**, Nov 29, Dec 1, 7PM. \$10 at Blossom Shop. St. Andrew's Church, CP. cptownsingerg@gmail.com

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**Community**

**Search for Franklin's Lost Ships**, Nov 1, 1-4PM. Heritage House Museum, SF. 283-6311, heritagehouse@smithsfalls.ca. \$10

**Valley Singles Lunch**, Nov 1, 1PM. The Gourmet Restaurant, Hwy 7 at Hwy 15, CP. 622-5693

**Green Drinks**, Nov 3, 5:30PM. Mtg of environmental folk. Golden Arrow, Perth. GreenDrinks.org

**Macnamara Field Naturalists' Club**, Nov 3, 7:30PM. Arnprior Curling Club. Guests \$5, students free. mfnc.ca

**CP Hort. Society Mtg**, Nov 4, 7PM. Protection of Heritage trees. St. Andrew's Church, CP. cphorticulture.ca. \$3 entry; \$10 annual

**Bazaar/Chili Luncheon**, Nov 5, 9AM-1PM, Lunch (11-1) is \$6. Fairview Manor, Almonte. 256-3113x2908

**Community & Veterans Dinner**, Nov 7, 6PM. \$25 from Legion Upper Rideau Branch #542. Westport Legion. 273-7659

**Camino Evening**, Nov 7, 3-10PM. Photos, stories, music, & meal. Wintergreen Studios, S. Frontenac. 200-2005

**Eat Your Art Out**, Nov 7, 6:30PM. 6-course fundraiser for Ott Valley Creative Arts. Lion's Hall, Killaloe. ov-caos.org. \$60/\$100

**Light Up The Night Fundraising Sale**, Nov 7-8 (10-4). Crafts & vendors. Almonte Community Centre

**Roast Beef Dinner**, Nov 7, 4:30-7PM. Zion-Memorial United Church, CP. 257-8547. \$16; \$7 ages 6-12

**LCIH Women's Fair**, Nov 7, 10-4. Vendors, fashion show. CP Arena. 257-3469 x27, lcih.org. Free

**Bereavement Support Groups**, Nov. 10, 1PM (Com. Home Support, Perth, 267-6400); Nov 19, 10:30AM (St. Paul's Parish House, Almonte, hubhospice.com); Nov. 24, 1PM (SF Com. Health Ctr, 283-6745)

**W. Carleton Garden Club**, Nov 10, 7:30PM. AGM & The Lee Valley Story, Carp Memorial Hall, wccg.ca. \$5 non-members

**Christmas Kick-Off**, Nov. 12 & 16. Downtown Almonte shops open late. w specials & treats. ifounditinalmonte.com

**MMLT Dinner & Birds**, Nov 13, 6PM. \$40 cash/chq at Hello Yellow (Alm), Granary (CP), Village Treats (Lan), Shadowfax (Perth). Almonte Civitan Hall, 278-2939. \$40

**Book/Bake Sale for Humane Soc.**, Nov 15, 10-4. Nick Smith Centre, Arnprior. 623-0916, arnpriorhumanesociety.ca

**Cyclocross Race**, Nov 15, 7AM-noon. Conlon Farm, Perth. 230-1064, ottawabi-cycleclub.ca

**Solutions to Homelessness Forum**, Nov 17, 9:30-2:30. Speakers, lunch. Galipeau Centre, SF. 888-952-6275x2402. Free

**Young Awards AGM**, Nov 17, 7PM. Mills Community Support, Almonte. 256-5081

**Christmas Open House**, Nov 19, 7-9PM. Artisans, coffee, food, music, tours. Equator Coffee, Almonte. 256-5960, equator.ca

**Community Justice AGM**, Nov 19, 6PM. Perth Lions Hall. Reserve at 264-1558, beth@commjustice.org. \$20

**Ladies' Afternoon Out**, Nov 19, 1-8PM. In-store specials, music, draws. Downtown CP

**MVFN: Nature Talk**, Nov 19, 7:30PM. Talk by Dr. Anne Bell, Ontario Nature. Almonte United Church, mvfn.ca. \$5 non-members

**At Home in Tay Valley**, Nov 19, 7:30PM. Perth Hist. Soc mtg, w Kay Rogers. Perth Legion. 264-8362, perthhs.org. \$2

**Violet Femmes Gala**, Nov 20, from 5:30PM. Girls' dinner/dancing. \$60 from Vamos. Almonte Com Centre. 461-2000, lcih.org

**Book Sale for Child Haven**, Nov 21, 22; 1-5PM. \$2 books. Donate yours by Nov 20., 280 Wilson St., Appleton. 257-4233

**Clayton Christmas Bazaar**, Nov 21, 9AM-1PM. 20 vendors, lunch. Clayton Community Centre, 147 Linn Bower Lane

**Close to Home Marketplace**, Nov 21, 10-3. Fundraiser for AGH/FM. Fairview Manor, 75 Spring St., Almonte

**Coins & Strings**, Nov 21, 3-6PM. Harpist, rare coins. Alliance Coin, Almonte. 256-6785

**Craft Fair & Luncheon**, Nov 21, 10-3. Centennial Hall, Franktown

**Church Bazaar/Lunch**, Nov 21, 10-2. Lunch after 11AM: \$10. N. Crosby Com. Centre, 875 8th Concession Rd.

**Xmas Craft Fair**, Nov 21, 10-3. Food bank donations. Carp Memorial Hall

**Almonte Hort Soc.**, Nov 23, 7:30PM. Cornerstone Community Church, Almonte

**Perth Hort Soc AGM/Potluck**, Nov 24, 5:45-9PM. Xmas floral designs. St. Paul's Church, Perth. 253-5690. \$3 non-members

**Heritage Barns**, Nov 26, 7PM. Claudia Smith. Heritage House Museum, SF. 283-6311, \$5

**Shop & Hop**, Nov 27, 5-9PM. Special deals and treats, Downtown Westport.

**LAWS Quiz Night**, Nov 27, 7:30-9PM. LAWS fundraiser. The Barley Mow, Almonte. events@lanarkanimals.ca. \$5

**Perth Community Fndn Xmas Gala**, Nov 27. \$110 at ticketsplease.ca. Best Western Perth, 485-6434

**Christmas Craft Show**, Nov 28, 10-3. Beckwith Public School, CP. 435-8929

**Festival of Good Cheer**, Nov 28, 11-8. Trolley rides, music, demos, specials. Crystal Palace, Perth. 267-3311

**Santa Claus Parade**, Nov 28, 5PM. A Whoville Xmas. Downtown CP. 257-8049

**Whisky Business Fundraiser**, Nov 28, 6-9PM. Tasting w 5PM opt. guided tour. The Diefenbunker, Carp. diefenbunker.ca

**Christmas Craft & Gift Sale**, Nov 29, 10-4. Perth Civitan Hall, 267-5088

**Pakenham Country Christmas**, Nov 28, 10-5. Breakfast w/Santa, baking, carols. PakenhamPBTA@hotmail.com

**CP Rail Holiday Train**, Nov 29, 7:40PM. Donations for The Table. Wilson Street railway crossing, Perth

**RVH Christmas House Tour**, Nov 29, 12:30-5PM. 7 homes, dessert. Renfrew area. 432-5237. \$25

**Snowsuit Fund Benefit Show**, Nov 29, 2PM. Live music. ABC Hall, 3166 County Rd. 36, Bolingbroke. 727-8360



# Pub Crawling: November

- Fiddleheads** (Perth, 267-1304): Sundays Clay Young Jazz Brunch, 12-3PM  
Nov 8 Clay Young (piano); Dave Renaud (clarinet)  
Nov 22 Clay Young (piano); guest
- Golden Arrow Pub** (Perth, 267-4500): 9PM Wed Karaoke, Fri Riq Turner  
Nov 5 \$5 Student Night w/Matt Dickson  
Nov 7, 21 Shawn McCullough  
Nov 12, 19, 26 \$5 Student Night w/Ted Lalonde  
Nov 14 Ted Lalonde  
Nov 28 Matt Hughes
- The Cove** (Westport, 273-3636): Wed Shawn McCullough 6-9PM (Jeff Gallery Nov 4), Sat Head Over Heels, 6-9PM  
Nov 5 Hunter's Ball w/Shawn McCullough & Wade Foster, 8-11PM  
Nov 13 New Orleans Jazz Night w/Spencer Evans Trio, 8:30-11PM, \$5  
Nov 27 Lynne Hanson & Dan Artuso, 7-10PM, \$10  
Nov 28 Henry Norwood & Friends, 1-4PM \$10
- The Swan at Carp** (Carp, 839-7926): Nov 14, 28 Steve Barrette Trio, jazz, 7-10PM, no cover
- The Royal Oak** (Kanata, 591-3895): jazz on Sun, no cover, 2-5PM  
Nov 1, 15, 29 Magnolia Rhythm Kings  
Nov 8, 22 APEX Jazz Band
- Naismith Pub** (Almonte, 256-6336): Wed Open Celtic Jam, 7:30-10PM
- Carp Masonic Lodge**: Mon Carp Celtic Jam, 7-9PM
- Ashton Pub** (Ashton, 257-4423): Sundays Open Mic w/Kelly Sloan, 2-5PM
- The Barley Mow** (Almonte, 256-5669): Thursdays Ramblin' Valley Band, 8PM  
Nov 8 Clever Mess Jazz Club, 2-5PM
- The Waterfront Gastropub** (CP, 257-5755): Wed Open Jam 9PM; Thurs Karaoke 9PM; Fri Live Music 9PM; Acoustic Sat 3-6PM & 9PM; Sun Blues 3-6PM  
Nov 14, 28 Jazz with Peter Brown Trio, 8-11PM
- O'Reilly's Pub** (Perth, 267-7994): Tues Brock Zeman & Blair Hogan 8:30PM; Wed Acoustic Stage w/Dave Balfour 8PM, Fri/Sat Live music 8:30PM  
Nov 6 Silver Creek Duo  
Nov 7 Dev Arrow  
Nov 13 Tom Watson  
Nov 14 Under the Covers  
Nov 20 Stephen Mark Fisher  
Nov 21 Brea Lawrenson  
Nov 27 River City Junction
- Love That Barr** (Pakenham, 624-2000): Thursdays Open Mic, 8PM  
Oct 31 Brea Lawrenson, 9pm, \$5
- Alice's Village Café** (Carp, 470-2233): Open Mic Thursdays, 7:30PM
- John St. Pub** (Arnprior, 623-8149): 9PM  
Oct 31 Halloween Bash w/Tattoo, \$10  
Nov 14 One Bad Son w/The Lazys, \$25 (\$20 adv)  
Nov 20 The Wild! w/Last Bullet & The Reed Effect, \$10  
Nov 28 Dirty Little Secret, \$7
- Generations Inn** (CP, 253-5253): Nov 22 The NightCrawlers acoustic blues, 6-9PM, no cover
- Sharbot Lake Inn** (279-2198): Nov 12, 13 Sherman Downey & Matthew Byrne, \$55 dinner/show  
Nov 28 Boxcar Boys, \$55 dinner/show
- Valley Food and Drink Co.** (752-2676x3111): Wed Open Mic w/Jimmy Tri-Tone Band 8PM [entered Nov], Thurs Karaoke 8PM [entered to Dec 17/15], Live music, 8PM  
Nov 7 Cory Labombard  
Nov 14 Reckless  
Nov 20 Theresa Doyle & October Browne, \$10  
Nov 28 Bahoo, The Brat & The Commander
- Rob Roy's Pub & Restaurant** (283-9093): Nov 21 Blues and Company, 9PM, no cover

Pub Crawling

## RVB's New EP CD

The last time I wrote about the Ramblin' Valley Band, back in the February 2015 issue, they were a four-piece who were starting to develop a local following. At the time, I was impressed not only by their musical skills but also by their work ethic. I predicted at the time that these boys were going to go far.

by Rob Riendeau

Fast-forward to early October 2015 when I caught up with RVB once more at the Barley Mow in Almonte. They are now a five-piece, having added drummer Pat Gray to their mix. They have also added a few more instruments — Matt Armitage plays organ and keyboards on a few tunes. And the gig that I was attending was the release party for their excellent 5-song EP, *Farm Days*.

Although they still present the same fun, jam band energy on stage, they are so much tight-

er and locked in now. These guys are super polished, but also relaxed on stage.

When I saw them last winter, their set was primarily country blues and bluegrass. With the addition of drums and keyboards, there were moments that brought The Allman Brothers sound to mind. They have also added a healthy dose of R&B to their mix. The funky second set opener, James Brown's *Get on the Good Foot* — sung with great intensity by Trevor Lubin — reminded me of some of the better bands I saw in New Orleans. It's a real treat to hear Zack Ledgerwood get super slinky on the bass. Later in the set they also played a terrific rendition of Ray Charles's *Hallelujah I Love Her So*.

But not only do they play great — they also sound great. Joe MacDonald's guitar tone, Zack's bass sound and Pat's drum levels are all perfect. Vocal harmonies on songs like *I'll Fly Away* sound terrific too.

Given that the event was a CD release party, there were a

few special moments: Joe's mom, Helen, joined the band on stage and was adorable singing *Last Kiss*. George Turcotte, the owner of Mississippi Mills Musicworks, employs two band members as teachers and he was clearly delighted to perform *Let It Bleed* with the band.

I highly recommend that you get yourself to their regular Thursday night gig at the Barley Mow in Almonte and pick up their new CD.

### The Jazz Goes On

As you may already know, Ballygiblin's restaurant in Carleton Place closed permanently at the end of August. Their monthly jazz nights, featuring pianist Peter Brown and his musical friends Don Paterson (trumpet), Glenn Robb (drums), and Dave Arthur (Bass), had been a great success. Enthusiastic crowds of 50 to 75 people attended each eveny and the musicians released a very well-received CD. Peter and the boys also played spinoff performances at both the Merrickville Jazz Festival and the Stewart Park Festival.

Although Ballygiblin's is gone, the jazz nights will continue. They have moved right across the street to the Queen's Hotel, with great support from the management there. The first one was on Thursday, October 1, and it drew more than 70 people. They are slated to continue on the first Thursday of every month, from 6 to 9PM, indefinitely... which is (jazz) music to my ears.



The Ramblin' Valley Band think that their new CD would make an excellent Christmas/birthday/just-cause-it's-Thursday present!

## Art, Craft and Shopping at Heritage House Museum

The Heritage House Museum in Smiths Falls would like to invite you to its 34<sup>th</sup> annual **Art Show and Sale**. This highly anticipated event will run from November 7 to January 29, in celebration of local artists and artisans. Each year, the Heritage House Museum is proud to present artwork from local professional and up-and-coming artists who reside in Smiths Falls and area, including Brockville, Ottawa, Merrickville and more.

The museum enjoys presenting this un-juried art exhibition, offering the artists a great opportunity to meet with the public and other area artists in celebration of the amazing talent in this community. Featuring over thirty artists this year, the museum will be welcoming many old favourites and eight new artists to the show! Most of the artwork on display is also for sale, so you can support local artists while picking up the perfect gifts for your friends and family.

An exciting feature of the show this year is the **Christmas Artisan Market**. This "pop-up" space in the museum's smaller gallery will feature handmade jewellery, cards, drawings, photographs or other crafts, with a retail value of less than \$100. The exhibition also coincides with the busy au-

turn and holiday season at the museum, so the public can enjoy the changing seasons in this beautiful Victorian home. Take advantage of this opportunity to also shop in the museum's gift shop and find those perfect little stocking stuffers for your loved ones.

Discover these beautiful works of art for yourself. Admission to this special exhibition is by donation. The museum is located at 11 Old Sly's Road in Smiths Falls, and will be open daily from 10:30AM to 4:30PM until December 23, and then Monday to Friday, 10:30AM to 4:30PM in the New Year. For more information, please call 283-6311, email <heritagehouse@smithsfalls.ca>, or visit <smithsfalls.ca/heritagehouse>.

### Victorian Family Christmas Party

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Sunday, December 6, and come meet with many of the talented artists at the Victorian Family Christmas Party, from 1 to 4PM. Gather around a traditional decorated tree in the parlour, enjoy a cup of tea or hot apple cider and some home-baked seasonal treats, and experience live holiday music and storytelling. See you at the museum!

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# Renfrew Christmas House Tour

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Two of the seven homes on the tour are located on Raglan St. S. One is a fascinating squared timber log home built in 1855 and furnished almost entirely with period antiques from the 1800s. The other, built in the '40s, was often referred to as the "Carriage House" and features older home charm along with superb updates and décor. Other homes within the Town include a well-crafted brick bungalow on Opeongo Road with an exceptional view overlooking Renfrew, a lovely century home on Plaunt Street N. that holds an eclectic mix of art and furnishings, and on Lynn Street, the winner of the 1959 "All Canadian Home" awarded by the *Star Weekly* magazine. Today's owners have incorporated natural and artistic elements into their home in unusual ways.

Just minutes outside of Renfrew are two homes well worth the short drive. On Yantha Road is a beautiful stone farmhouse built approximately 160 years ago. Even with the many additions and renovations, the heart of the homestead remains intact. On Stone Road you'll find a modern, custom-designed home, built by the owner and her parents. It's a large, comfy home with a fabulous stone fireplace, high, sloped ceilings and many "finds" from the Habitat for Humanity ReStore.

## About the Auxiliary

2015 has been a very special year for RVH Auxiliary members. They have been celebrating seventy years as an auxiliary to the hospital. Members were delighted to be fêted by the Hospital at a Spring Gala held in their honour. Their Gift Shop will reopen at the end of October after completion of major renovations, featuring a larger space and all new décor. In addition to the Auxiliary's usual annual events, they published a 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook and organized their first Toast/Roast fundraiser.

To commemorate this anniversary, the Auxiliary has pledged \$250,000 towards the new "RVH Auxiliary Solarium". The Solarium, which is now under construction, is situated on the second floor of the new Nephrology building. When completed, the bright, tranquil room will have a view of and access to an outdoor rooftop garden, making this an inviting retreat for patients and their families.

# Support LAWS in November!

All through November, Lanark Animal Welfare Society (LAWS) is asking everyone to support their Toonie Campaign. Yes, save your toonies and encourage others to do so. Can you imagine if all animal lovers in the Lanark and its surrounding regions donated a toonie? LAWS would be able to improve their shelter faster than Axle can wag his tail! Your toonies will be applied toward their goal of raising \$50,000 for shelter improvements. Be sure to pass this information on to others so that they can help out too, or perhaps take up a collection from friends, family, neighbours or co-workers! Feel free to make donations ahead of time online, by cheque, or by stopping in at the shelter. Donations are also welcome at the following financial institutions: CIBC in Smiths

Falls, RBC in Carleton Place, and TD and CIBC in Perth. You can also drop off your toonies at the LAWS Hockey Fundraiser during the CP Canadians vs. Smiths Falls Bears game on November 22 at the Carleton Place Arena!

## Pub Quiz Night

On Friday, November 27, come out to the Barley Mow in Almonte and have some fun at the LAWS Quiz Night! From 7:30 to 9PM, get your friends together to make up a team and see who will come out on top! There will be door prizes and team prizes to be won; the cost is \$5 per person to participate, with proceeds going to LAWS. Be sure to reserve your spot by emailing <events@lanarkanimals.ca>. See you there!

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The Reever Report

# The Old Order Changeth

I'm "of a certain age" when change is not my favourite thing. When my dear friend told me she was retiring from our Wednesday Hub afternoons together, I was bereft. I declared I'd quit too, but she wouldn't hear of it. I spent two weeks pre-mourning her departure, only to realize her last day was a joy to us both: lots of customers to greet her, lots of laughs — just what it should have been for someone who has given twelve years of constant pleasure to so many people. I was being foolish: Lorna

trou. However, to keep our minds and bodies fit, we need to introduce challenges, and that's exactly what change is.

Predictability shouldn't be the watchword at any age. Our Sage Age Improv group is a prime example. Our greatest joy is getting a new person who hasn't been in a skit, dropping them into a part, and seeing what happens. Talk about change, talk about fun! A new perspective energizes our material and our new recruit instantly becomes a cherished partner in our midst. Improv thrives on change, and we all benefit.

Even when we strive to avoid change, we are heading straight for it. It's going to happen with or without our plans. Short of living in a cotton-lined box, we are destined for change either through our own design or through pure happenstance. How we survive depends on our point of view: do we curl up and admit defeat? Do we embrace the challenge and grow stronger? There's no way of knowing if it'll be good or bad, but if we can approach it with the certain knowledge that the sun will still get up in the east, that seasons will come and go, that our friends will always be there for us, and we for them, we can cope with the periphery. Some things are constant, and for that we are thankful. The rest we might need help to navigate, and for that we need stamina.

by Glenda Jones

wasn't leaving my life, only my Wednesday afternoon. She's still in my thoughts, and I know we can get together at our leisure now, not just for that fractured three hours on Wednesdays.

She encouraged me to find a new partner for our time slot, and that I have done in spades! The change wasn't so hard after all, but it sure did upset my little apple cart for a couple of weeks there.

The only thing in life on which we can count is change. (Change is what's left after a trip to the grocery store and there's not a lot of it to count! Bad pun... sorry). We get set in our routines and life rolls along gently, until change occurs. It's actual healthy for us to shake things up a bit. We appreciate the ordinary when extraordinary things intervene. Be without a car and walk everywhere to see the actual distance you travel, to look at the architecture of your town, to see some new plant or tree you don't see when you're driving. A walk in our woods changes every day at this time of year. Last week our paths were mulch, this week they're golden and gorgeous. The lack of leaves has made a change in our skyline; our huge oak is now bare, letting light into the kitchen.

Seasonal change is so Canadian that we take it for granted, but it really shapes our lives, from watching the bird migration north and then south, digging out the summer shorts or the winter mitts, planting or cutting and pruning; it's all change and keeps us on our toes.

It's time for a change when you find routine becoming boring or simply too easy. We all balk at the mere suggestion that we can and should try different things — especially at our grizzled age, when we believe we've got everything under con-

It's actual healthy for us to shake things up a bit. We appreciate the ordinary when extraordinary things intervene.

We depend on the constants in our lives to ground us, but we shouldn't be afraid of facing new situations. For sure, in this technological time, if we don't keep up with at least the basics, we will be left in the dust of ignorance. Even if we're over the hill chronologically, we can still be hanging onto the rope and hoisting ourselves up the cliff!

An elderly lady declared that she lived expectantly: that is to say, she expected to find surprises every day, and she looked forward to seeing how she was going to react to them. There's a line in a movie: "well, that happened" at which point the action takes a complete turn, and on it goes. Surprise, but not the end. We need to be able to row with the left oar or the right oar, to feel the boat rock, but not be upset by the waves. There is always calm ahead, and if we can just keep an even keel, we'll reach the shore.

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# British Panto Comes to Merrickville

With Christmas fast approaching, the members of Theatre Night in Merrickville are furiously rehearsing their latest pantomime. With one successful panto already under their belts, this award-winning group of amateur thespians is fast becoming old hands at this traditional form of British children's theatre.

"I chose *Sleeping Beauty* because I wanted a pantomime that was not that well known, but was based on a well-known fairy tale," said director Maureen Overy. The pantomime opens on November 26 and runs until November 29, including two matinee performances.

Already five weeks into rehearsal, the hilarity is mounting. All the elements of music, dance, slapstick and rimshots, cross-dressing and villainy are being perfected right now.

Never one to leave anything to chance, Overy has enlisted the talents of Rowena Pearl as music director. "I love pantos — they're fun and full of energy and music that I love to play, because it's all contemporary," says Pearl, who drives down from Kars for every rehearsal.



Theatre Night in Merrickville cast members rehearse for their upcoming panto, *Sleeping Beauty*, which opens on November 26

But a panto is never complete without several dance numbers, and for that Overy enlisted dance and drama teacher Sam Crosby-Bouwhuis to come up with movements that a bunch of thespians with two left feet can manage. "It's been interesting to choreograph for non-dancers and watch them become savvy with their own movement," she says. While the steps are simple, the dance numbers in this show are a testament to what a

creative choreographer can pull out of the most unsuspecting dancers!

Music and dance aside, the tale itself has provided some utterly delightful opportunities for hilarity, as Overy explains. "It was really the good fairies that drew me to this one, and I never thought I would find three men willing to play the parts, but I did," she chuckles.

Now imagine three very butch men — in tutus, galoshes, and boleros — playing fairies with very distinct and slightly quirky characters. "I play Blossom, one of the fairy godmothers. I'm the bearded one. It's a blast! I'm thoroughly enjoying the chance to be dopey and goofy all at once," says Hugh Gardiner, whose day job is in instrumental engineering.

There is more than one reversed role in this pantomime and quite a few straight ones. "This is my first pantomime and I'm really having fun with it — I'm just disappointed I didn't get a female role," says Peter Yerdon, who plays Andin Glove, Dame Marigold Glove's son and hilarious sidekick.

All the familiar characters are there: the fairies, the evil witch, the prince, the king and queen, and the villagers. But there is a slew of new characters, such as the Prince's valet and his trusty hound Baskerville. You have the village busybody Dame Glove... There are chases, food fights, sword fights and good frights, as Poison Ivy weaves her evil designs. Will she succeed? You'll have to come out and help the fairy godmothers and the prince to rescue the princess.

Performances take place at the Merrickville Community Centre on November 26, 27 and 28 at 8PM, and November 28 and 29 at 2PM. Tickets are \$12, but children 10 years and under can get into the matinee on November 28 for only \$2. Tickets are available online at <theatrenightinmerrickville.ca> or at The Merrickville Book Emporium or Mrs. McGarrigles's Fine Food Shop. Note: a strobe light will be used during this production.

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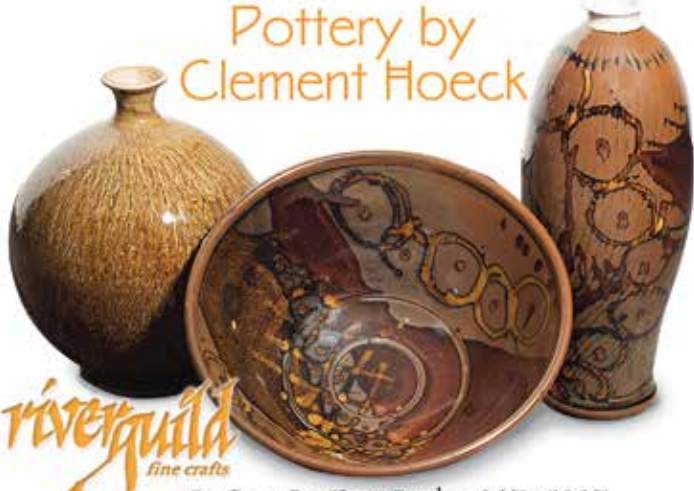
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Fri Nov. 27 **Lynne Hanson & Dan Artuso** (Ottawa, folk), 7-10, \$10  
Sat Nov. 28 **Santa Claus Parade** with **Henry Norwood & Friends** (Perth/Westport, Country) 1-4, \$10

# Lynn Miles Plays the Gallipeau Centre

Every musician gets pegged into a specific genre of music, but Lynn Miles, who will be performing at the Gallipeau Centre on November 14 at 7PM, objects to that classification.

She does not agree with the narrow definitions of country, folk or rock singers that have been bandied about. She is, she says, a songwriter and a singer above all else. And she's been in the business long enough to know what works and what doesn't.

"I was 18 when I became a professional musician," she says. While that might seem awfully young, it seems she had a bit of a head start. "My mom says she knew I was asleep in my crib because the singing would stop," adds Miles.

With twelve albums to her credit, the consummate songwriter says she finds inspiration in the human condition, in human relationships, in exploring why people do the things they do. Most importantly, she says, she loves words and the beauty of words.

"I read a lot — I'm currently reading Jonathan Franzen's *Purity* — but I read a lot of non-fiction as well. I enjoy history, psychology, philosophy and world affairs; anything really that can spark an interest or lead me to a song," she explains.

Not surprisingly, her musical influences have been songwriters as well, the likes of Carole King, Linda Ronstadt, Emmylou Harris, Neil Young, Gordon Lightfoot and of course Leonard Cohen, to name but a few.

"Carole King was my first big influence. I'm old enough to have bought her *Tapestry* album, and for me it was the first indication that you could write songs," says Miles. She adds that listening to Gordon Lightfoot taught her how to fingerpick on the guitar. "I used to go to the Bayshore Hotel as a teenager and sing Gordon Lightfoot songs on amateur night!" she recalls.

Her own songs are extraordinarily truthful, vulnerable and poignant; sometimes funny, sometimes sad, but always beautiful when sung in her unique voice. She really is one of Canada's musical treasures.

On November 14, Miles will be performing with award-winning guitarist Keith Glass. "We're going to do old songs, new songs... the audience will laugh and cry, but probably laugh more because Keith and I get really funny together," chuckles Miles.

The two musicians met some 25 years ago when Glass was still with Prairie Oyster. "I've been playing with Lynn on and off for the past fourteen years," says Glass. "She's wonderful to work with, primarily because she's a great songwriter, a great singer and a great musician — there really are no gaps in her skill set."



Catch Lynn Miles in concert with Keith Glass at the Gallipeau Centre in Smiths Falls on November 14

Glass himself is a fabulous guitar player and vocalist, and will provide harmony at the upcoming concert as well. "He's a dear to work with and really funny and easy to travel with. We get along really well," says Miles.

This will be Miles' first concert in Smiths Falls, she thinks, and she's really looking forward to it. She has played in Perth as recently as this past summer and is performs regularly in Ottawa, but she also tours across Canada and beyond.

"I also have a new project that I'm working on, called *This Heart that Lives in Winter*. There are 13 songs about winter and Christmas, and I'll do some songs from that project as well," says Miles.

Tickets for this show are \$20 in advance or at the door.

"At that price it's the perfect couple's night out, and we do encourage people to purchase their tickets ahead of time to avoid a line-up at the door," says Howaida Sororu-Roberts, acting artistic director of the Gallipeau Centre Theatre.

Tickets can be purchased at <tickepro.ca> or <gallipeaucentretheatre.com>, or by calling the box office at 205-1493. The Gallipeau Centre Theatre is located at 361 Queen Street in Smiths Falls.

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The Town Singers choir presents **A New Christmas Angel** on Sunday, November 29 and Tuesday December 1, at 7PM at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Carleton Place. Please note: snow



The Town Singers are putting a new twist on their Christmas concert, with a story co-written by Jesse Gibson (left) and Kristine MacLaren

dates are December 6 and 8, at 7PM. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at The Blossom Shop (167 Bridge Street in Carleton Place) or by contacting <cptownsingers@gmail.com>.

# A Commitment to Ending Homelessness

Lanark County has joined the **20,000 Homes Campaign** — making a further commitment to take action to end homelessness — and plans to be part of Reach Out Week and to host a community forum in November.

The 20,000 Homes Campaign is a national movement led by the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness. It aims to bring communities together to permanently house 20,000 of Canada's most vulnerable homeless people by July 1, 2018. The alliance calls homelessness a "national emergency requiring urgent and immediate action."

"Lanark County implemented our 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan in 2014, which declares ending homelessness as one of our priorities," said Emily Hollington, Lanark County social housing caseworker. "The 20,000 Homes Campaign gives us a chance to see how other communities across Canada have tried to address this issue, and to work together to eradicate it."

"Lanark County is joining a growing movement of communities taking urgent and immediate action on homelessness," said Tim Richter, president and CEO of the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness. "Lanark County is also the first rural community in the country to join the campaign, breaking new ground and reminding Canadians that homelessness is not just a big city problem."

## Reach Out in November

During "Reach Out Week" — November 9 to 13 — the County plans to engage organizations and community members interested in local housing and homelessness issue to canvass shelters, service providers, drop-in centres, hospitals, etc. to conduct

short health and housing surveys with anyone experiencing homelessness who wishes to participate.

"Reach Out Week is a housing intervention," Mr. Ritcher explained. "It is designed to get actionable information to begin the housing process. The top priority is action and creating a sense of urgency."

The survey questions will relate directly to people's housing stability and will highlight areas where there are high levels of risk to people in our community who are experiencing homelessness. The information will be compiled and brought back to the **Community Solutions to Homelessness forum** on November 17, which is open to anyone interested in learning more about the campaign, the survey results and next steps.

"These activities will help us to understand Lanark County's situation so that we can plan and prioritize resources and educate the community," said Nancy Green, social services director. "We will use this information to assess whether we are providing the right types of services and supports, to help us improve and to highlight the importance of and need for additional affordable housing."

The community forum will take place on November 17 at the Gallipeau Centre in Smiths Falls. The day features the Lanark County 20,000 Homes Campaign results, information about the county's 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan, Mike Bulthuis from Ottawa Alliance to End Homelessness, and an expert panel discussion. There is no cost, and lunch is provided. Space is limited.

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Speaking Volumes

# A Librarian Walks into a Car Dealership...

My little 2003 Toyota Echo owes me nothing. With 350,000km on it, it's been my daughters' childhood friend "Jack" and it has taken us on many adventures — many a road trip between Newfoundland and Ontario, and a celebratory camping trip to New Mexico when I graduated from library school and got my first professional job. We've belted out tunes in it, listened to and told stories in it, rolled down the windows and let cool summer breezes rustle hair, argued in it, played all kinds of games

have hopeful signs standing in front of each car, but when I got up close they were blank! No details. No specs. Some places you can walk around inspecting things, getting in and out of cars with no one seeming to notice. Other places you lay a finger on a hood and you've got some sales guy nattering at you non-stop. Most require you to hand over your license and a whole lot of details about yourself when all you want to know is if that cute little stick over there comes in cool grey. It's a whole game of sales speak with trim levels, unfathomable acronyms, price points, test-driving and awkward conversations.

by Pam Harris, Librarian

in it from I Spy and We're Going on a Camping/Road Trip, to more elaborate games of imagination (let's pretend we're on a quest and you're a princess NO! I'm the princess and I am rescuing a dragon and you're a little lost dog we find on the side of the road and...).

My girls and I have spent a good deal of our family life in this car. We've piled in for school events and high school graduation, stuffed it to the gunnels and wound through northern Ontario to get to Thunder Bay, university and life beyond. And of course the terrifying first driving lessons... but let's not talk about that! I love this car; it's my container for much of what is good in life — being with my girls and the freedom and adventure of hitting the road on our own terms.

Sadly though, Jack is knackered. So I have begun the hunt for a new car, which is, frankly, quite an eye-opening experience for me. It has actually given me a new perspective on how people might feel when coming to the library for the first time. I pray that libraries are not like car dealerships! For someone like me, walking into a dealership, even with a clear mission, is an adventure through uncharted territory — everything, and I mean everything, is foreign, and it's rather unsettling.

Not being accustomed to dealerships, even figuring out where to begin or how to navigate is perplexing. Firstly, where do you park? Signage in a lot of dealerships is quite unclear or non-existent, plus there are rows and rows of cars blocking all the places you think you could park. Some of these are brand new cars and some are used. Some have signs and some don't. Some have specs taped to the window and some don't. Walking in, the first thing you typically see are huge honking cars... but where are the people? Turns out that the offices (and the people) are behind the cars. And who works here? Is that a customer or a sales rep or a mechanic? Apparently reception is optional. Signs inside are just as absent or confusing. One dealership did

I am getting to know my way around a little bit; I know more about how things are done. But it's made me think. It's made me remember some of my first library experiences — two of which stand out in particular. One was when I was a child, back when libraries were "shushed", and the librarian made me put the book I had selected back because "it was too old for me", steering me instead to some Enid Blyton *Noddy* books. The other was entering a university library for the first time, which was vast and intimidating despite me being a lot older, just as foreign actually as a car dealership. I can see, when entering my library, that someone new to the experience might not find it so obvious, how it all works — who to ask for help, where and how to find a book, and can you take these materials out or only use them in the library itself? Is that a computer I can use? Come to think of it, I am sure there are just as many questions from those new to the library as I have for car dealerships.

Actually, in a way, libraries are like cars — both can be containers for what is good in life, creating memories, transporting us through time, space and imagination all on our own terms. The difference, I like to think, is that although it might well seem foreign in that first moment when you enter a library, it's not long before you are truly welcomed there.

Perhaps it is not fair to compare libraries and car dealerships, but I think dealerships could take a page from a library book and put more effort into nurturing the personal connection before the sale... or at the very least put people in front of the cars. That said, the quest for the "just right" new adventure car has actually made me look at our library and the service we provide in an entirely new light. Get back to me at [parris@mississippimills.ca](mailto:parris@mississippimills.ca) with your thoughts on how we can make our library even easier to understand, access and navigate — that is, if you can get me out behind the wheel of my new car! Vrooom...

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Director Jeremy Dutton, a theatre veteran who has helmed many of the Studio Theatre's most memorable productions, says that just as in reality the subject is serious, but the treatment is sometimes flippant.

"The dialogue in *Dinner with Friends* is in the North American vernacular, so the lines roll fast and free. As the playwright examines the situations with the two couples — Tom and Beth, and Gabe and Karen — the one-liners and jokes lighten

our load. It is a theatre experience akin to watching television."

Over the course of the play, we see both couples at different ages and stages of their lives, and we witness the effect that Tom and Beth's breakup has on Gabe and Karen.

To bring these challenging roles to life, Dutton has selected an outstanding cast of Perth's finest theatre actors, including veterans Hugh McCulloch, Juli Heney, Charles Henderson, and Janice Reid. The show's producer is Grace Main, and Susan Bamber handles stage management duties. Set design and décor are by C. Lee Bates and Cheryl Matson, set construction is by Reiner S. and his crew of talented builders, and head costumer is Patricia Parry.

Don't miss this Pulitzer Prize-winning play about the perils of life and love. *Dinner with Friends* premieres on Thursday, November 19 for seven performances: November 19, 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 8PM, and November 22 and 29 at 2PM. Tickets are \$22 at The Book Nook (cash only) 60 Gore Street E., and online or by phone or credit card at Shadowfax, 67 Foster St. (267-6817, shadowfax.on.ca) and Tickets Please, (485-6434, ticketsplease.ca; a convenience fee applies). Tickets are \$24 at the door, and \$10 for students with ID. Visit <studiotheatreperth.com> for full details. Attend opening night and get \$5 off the ticket price!

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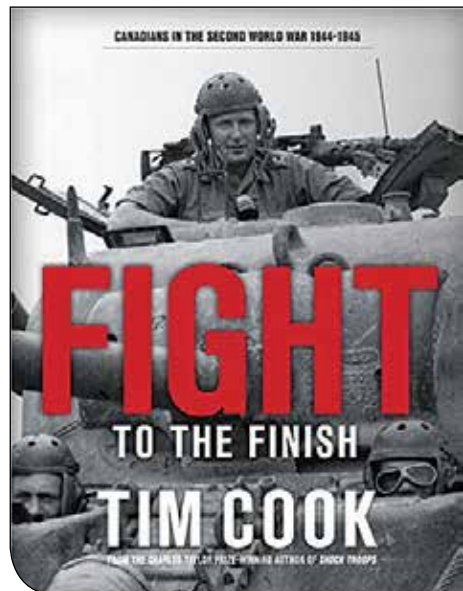
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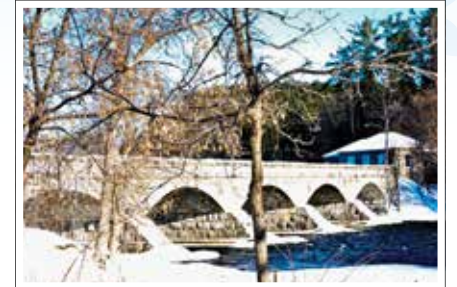


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