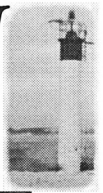


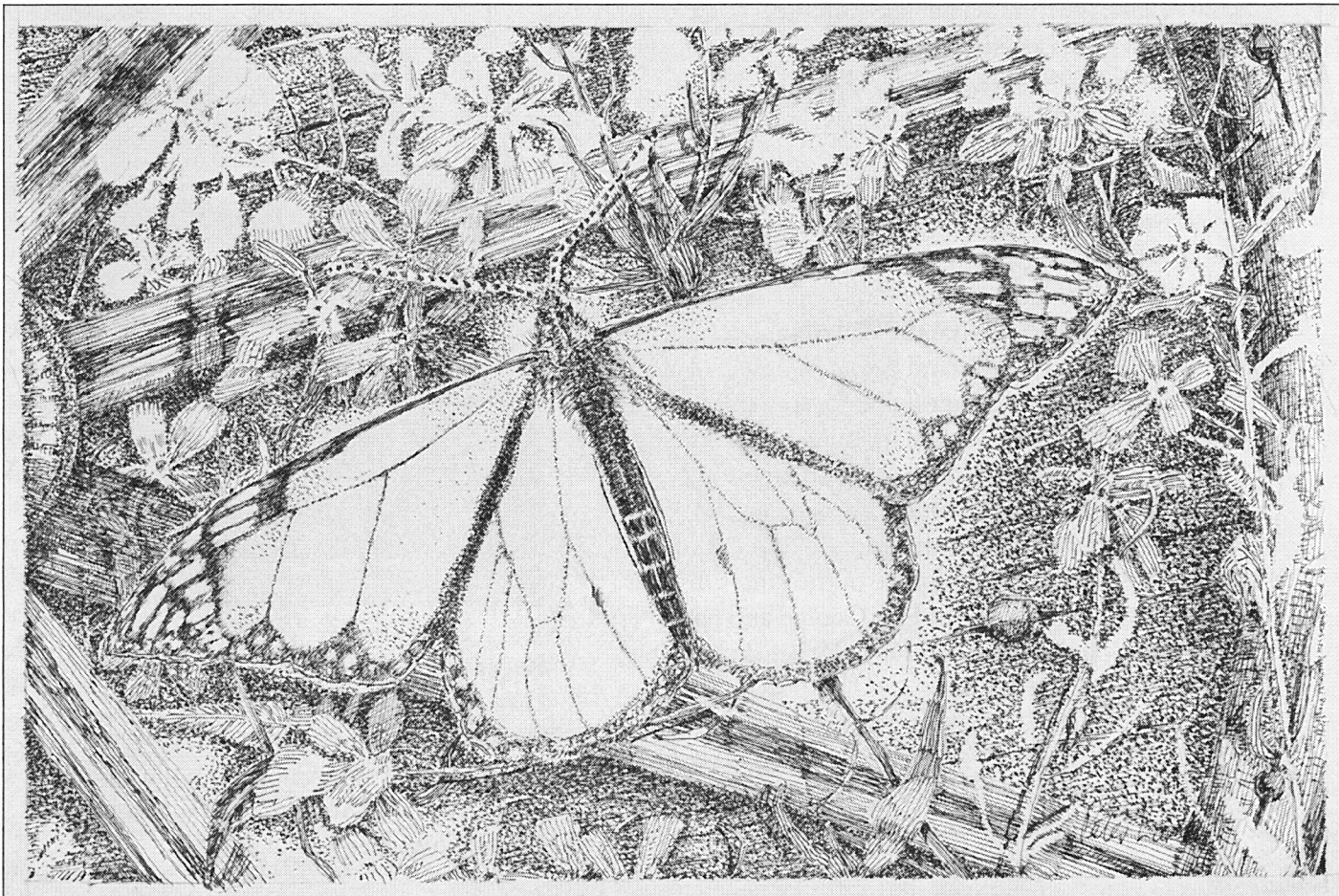
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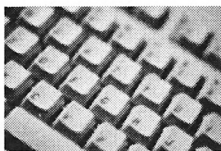
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THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray,
editor

This is another late issue - apologies all round. It may take until the September issue to get the Beacon out by the 10th (or close to it).

The Beacon has a new email address. Please send all stories, photos, questions and comments to aibeacon@sympatico.ca.



NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Get Well wishes this month to Ralph Woods. Continued good health and healing wishes to Elsie Willard, Anna Hitchins and Doug Wilson.

Congratulations to Jennifer Allen and Seán Daly on the birth of their son Calum in June. Proud big brothers Jethro and Fionn welcomed him home.

Belated congratulations to Peter and Sheila Whiting on the birth of their newest grand-daughter, born to their son and his wife, in Ottawa.

Condolences this month to Bernice Gould whose brother passed away quite suddenly in Toronto.

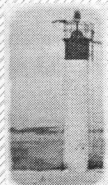
Cherry Allen spent a few weeks in New Zealand visiting her son and his family.

Coralie Marshall hosted an outdoor wedding, on a beautiful summer day, at her Island home for her grandson Adrian and his new wife Jennifer.

The conclusion of Ralph Woods'

**The Grand Valley
Ring Returns**

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A "Jack and Jill" was held for Chad Miller and fiancé Kari at the Community Centre, as they prepare for their July wedding.

Congratulations to this year's graduates. Graduating from Kindergarten to the Primary Class, is Muranda Fabian-Robinson and Dana McGinn. Leaving A.I.P.S. for NDSS this year are grade 8 grads, Melinda Laing and Katie Little. Graduating from NDSS are Geoffrey McDonald (off to Ottawa U); Chris Reed (off to Queen's) and Whitney Fleming. Graduating from Holy Cross is Alicia Wolfreys.

The A.I.P.S. Senior Class had an exciting, fun (and of course educational) trip to the Niagara Falls area just before the end of school. They arrived at the Welland Canal in time to see a huge ocean freighter make it's way through the lock, visited the Brock monument, spent a day at the falls visiting a variety of attractions - the two most popular seem to have been the Butterfly Conservatory and the Maid of the Mist boat ride to the base of the falls. On their final day they toured Fort George and had lunch in Niagara-on-the-Lake before heading home to the Island.

Canada Day Celebrations again avoided being rained on, although the wind was quite strong. The parade was again impressive, with a wide assortment of entrants. Following the parade celebrations continued at the Community Centre until fireworks at dusk. Fireworks were distorted some by the high winds, but were beautiful as usual.

Well, just last month we were complaining about the cool, dreary Spring and now it's the heat and humidity! Until just recently the lawns were already burnt brown and it looked like (& felt like) August.

The public dock behind the museum has had a busy month of swimmers for hours at a time as the kids tried to beat the heat.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Joyce Haines

The June meeting of Amherst Island Women's Institute was held on June 15 at the home of Kirsten Bennick. The President welcomed the four guests in attendance, Gwen Lauret, Eloise

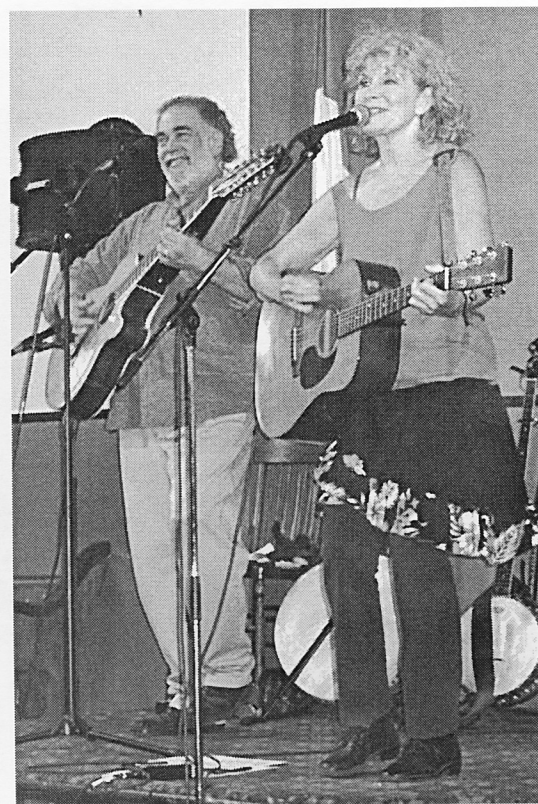


Photo Terry Culbert

Roger James and Nancy White (not shown Bob Johnston on piano), opened the 2005 Waterside Summer Series. They were billed as 'an evening with Canada's funniest singer-songwriters.' The show took place at St. Paul's Church July 2nd 2005.

Gowan, Carol Finlay, and Mary Ann Lavigne. Mary Kay Steel introduced Janet Scott to the group to talk on birds of the Island. Janet gave us an immediate challenge, to identify twelve birds



by their picture. Information flowed in a fun and informed manner which we all enjoyed. The prize for identifying the birds was won by Gwen Lauret, Joyce Reed and Judy Harrower, who each identified 10 of the 12 birds. Next came a test on bird sounds, Jackie Sylvester was the winner with 6

out of 10 correct. We promise to study harder for the next exam Janet.

Delicious refreshments were provided by Kirsten and Jackie as discussion and bird stories continued.

The regular meeting followed, opening with the ode, collect and O Canada. The president thanked the members involved in the Heart and Stroke Jump Rope at the school. Standing committee reports were given. Joyce Haines reported on the Pentland stone fence restoration which has approximately 100 feet near completion on the East wall with 125 volunteer hours in June. We hope to bring Bill Hedges back in July. The group is continuing work Thursday mornings at present.

Jackie Sylvester introduced the form for the 2006 Birthday calendar. Please fill them in and take them to the General Store or the W.I. Market table. It has been several years since the last Birthday Calendar, so join the fun.

The next BAKE SALE will be July 29 at the General Store @ 3:45. Celebrate the holiday with some W. I. baked goods.

Our summer outing was discussed with a date of July 20.

The meeting was brought to close and everyone took part in a plant exchange.

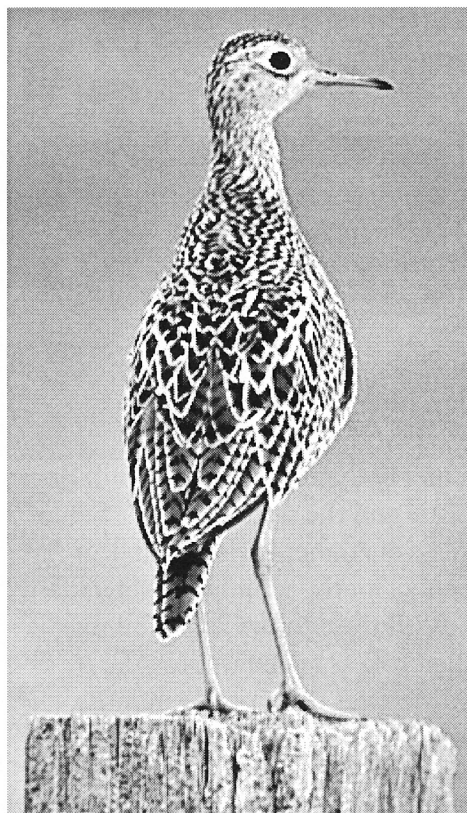
PS Watch for the Blue Hats!!

JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott



Have you seen the Black-bellied Plover on the South Shore Road? Thanks to Jackie Sylvester for making me aware that this bird was visiting and to Mary Liz and Jack Ellis for confirming the identity. As of July 4th, as I write, this handsome bird was



Upland Sandpiper

still hanging out at Wellbanks' farm on the South Shore Road.

The Black-bellied Plover nests on the arctic tundra and spends the winter along the Atlantic and Pacific shores of the U.S. and as far south as Brazil or Chile.

The average arrival here for this bird is early May and it returns by August 11. The return group usually is all adult birds who leave early and leave the nesting grounds to the young who follow later and drop in on the Island in mid-September and another group in late October.

Our visitor is a handsome adult with black face, breast and belly. He has contrasting snowy white rump and distinctive black and white feathers on its back.

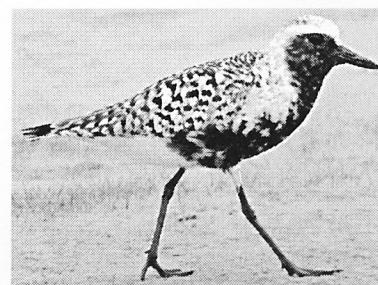
He is about 11 inches or 29 cm. in length, about Robin size. Mud flats and shorelines are the favoured habitat and sometimes they are seen on moist ploughed fields or wet grass.

Historical records show 200 being

seen in autumn of 1900 but usually smaller flocks are seen with 100 being reported on Amherst Island on October 26th, 1975.

Kingston Field Naturalists visiting the foot of the Island report a very good number of Wilson's Phalarope thriving around the fields and ponds. Our little flock is the largest nesting flock of Wilson's Phalarope east of the Manitoba Border. How or why they started nesting here is hard to discover but one would guess that just like our many new Islanders they dropped in to visit, liked the locale, loved the food and said "THIS IS FOR ME!"

In 1923 five were spotted and one shot. (That's how birders used to prove they had seen a rare bird.) Again Beaupre saw five in 1925 and 1926 on Amherst Island. No further records were reported until 1950 when one was seen at the Cataragui River and after that occasional singles were reported but did not fit a pattern. In 1973, 1974 and 1975 Phalaropes were reported on Amherst Island and when the birds defended their territory in 1980 naturalists could confirm nesting was taking place.



Black Bellied Plover

This is a showy little shore bird about 7-8 inches in length (24 cm) with a bold black stripe on its face and neck with the softest of gray on its head and back and a rich chestnut on the neck and shoulders. The sex roles are reversed and the female

defends the territory, and wears the bright colours. She lays the eggs and then abandons them, leaving the duller male to incubate and raise the young. They will be busy feeding along the muddy edges of the ponds and using their fine beaks to poke into the mud looking for tasty morsels.

Another sandpiper you may be seeing is a grassland one. The Upland Sandpiper prefers the grassy fields on Amherst Island and nests there. It flies with quick jerky flaps and then when it lands on a fence post it holds its wings closed and erect over its back before closing them to its side. It wolf whistles which is distinctive and appears to have a smaller head in proportion to its body. They regularly sit on posts along the Forty-foot north of St. Paul's and before the village.

As the summer progresses watch for a wide variety of shore birds to stop and feed up on Amherst Island before continuing their long flight to South America. With binoculars or even better a scope you can watch then feeding frantically along the mud flats.

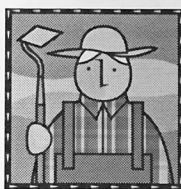
Good Birding

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

The number of pages in the Council documents for June was likely a record. There were several items important to individual Islanders - severances and zoning changes - but nothing that I could see of general interest. No news in politics is usually good news.

AMHERST ISLAND MEN'S SOCIETY



- Terry Culbert, Secretary

Twenty-two AIMS members attended the breakfast meeting

at St. Paul's Church Hall on Saturday, June 11th. Chairman Alan Kidd brought the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. He thanked Caroline Yull, Brian Little and the students of the Senior Class of Amherst Island Public School for the scrumptious breakfast.

With the Senior Class fulfilling their role as breakfast provider to AIMS over the past few months, it was pointed out that we are in need of a group or a person to take over the kitchen duties for July and August. John Kuti volunteered to fill this role and will donate, after expenses, the proceeds to the Vicki Keith Fundraiser Swim. Ross Haines volunteered to assist John with the kitchen duties.

Doug Williamson talked to the AIMS members about the 4H Harvest Festival that will take place mid to late September. Doug explained that the Harvest Festival is a great opportunity to highlight and celebrate people who don't usually get exposure. He will be looking for volunteer help closer to the Festival date.

Treasurer Jim Whitton was absent, but left his report stating the bank account is in good standing and the AIMS Wagon has been very successful so far this season. A letter of thanks will be sent to Tom Iverson of Classic Video, for all the donated DVD's and videos from his Kingston store.

Additional funds were raised for AIMS, derived from the collection

and selling of beer cans by Keith Miller and the sale of trees by Doug Martin. The AIMS membership appreciates Keith and Doug's contributions.

A couple of months ago, Tom Sylvester gave a successful talk on an old Island mystery murder. It was well received by a captive audience. The Neilson Store Museum can seat twenty-five people.

A new notice board has been installed on the west wall of the Amherst Island General Store.

Alan Glenn and John Kuti will be constructing a horseshoe pitch in the village park. They require four yards of sand, backboards and two sets of horseshoes. AIMS agreed to pick up the cost of material and horseshoes.

Elsie Densem, formerly of 14375 Front Road, now living at the Henderson Nursing Home, would appreciate visitors, according to her son-in-law Peter Moes. Peter is taking a break and heading north for the summer. Elsie would be delighted to have people drop by for a few minutes to say hello, if in the neighbourhood.

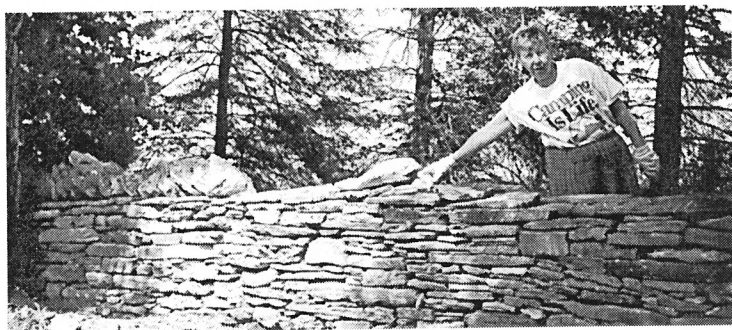
Vicki Keith/ Abram Brothers Concert: Dayle Gowan requires volunteers for the concert. AIMS members have been asked by the Stella Bella's to manage the food concession and garbage detail during and after the concert. Alan Caughey needs two electric golf carts to transport seniors from the parking lot to the concert site.

Women's Institute needs help rebuilding the east Irish dry-stone wall at Pentland Cemetery.

AIMS member John Wright spoke about a subject near and dear to his heart...PAINT! John worked for Alcan in Kingston for almost three

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RESTORATION OF EAST STONE FENCE AT PENTLAND CEMETERY



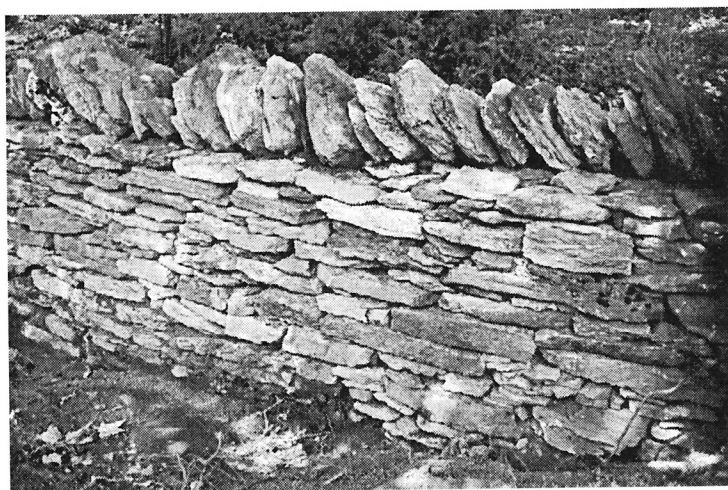
Left: Volunteer Stella O'Bryne puts the final 'cap stones' on a completed section.

Below left: Part of the finished wall.

Below: The old cedar post next to metal marker.

Restoration of the east fence in Pentland Cemetery began in early June and Mr. Bill Hedges was again instructing volunteers in the building of the fence. About a hundred feet was completed in four and a half days, but this time there was more excavation. Over the last eighty years surplus soil from the dug graves was put against this fence, then on top and eventually over the fence, burying the entire wall. Volunteers excavated down about two feet and on both sides and due to time constraints the bottom of the fence was not found. Mr. Hedges believes that this fence was the same height as the west wall.

During the excavation two old cedar posts were



unearthed which are parallel to the stone fence and large trees, and are most likely post from the original wooden fence erected when Pentland was designated a cemetery. They have been left exposed at this time. Large animal bones were found in the dismantling of the fence and it is known that workmen would bring their midday meal, usually dinner, to the worksite, and once finished with their meal would place the bones in the centre of the fence.

Story and Photos by Judith Harrower



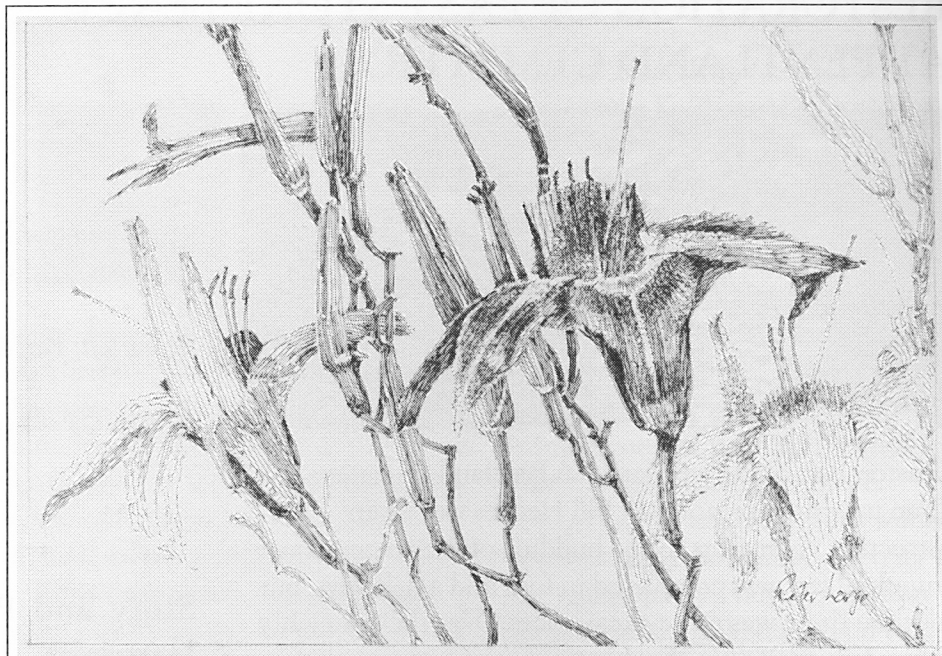
Everyone is invited to come and visit on Thursday mornings - you may even put a stone or two in the fence and volunteer time each week.

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decades as their chief chemist of coated products. A weather and exposure test rack, filled with paint samples not only adorns his yard on Amherst Island, but also the carport at his Florida residence. John gave a brief presentation on some of the basics of paint. It was condensed from a paper presented in Montreal, Toronto and Chicago in the '80s, which set out the principles of design for long-term architectural service.

Wet paint consists of, at a minimum, a resinous binder and coloured pigment particles. This is the case with classic, traditional "oil" paints, in which the binder is a vegetable oil. After application, the oil reacts with oxygen and becomes solid. Modern paints contain synthetic resin binders, which are dissolved in solvent, or dispersed in water, before blending with pigment. These resins may react with oxygen to complete film formation, (i.e. alkyd type), may form a film simply as a result of solvent evaporation, (lacquer type), or form a film by evaporation of water and coalescence of the dispersed resin, (latex type). Chemically pre-treated aluminum is probably the best, most stable substrate for paint. It was used to develop coating design principles as follows:

If clear, un-pigmented resin on pre-treated aluminum is exposed to sunlight, it appears unchanged for a while, then develops surface micro-cracks. Shortly thereafter, the entire film crumbles away. When the same resin is pigmented, this deterioration is confined to the topmost surface. Instead of crumbling away, a layer of loose pigment particles is released at the



Summertime...by Peter Large, SCA

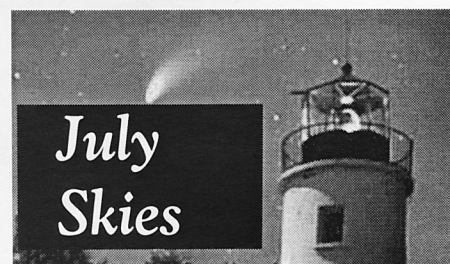
surface and the film gradually erodes away. Thus a clear resin, which may survive only two or three years in the un-pigmented form, will last for decades when pigmented white. Unfortunately, most of the time, our substrate is wood, and this presents a challenge. Clear finishes deteriorate even faster on wood because UV rays penetrate and destroy the underlying wood as well as the coating itself. John has been testing different resins and new UV-ray absorbers to make longer-lived clear coatings.

For a painted finish on wood, particularly old, weathered wood, John tested an epoxy pre-treatment, which was then used on the Neilson Store museum. The result was a painted finish on century-old wood that will tolerate pressure washing. It should be a very long time before the paint erodes to show-through. At that point, another coat will restore the appearance into the distant future.

Alan Kidd thanked John for his talk and Alan adjourned the meeting at 10:40

JULY SKIES

- Alan Kidd



July is here again, marking the second anniversary of this column. That also means stars are back to where we started so those of you thrifty enough to save your Beacons can use the map in those issues. For the rest of you – don't worry I still include a chart with this month's issue.

The brightest star in the summer skies is Vega in the constellation Lyra

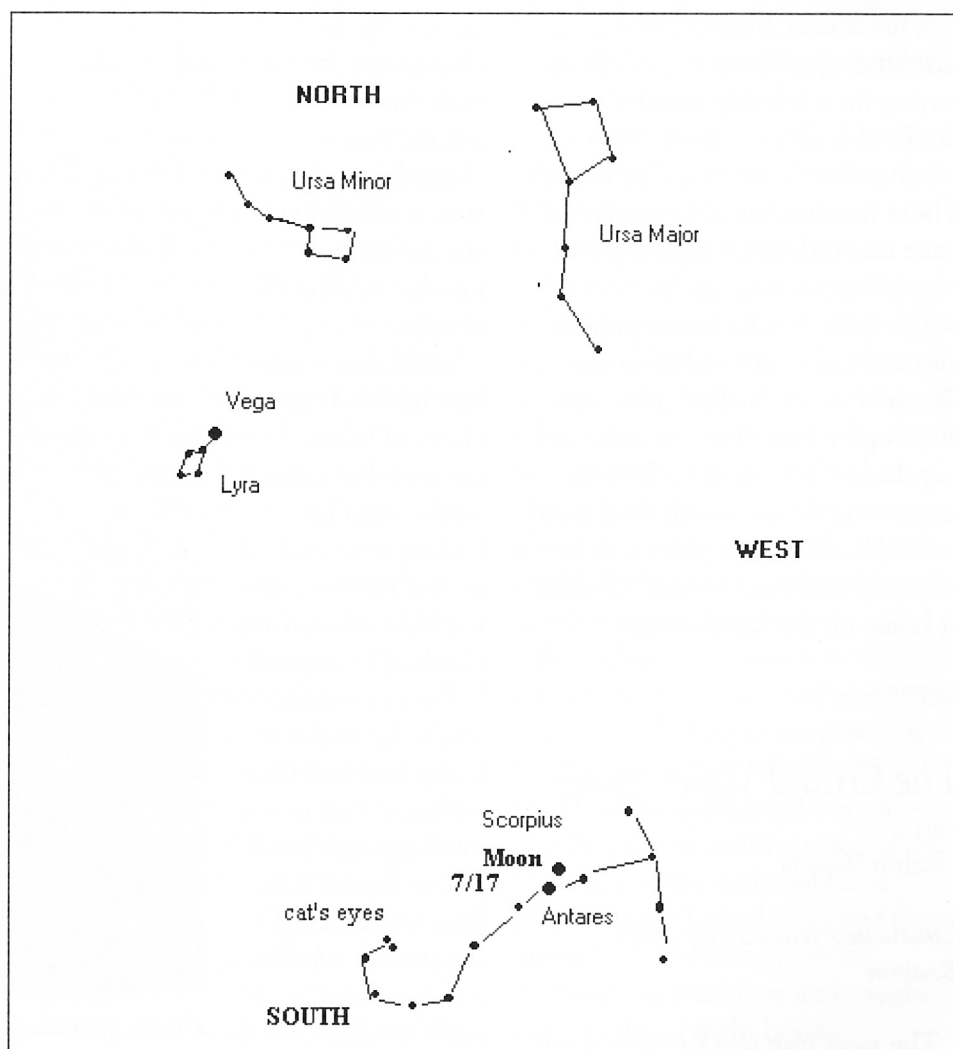
(the Lyre). This constellation is almost directly overhead at midnight during July. However, we will talk about another constellation that can only be seen during the summer months because it is low in the south. This is Scorpius, the Scorpion. The bright star in this constellation is Antares, which means rival of Mars, because of its orange red colour.

There are many riches in Scorpius besides Antares. Beta Scorpii, in the head of the scorpion is a striking double star when viewed by a small telescope. The other star marking the head is Delta Scorpii, a variable Star which means it changes in brightness. Right now it is almost twice as bright as ever before. Scorpius is located in the Milky Way, that is to say the band of star clouds which mark the centre of our galaxy. This means there are many star clusters to be seen in and around the constellation. Two big ones are M6 and M7 located in the tail of the Scorpion near two side-by-side stars (lambda and upsilon Scorpii) called the "Cat's Eyes"

Mercury is visible for the first part of July and can be found near to Venus, low in the western sky at Dusk. Saturn disappears behind the sun this month, but can still be glimpsed to the lower right of Venus and Mercury in the first few days of July.

Right now Mars is about as bright as Antares but it is in another part of the sky. It rises about 1 A.M. at the beginning of July and around midnight at month's end. Mars will continue to brighten until well into the Fall when it will be at the closest point to Earth in its two year orbit around the sun.

Jupiter is still high in the southwest at twilight, and contin-



ues to dominate the evening sky throughout the month.

The Crescent Moon makes a nice grouping with Venus and Mars on the evening of July 8th. The nearly full moon comes close to Antares on the night of July 17th.

The sketch shows the position of Scorpius in the July skies.

HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

This time of year one meets quite a few cyclists on the Island roads. I have noticed that almost always, if it is a mixed sex couple, the male is in the lead. I wonder if this observation is valid for large numbers of couples and,

if so, what does it mean.

Hay crops are between a third and a half of what we farmers would expect in a normal year.

The corn, small grains and soybeans are also suffering from lack of rain.

Denise Chong was a guest on Cross Country Check Up on July 3. She talked with host Ron McLean about her family's coming to Canada from China. Ms. Chong, who owns property on the South Shore, is the author of "The Concubine's Children".

A bit of rain, following some machinery problems, kept us from haying for a few days and I was finally able to visit the Neilson museum for the first time in a year. Those involved in this project have certainly done a good job of preserving some Island history.

Kyle (who kindly accompanied me) and I also stopped in to see Diana Harding Tucker's photography display. Her photo of some of our sheep made them look more interesting than I usually find them to be. We found the photos to be beautiful and they certainly looked at home on the Lodge walls.

The Grand Valley Ring

Part 2

- Ralph Woods

*Continued from June 2005
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The next task was to track down the families. E-mails were sent to England which were then forwarded to Shirley Stone of Picton who the correspondent had been assisting with some other research. When we spoke with Shirley Stone she said "I had no idea where Grand Valley was located". Through her internet expertise she contacted Cliff and Ann Johnson who started air cadets in Grand Valley, and she contacted the Grand Valley Library. The Johnsons and the library staff pursued the matter and soon found that the ring belonged to Wilfred Gordon Harris who had enlisted as a young married man and left Grand Valley for service overseas. Shirley Stone, through her capable

knowledge of obtaining information through the internet and a dogged determination tracked down the remaining families of all of the airmen.

Jim Harris, who had been a boyhood chum of mine, remained in Grand Valley until his Father, who worked on the railroad, was moved to Snelgrove north of Brampton. I often wondered where he might be living and had tried to locate him to no avail through local phone books. Last June we received a letter from a former teacher friend,

Isabelle Clark, with an enclosed article about Jim speaking last June 6th at the Shelburne Legion. She stated that I might know this chap since we were of the same vintage. With some Grand Valley help we tracked down his address and phone number. After calling, we had a reunion and a visit with Jim and his wife Twyla at their home in Barrie. Jim was very much looking forward to making the trip to France and being able to receive his brother's ring and to seeing where Gordon was buried. Tragically, Jim's health deteriorated and he died the end of January this year. Fortunately, Jim's daughters, Cindy Glassford, Debbie Bennett & Twyla-Mae Gibson were able to attend. Greg Dereske, a nephew of Gordon's, and his wife Jean as well as Bill Smith a



Photo provided by Ralph Woods.

very spry veteran of 84 and his daughter Maureen and grandchildren Paul and Catharine were part of the Grand Valley contingent of friends along with Elisabeth Emond, Beula and myself.

We arrived on the afternoon of May 6th and were accommodated in the convent called "La Source" which still had 30 residents. On May 7th we were taken by bus to the Canadian Military Cemetery at Bretteville-sur-Laize where wreaths were laid at the graves of the six airmen. Symbolic soil which we had received from Peter Van Gervin, the present owner of the Harris home, was placed on Gordon's grave. We were then taken to Juno Beach Memorial

by Nathalie Worthington Director of the Centre.

On the way back to Sees we stopped in the area where the last battle of Normandy was fought, named the "Corridor of Death" by the Germans. Major Currie of the Canadian forces was awarded the Victoria Cross for the leadership he gave in this campaign. Our own Bill Smith, a veteran and a close friend of Gordon's paid his respects at the memorial set up in this area. We then proceeded to the area where the Polish army joined forces with the Canadians. Arriving on the outskirts of Sees we had a preliminary stop at the memorial where the plane had gone down and a large memorial stone was placed nearby in commemoration of the six airmen.

On Sunday May 8th, the Canadian group gathered on the steps of the town hall where pictures were taken by the local newspapers. We then proceeded to the cathedral where a pontifical

mass, with music was celebrated by Monseigneur Jean-Claude Boulager, Bishop of Sees. Following the service was a parade under the auspices of his excellency the mayor of Sees, Jean-Pierre Pelletier, of the junior fire fighters; the flag bearers; Captain Claude Gauthier, Attaché at the Canadian Embassy in Paris; Robert Trudel, Counsellor, Quebec Delegation; Francine Ruest-Jutras, Mayor of Drummondville; Monique Begin; Yves Landry; and Mr Buvron and Cornevin; The Municipal Council of Sees, directors of local schools, colleges and high schools with the family and friends of the airmen. We were then taken by bus to the official unveiling of the memorial stone with many speeches and protocol of dignitaries. Following the unveiling we were brought back for a reception at city hall. During this closing event a letter of appreciation from John Oosterhof, Reeve of Grand Valley, was presented to the Mayor of Sees. The emotional climax of all the activities came with the return of the

ring from Mr. Buvron to Cindy Glassford who was accepting it on behalf the Harris family.

The town of Sees made a lasting impression on all of us by the efforts which they extended to make this a very memorable occasion.

An interesting footnote to this event, related to us by Shirley Stone, was that Chester Tugwell, her mother's second cousin, of Amherst Island, was made squadron leader of this air force unit in England, the 24 O.T.U (Operating Training Unit), about two months after this plane crashed and its crew were reported missing to their families.

Following the ceremonies we continued on a delightful motor car tour through the picture postcard countryside of Normandy and Brittany. We completed our enjoyable holiday by visiting some of the chateaux of the early nobles of France in the Loire Valley and then drove back to Paris where we dropped our rental car and caught our scheduled flight home.

Everyone Welcome at the Farmer's Market

- Jacob Murray

It's Saturday morning, the sun is shining, the birds are chirping, and you're wondering what to do with the guests who have stopped by for the weekend. In fine country tradition, Amherst Island has its very own Farmer's Market. The Market is held in Stella Park beside the old township sheds every Saturday during the summer from 9a.m. to noon. At the market you will find gift ideas, everything from handmade necklaces to homemade pet treats, to fundraising wares sold by AIMS, the Women's Institute and others. Refreshments are

available, including coffee, baked goods, sausages and other offerings.

The Farmer's Market also provides a good opportunity to become a member of Amherst Island Radio, CJA1 93.7 FM (requested call letters). Tom 'On-The-Air' Richmond will be available to answer questions and to take suggestions on music programming. The station now has over one hundred members.

I was born and raised on the Island, but have been gone for about six years. For me, the Market has been an excellent place to meet my new neighbours, and to become re-acquainted with all the wonderful islanders that I have missed. If my

time living in Kitchener and Kingston has taught me anything, it is to appreciate the value of the community that we have cultivated on Amherst Island.

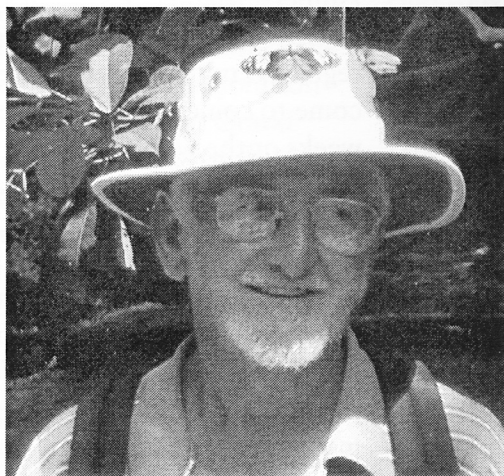
Although there seem to be a few regular vendors, all sellers are welcome to come out for one week, two weeks or the whole summer. No need to book your time, or pay any fees, just show up with something to sell (and a table to put it on, if necessary). The market is open rain or shine, however turnout will always be affected by the weather. Feel free to come out to shop, to browse, or just to say hi. Everyone welcome.

AIPS Senior Class Trip



Above: At The Laura Secord Monument. From left to right: Andrew LeBlue, Eva Kidd, Anna Kidd, Brooke Reid, Daniel Little, Fae MacArthur, Kaitlyn Aitkenhead, Ben Whitton, Codey Mayman, Katie Little, Melinda Laing

Below: Jim Whitton with hat decorations at butterfly conservatory.



June 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, the Senior Class at A.I.P.S. took their end-of-year trip to the Niagara Falls area.

Eight adults took eleven kids on one school bus, with one backup van. We stayed at Brock University residences, and visited Queenston Heights (Brock Monument, Laura Secord Memorial), the Welland Canal Lock #7 (saw a huge freighter go down the lock, and a lift bridge in operation) the first day. Day 2 was Niagara Falls itself, including the Awesome natural falls, the Butterfly Conservatory, the Maid of the Mist, the Walk Behind the Falls, and Clifton Hill, as well as a tremendous dinner out. Before coming home, we went to Niagara on the Lake, and saw Fort George, where the interpretive staff were great, and a little bit of cutesy main street shopping before starting for home. Everywhere on the Niagara Peninsula was green and beautiful, with wonderful gardens and parks.

The students who went were: Katie Little and Melinda Laing (gr. 8), Brooke Reid, Andrew LeBlue, Kaitlin Aitenhead and Ben Whitton (gr. 6) and Cody Mayman and Faye MacArthur (gr. 4). No, I didn't forget grade 7, we just don't have any this year.

Adult chaperones were: Mr. Scott Weaver, teacher, Janet Scott, teacher and bus driver, and parents Jim Whitton, Alan Kidd, Caroline Yull, Brian Little, Sandra Reid, and Shannon McFadden.

All the arrangements worked very well, even including the weather! (I wish I knew how to do that.)

Many thanks are due to the people who worked so hard to set this up: Scott Weaver, Janet Scott, and Lyn Fleming. We had an AWESOME trip – lots of fun, and lots of learning (who knew Mrs. Scott could get that kind of speed out of a school bus to catch the ferry home!?!)

2005



Above: On The Maid of the Mist. From left to right: Janet Scott, Alan Kidd, Anna Kidd, Fae MacArthur, Eva Kidd.

Right: Fae MacArthur on the "triangle of humiliation" at Fort George. Soldiers being punished would be tied to this, and scourged with a cat'o'nine tails by the 10 - 15 year old boys of the pipe and drum corps. Very humiliating!

Below: Ben Whitton, Fae MacArthur, staff person, Eva Kidd, Daniel Little, Anna Kidd

Below right: The whole gang sitting on a winch-pullery for the lift bridge just above Lock #7 on the Welland Canal.



Story and Photos by Caroline Yull

CO-OPERATION AND TEAMWORK

- Zander of DUNN INN

Let me share with you a story I told the children of our church. A king invited everyone in his kingdom to come to a banquet but they had to be on time. Everybody got ready and took off toward the palace - everyone except for two men who sat disconsolate by the side of the road.

When asked why he wasn't going to the king's palace for the banquet, the first man

replied that he had a broken leg. He could not walk fast enough to get there in time. The second man stated that he was not even trying to get to the king's banquet because he was blind. He knew he would never be able to find his way to the palace in time.

A stranger suggested a solution: the blind man should carry the crippled man on his back. In that way the cripple, who could see, could direct the blind man, who was able to walk without trouble, in the right direction. The two men decided to team up in that way. The blind man carried the crippled man, piggy-back, and they got to their destination in good time and enjoyed the great feast the king provided.

Each of us has some deficiency or handicap which might work against our success if we tried to do everything by ourselves. But when we pool our resources and share our

gifts, we find we can do things together that we would be unable to accomplish alone.

The sad thing is that there are some "lone-rangers" out there (many of them in the Christian ministry)



who try to run the whole show by themselves.

They take responsibility for everything. They claim ownership over so many things that there is little for anybody else to do. And if

"We have many talented people in this Island community."

they are unable to do the tasks by themselves they blame everybody else for not helping.

The solution is teamwork - combining our strengths and weaknesses so that we can be successful in getting things done.

If everything is all up to me, I know

I will fail - because I don't have the time or the skills or the patience or the strength to do everything.

But if I can join my talents and abilities to those of others then we, together, can get many things done.

Paul put it another way. He said we are like a body. Some of us are arms, some are legs, some are hands, some are feet, some are muscles etc. If one part says he is the whole body, that part of the body will fail. But if the arms and legs co-operate and join with the eyes and

ears, much good will get done.

Not only that, we need one another. The tongue may be an important part of the body, but it needs the muscles and nerves to function. The nose may be able to smell but it needs the ears to hear, the fingers to touch, the eyes to see and the tongue to taste so that all the senses will fully enjoy the things of God.

We have many talented people in this Island community. The good news is that often they co-operate and become teams to achieve objectives.

I think, for example, of the Women's Institute which came up with the idea of restoring the stone fences. They enlisted men and women who came together as a team to beautify the Island. Their success may not be carved in stone, but it's as lasting as any stone edifice can be - a tribute to teamwork!

Silver Maple Tree Tops Cottonwood

- Bill Harris

Our search for the largest tree on Amherst Island continues with the help of Islanders who telephone me their suggestions.

In 2003 we recorded a 32 inch

diameter
White Oak

on the eastern end of the island as our largest tree. Then in 2004 we were led to a Cottonwood on the west side of the island on the 3rd

concession that was 75 inches in diameter.

This year we have a new champion tree, one that almost broke the Ontario record! The tree is in plain view, beside the home of

Laurie McEwen and Dave Willard at 600 South Shore Rd. The tree is a Silver Maple, *Acer Rubrum*, that measures 77.7 inches in diameter, or 197 cm. To obtain the diameter, we measured the circumference of the

tree at 130 cm above the ground.

In this case the circumference is 620 cm.

The record Silver Maple in Ontario is 208 cm in diameter in Southwold Township in Elgin

County, which is in southwestern Ontario. The Silver Maples have the largest diameters of the maple family in Ontario.

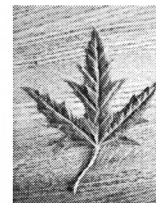
Canada's flag flies the leaf of the official Canadian tree, the Sugar

Maple. The largest Sugar Maple is 191 cm, titled the Comfort Maple, located near Pelham in the Niagara Peninsula.

The Comfort Maple Conservation Area conserves what is widely believed to be the oldest and finest Sugar Maple tree in Canada. Located in the Town of Pelham, this 500 year



The Silver Maple as seen from South Shore Road.



The leaf of the Silver Maple has distinctive deep indentations.

old tree towers about 80 feet at its crown with a trunk circumference of 6 metres (20 feet) and symbolizes Canada's strength and tradition. Dating back to land purchase by the Comfort family in 1816, this 0.2 hectares (0.5 acre) area is protected for its historical and biological significance and is managed by the NPCA.

GREETINGS FROM HARARE, ZIMBABWE

- John Schram, Ambassador

The Amherst Island Women's Institute should be justly proud. With a modest financial contribution and substantial moral support, they have helped the Zimbabwe YWCA to train some of the poorest of young women in one of the most deprived areas of Harare. Yesterday, amidst a government campaign to destroy informal traders and shelters which has all but ruined many of the poorest of this country, three of us from the embassy participated in a remarkable cheque-handover ceremony which brought hope to

some very discouraged people.

The attached photographs show that the affair was a happy one for all - plenty of sincere speeches of gratitude and some very happy smiles and superb music from 45 YWCA students, most of them young women, all of them trainees in cutting and design or hotel and catering courses. Most of these students have lost their parents, many from HIV AIDS. Many, too, are responsible for raising their brothers and sisters. Without the YWCA, they and their families would have very bleak prospects indeed.

The ceremony itself was organized

by five remarkable women, senior executives in the local and regional YWCA. Elsie Willard and Molly Stroyman met at least one of them, YWCA General Secretary Sheila Matindike, when they were here in Harare two winters ago. In their remarks, the 'Y' leaders said that the WI contribution will be used to repair the kitchen, the roof, the baths and the classrooms where the young people are trained. They expressed the hope that this could be the beginning of a long association with the women of Amherst Island, not just for

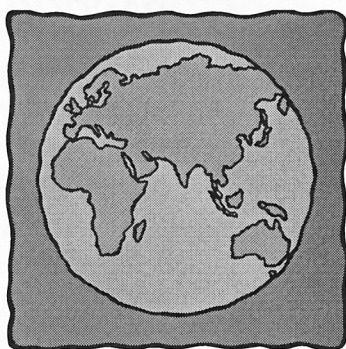
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GREETINGS FROM HARARE, ZIMBABWE

financial support, but for exchanges and moral support. As the women and students sang, danced and told of their gratitude, it was encouraging indeed to know that Amherst Island in Canada had brought such enthusiastic joy to the YWCA teachers, leaders and young people in one of the poorest areas of Harare, Zimbabwe.

The Women's Institute contribution has not only helped the 'Y' in



its women's work, but has put the message across in very difficult times here, that Canadians care about ordinary Zimbabweans; that there is

support available for organizations like the YWCA who have the commitment and initiative to help real people, and that the 'Y' women are not alone in what must often seem a hopeless fight to help those so badly affected by government excess, by poverty and by AIDS.

The Canadian embassy was proud to be there on your behalf. Many, many thanks for giving us and Canada that opportunity.

See photos from Mr. Schram in the August issue of The Beacon.

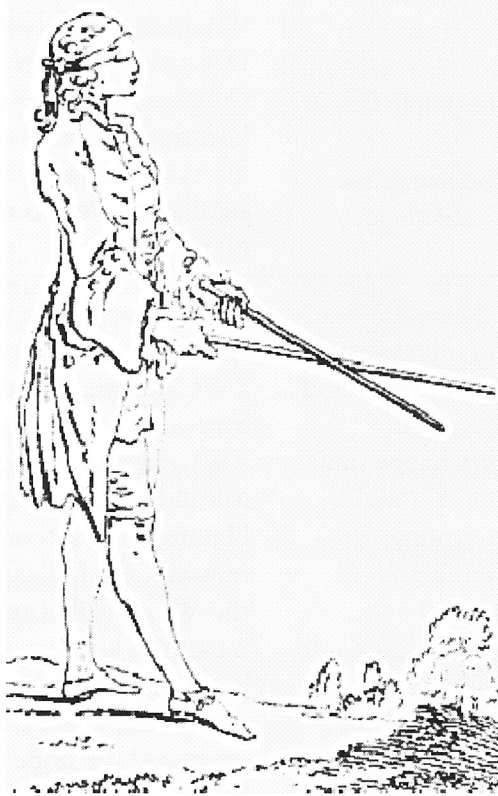
Dowsing: Myth or Fact

Dowsing has been described by some as the "The Art of Discovering" and by others as nonsense, superstition and witchcraft.

On Friday, July 22nd commencing at 10:00am, a "Dowsing Workshop" will be held in Pentland Cemetery on Amherst Island.

Dowsing has been used for centuries, pictographs located in Libya date back 8,000 years, to locate water, coal, gold, artifacts and in cemeteries the location of bodies. Dowsers have

used Y-shaped rods, "Divining rods", made from either metal or a supple tree branch.



willow is thought to be the best, a pendulum, a wand, or angle rods.

The angle rods may be as simple as using a coat hanger and others use brass rods both shaped into an "L" shape. The shorter ends are held loosely in both hands with the longer section pointing straight ahead. The hands are held a body's width apart and parallel to

each other. As one walks over an area a "dowsing response" will occur by the rods crossing or the end of the

"Y" branch pointing downwards. This will indicate the presence of water or metal pipes, bodies or for what ever object one is dowsing.

The Workshop will be hosted by Mr. Glen George and his associate both from the Gananoque area, who were here in 2004. This Workshop is to provide interested Islanders with a chance to learn how to dowse and for the sceptics to come and have their own opinions confirmed or dispelled.

Cost for the day-long workshop is \$25.00, and space is limited due to the individual instruction. Bring a lunch and drinks. The Cemetery is shaded but you may wish to bring a hat and if you wish coat hangers.. At the same time volunteers will be working on the Stones Fences and you may learn how the fences were constructed.

Come out and experience something that is different and unique right here on the Island. For more information call Judith Harrower at 384-0435.

THANK YOU NOTES



ANOTHER GREAT CANADA DAY!!

The Amherst Island Recreation Association would again like to thank everyone who helped make our Canada Day celebrations so successful.

Thanks to everyone who took time to harness a team, decorate a float, golf cart, lawn mower, bike or wagon and everything in between! To those who polished a car or fire truck; to the moms and dads that walked with the kids; the ladies serving strawberries; Loyalist Township councillors Bill Lowry, Duncan Ashley, Carl Bresee & John Ibey and all who rode on floats and wagons - your participation was greatly appreciated. To what looked like at least 100-150 spectators (WOW!) in the Village - thanks. Our parade gets better and better every year and it is all because of the participants and spectators. Thanks to all who adapted to the change in the parade route and those who moved cars off the road to make it easier!

Special thanks to the A.I. Emergency Services for their participation, help and for being on standby during the fireworks (and for stopping a small grass fire from becoming a big one!); to Ange Fleming and Crystal Bedford for their help at the food and drink table and of course Canazon Fireworks for another great show - despite the wind. Many, many

thanks to Candace Youell for stepping up and taking on the kids games at the last minute as well as the bike judging and prizes for the kids.

We hope everyone enjoyed their Amherst Island Canada Day as much as we enjoy putting it on.

Members of the A.I.R.A.

from Legion Branch 623 (at Millhaven). The Legion has pledged \$200 per year to the upkeep of the Cenotaph garden, which has meant that the garden now boasts tulips in the spring and red and white geraniums all summer (see photo). Thanks to Legion #623 for



Amherst Island Cenotaph Garden

AMHERST ISLAND CENOTAPH GARDEN (pictured above)

Many of you are familiar with the Cenotaph near the front entrance to the Amherst Island Public School. This is a stone memorial bearing a plaque with the names of Islanders killed during the Boer War, WWI and WWII. It was built by the Amherst Island Legion Branch around 1956, and a small garden was added in 1995 to accommodate a gift of tulip bulbs from Holland on the 50th anniversary of VE day. Unfortunately this garden had become neglected after our local Legion branch closed down a few years ago.

The good news is that the garden lives again! - thanks to some local TLC and a very generous donation

all of their support!

Lynann Whitton
WI CALENDAR 2006

Make sure to get your name on the 2006 Amherst Island birthday calendar.

Deadline August 1st.

Drop off your form or info at:
The Island Market W.I. Booth
The box at the A.I. General Store
or mail to

14005 Front Road, Stella, ON, K0H 2S0

Send in names and Island birthdays.

Include a contact name and phone number.

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ART ENTRY DEADLINE
MONDAY AUGUST 29TH

Submit your art entry for the 2006 Birthday Calendar. All ages are invited to participate. Get all the

details at the W.I. Island Market Booth, or by calling 389-1320 or 389-0636.

There will be an art exhibit/calendar launch at the Lodge on November 12th.

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WATERSIDE PRESENTS CLASSICAL ENJOYMENT FOR AUGUST

The Waterside Summer Series continues its summer series of five concerts in August with two very different classical offerings.

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The Trio Chanteclair, on August 6 at St. Paul's Church at 7.15 p.m., presents an evening of instrumental dances, folk songs and some traditional lieder. Pianist Thomas Davidson combines with his wife Soprano Tracy Davidson and KSO Clarinet Principal Gordon Craig to weave together music of Franz Schubert and Manuel de Falla, Beethoven and Mozart.

The audience will also enjoy music by the French composer Claude Debussy and the American George Gershwin with tunes that include favorites Summertime and Tee-Oodle-Um-Bum-Bo.

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At St Paul's Church on August 20 at 7.15 p.m., a newly formed baroque quintet presents its first

concert. The quintet has been formed under the leadership of Donelda Gartshore, KSO Principal Flute, with Queen's colleague, harpsichordist Aurora Dokken, John Edwards from Ottawa on lute and theorbo, Torontonians Laura Jones on cello and Viola da Gamba and soprano Sarah Gartshore from Chicago.

The Quintet's program will include Baroque standards from composers such as Van Eyck, Frescobaldi and Purcell. Following intermission the quintet will delight further with Purcell's Summer Songs, Clara



Schumann's Trio for flute, cello and piano, and John Cage's Wonderful Widow of Eighteen Strings.

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Tickets are still available for both concerts at \$15 each. They can be reserved by calling 613 384-2153, or subject to availability (telephone ahead to learn the status), purchased at the door at 6.45 p.m. on the day of the performance.

[Pictured above:
639 Chanteclair, August 6, Tom Davidson left, Tracy Davidson and Gordon Craig on right.
Waterside2:
12 Toronto's Laura Jones also performing in Baroque and Beyond
August 20th

OPEN HOUSE

There will be an Open House at 10776 Front Road, home of Don and Pauline Pepper, to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary . . . come join us July 23rd from 2 - 5 pm.

Refreshments will be served.

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Talk to Candace at the Store for further information.

GARDEN PARTY

St Paul's Presbyterian Church
11:00 -3:00 July 30th

Come one and all to the 57th Annual Garden Party, Saturday July 30th from 11-3. We will have a great selection of baked goods and candies, a flea market/plant/produce table, barbecued hot dogs and burgers, and an auction of all things wonderful at 2:00.

There will also be an Island history exhibit and a tea room – plus activities for the kids to enjoy and a half hour of free babysitting for the little ones.

No dogs please.

TRANSFORM OUR SCHOOL SURROUNDINGS (TOSS)

Update:

In last month's Beacon I mentioned how we have formed a committee to landscape the area around the school/community centre. We need ideas and so we have surveyed the children, teachers, and parents. Now it is your

turn to have a say! You should have received a survey form through a household mailing. Please fill it out and drop it off at the Whitton house - there is a collection box on the porch or just leave it in the newspaper box out front.

Thank you!

Lynann Whitton

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Peter Bigras

DEB KIMMET

Just back from their inter-consessional tour of London, Paris, Moscow and Odessa, Kimmett and her Saturn will touch down at the Napanee Lion's Hall on July 21st, 2005 at 8 pm.

Two years ago Kimmett performed 'North of Normal' at the Lion's Hall for Napanee's Interval House.

Anyone who saw the show will remember how their jaws ached after the 90 minutes of hilarious material. With only a chair and her hot flashes to keep her warm, she regaled us with the trials and tribulations of moving from Toronto to Amherst Island.

Now she's back! OUT STANDING IN HER FIELD is a mixture of new and familiar characters, a guest or two, some satirical commentary on the medical system and the latest scuttlebutt about life on Amherst Island. Who does not pay as they throw? Chocolate bar sales Sponsorship scandals.

She will update you on what happened at a recent family reunion. "Not my family reunion. They won't let me come anymore", Kimmett quips.

All joking aside, she has played to sold out houses at the infamous Second City, and was a featured comedienne on Lorne Elliot's "Madly Off in All Directions" on CBC's Radio One in 2004.

The Art McGinn Memorial Fishing Derby was a great success again this year. About 70 ticket holders joined the competition with lots of family members visiting Susan McGinn's. Staci Gibson won the prize for largest catch.



Logo by Vicki Keith-Munro

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

AIRBI is planning a fundraising BOOK SALE on AUGUST 6th, at THE LODGE, 320 McDONALDS LANE. This will run from 8:30AM to 2PM. Book donations are being sought. Please phone Tom or Rosemary at 634-1855 to coordinate pickup. More details to follow in the next Beacon and via post.

If you have more information on any of the older photographs appearing in this or any other issue of the Beacon, please write or phone us at our Global Headquarters.

Ian's number is (613) 389-3802

-Who is in the photo?

-Where was it taken & by whom?

-What was the occasion?

Thank you! Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

NEWS From the GENERAL STORE

We've got some great new releases in right now:

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 RACING STRIPES
 BLADE TRINITY – Wesley Snipes
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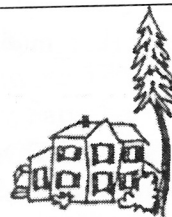
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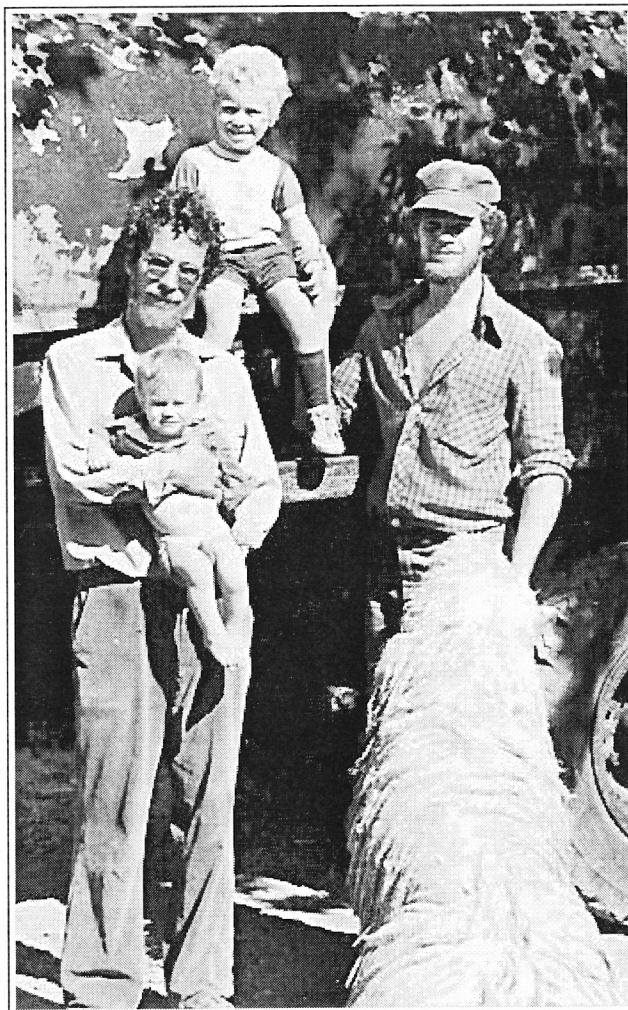


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Just a single photo for The Foot this month. Pictured are Island kids Jake and Kyle Murray, Chris Kennedy (holding Kyle) and Kevin Kilpatrick. The dog's name is Bear and the photo was taken in the summer of 1985.

