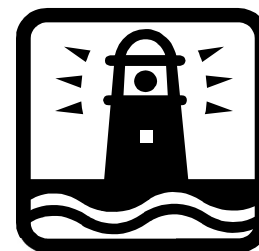


Amherst Island Beacon



Issue 469 There's always another boat. May 2019

A Note from the Editor

Well it has been a busy month. I want to thank the people who have sent me emails, submissions to The Beacon. This is the first month in a year that I have received so many submissions for the Beacon. Often, you know, I get my pics and stories off of Facebook but it is much nicer getting submissions from you. I thought spring/summer was here but it's still very cool and damp out. there have been some sunny days. The water is rising. Please send me more pics and submissions to me for next month's Beacon. Have a good month. See you next time.

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AIMS Minutes 13 Apr 2019

By Kirk Corkery

A total of 15 members were in attendance. President Dave McGinn had issued a notice that this meeting was "urgent (almost an emergency)" in an attempt to get more people out to our Sat morning breakfasts. Members were reminded that the financial breakeven point for meetings is 20 people.

President Dave thanked the ISLE team (collectively introduced as the Forester Clan) for providing breakfast. Devin thanked the members for their support and assistance. He said he was looking forward to his class trip to Niagara Falls.

President Dave then introduced Andrea Cross who had joined us for breakfast and wished to pass along information about an upcoming event.

Dry Stone Canada Festival – Andrea provided the following details about the event scheduled for 14-15 September on the island.

- The location of the Festival will be the Lodge grounds with satellite events happening at:
 - Back Kitchen – we are proposing to construct a permanent wood-fired bread pizza oven built the week before the Festival by professional wallers led by Ken Curran from Ireland....
 - Legacy Feature - waterside seating area near the shoreline at The Lodge – to be built by professional wallers from UK, Ireland, US and Canada
 - Curved Retaining Wall Feature Workshop on Lodge Property
 - Stone Carving Workshop – led by Danny Barber, who has been and continues to be involved with the Parliament Buildings restoration work
 - Poplar Dell – heritage restoration workshop at Poplar Dell
 - This Initiative is part of a long-range plan to create Amherst Island as a cultural heritage

destination – “a go to place” - site that will feature ongoing restoration AND creation of new dry stone structures; where we hold dry stone & carving workshops; demonstrations; and eventually create a dry stone education centre linked with Ireland.

- We are expecting around 2,000 people to visit the Island this year. The event is free to the public – including themed Irish/Celtic entertainment, guided tours, demonstrations, displays, and children’s workshops.
- Dry Stone Canada will be seeking people interested in volunteering and being billet hosts for visiting wallers, musicians and VIPs; offering assistance to the Back Kitchen for food service (the Back Kitchen will be hired to provide all food).
- VIPs include wallers from Scotland, Ireland, the US and across Canada plus we have invited the Irish ambassador Jim Kelly and his wife Anne, and we have been in touch with Jane Urquhart who is interested but whose husband is recovering from heart surgery and I am to get back in touch later in April. She really wants to return.
- We are also inviting members of the Board of the Irish Foundation in Toronto. Two members of Parks Canada Signal Hill Historic Site will be attending as they are interested in perhaps having a Festival at their site in a couple of years. We have even been contacted by people in France who want to attend!
- Dry Stone Canada is seeking a letter of support for the festival from AIMS as part of their fund raising efforts.

The members were pleased to provide the requested support and Dave Pickering volunteered to draft a response for President Dave to sign.

Members were also asked to mark the event in their calendars and to let others know about it.

Minutes – Previous minutes as distributed were accepted. Motion by Marc Raymond/Bill Burnett – Carried

Finances – Treasurer Dave Pickering reported that we currently have assets of about \$1431 as of the end of this meeting.

Flowers – Convenor Richard LaPointe advised that we have been approved for a grant of \$1000 as requested. He highlighted that in future we

must submit by Dec 1st and that missing a year means we get treated as a new requestor. It was also highlighted that other funds may be available from County committees. Dave McGinn, Marc R and Dave P all volunteered to set up the garden at the museum. It was noted that AIMS volunteered to manage the garden at the museum for the town provided that they paid for the flowers. More discussion with the town may be required on this issue. Richard highlighted the requirement this year to re-line the hanging baskets. It was also confirmed that the tractor is running satisfactorily. Some discussion about the use of fertilizer when watering ensued, and details will be posted for those involved with the watering.

Market Wagon – Marc circulated a sign-up sheet for wagon duty. He will post the list weekly (via email). He noted that he does not intend to go chasing people to volunteer this year nor will he be providing coverage when there isn’t a volunteer.

Market Sign – Dave noted that our market sign needs to be repainted. Kirk volunteered for the task.

Auction – The committee is to email out details as soon as possible. It was confirmed that with Labour Day being early this year the Auction will be held on Aug 31st (Sat of the Labour Day weekend).

Announcement – Dave Pickering announced that he had a new neighbour, Fred Lemaire from Iqaluit. He has been invited to join us but was unable to do so this week. He knows Amy Caughey and because of what he learned from her he and his partner, also an Amy, purchased the house next to Dave.

Adjournment – there being no other business, motion of Dayle Gowan/Dave Pickering to adjourn. Carried.

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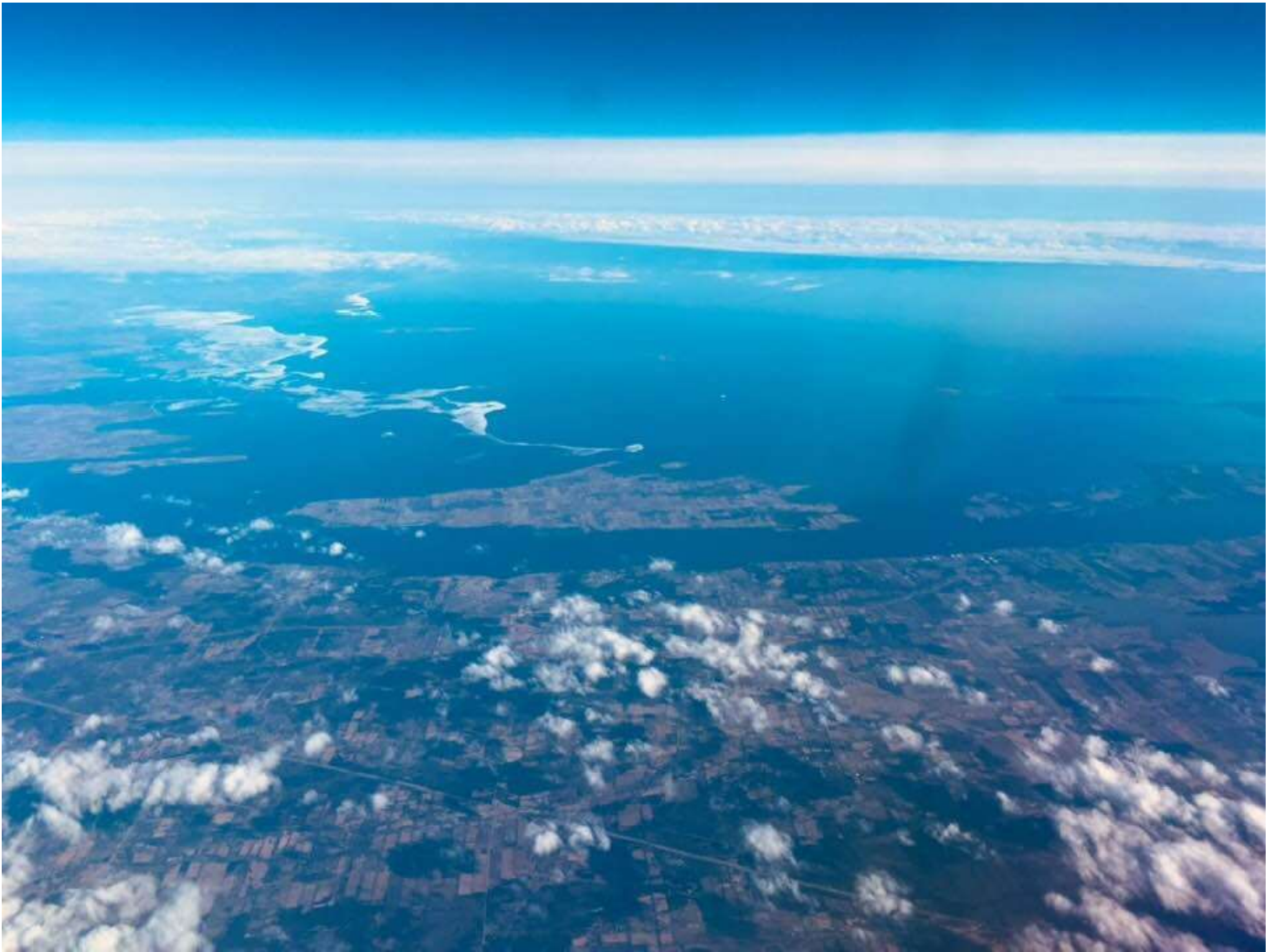
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Amherst Island from the air from a friend of Lorna Willis.

Below: Amherst Island School making custom flower planters.



School News

From Lynn Fleming

Michael Murray, Drew McGinn, and Nathan Murray all represented Amherst Island Public School at the Eastern Ontario Chess Challenge (Ontario Chess Championship Qualifier), over the weekend.

We are proud to say that Nathan and Drew each finished 4th in their respective divisions. Mike got a silver medal in his division, and will move on to the provincial championship tournament next weekend in Mississauga.



The Amherst Island Public School osprey is back first part of April from Brenda VanAlstine

Animal Friends



A brand-new baby lamb from Brooke Reid



Lambing at Topsy



**A newborn calf
from Brooke Reid**



**Topsy Farm Lambing May 12 to
June 9th**



**First frog of the
season from Pat and
Craig Harris-Vincent**



Above: Horses from Lance Eves
Below: Frolicking lambs at Topsy Farm from Brian Little

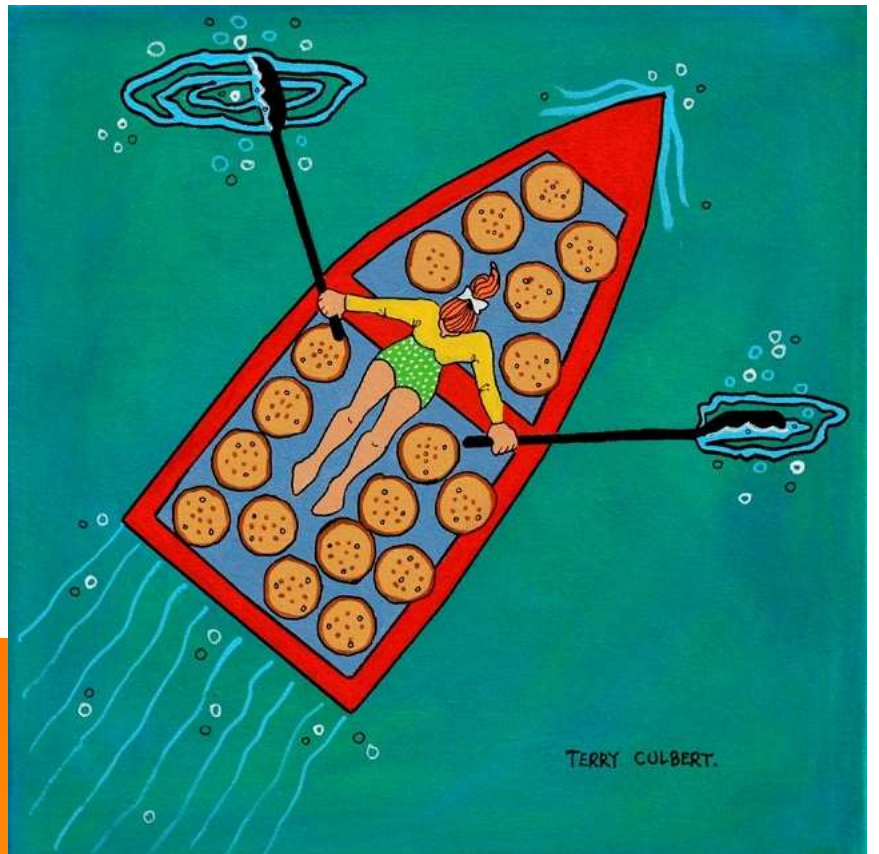




Brian Little



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Everyone loves the art of Terry Culbert





This could have been 'Animals' OR 'Art' by Brian Little

**I am calling
this painting
done. We
probably
won't ever see
water fences
again so this
one from 1991
that was so
prettily
decorated by
wind and icy
water seemed
worth
recording for
the special
moments I like
to paint.**

**By Shirley
Miller**





Art Snowy Egret, Rio Dulce, Guatemala from Woody Woodiwiss

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Amherst Island Women's Institute Medical Equipment Loan Cupboard (wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, bath seats, grab rails, commodes, raised toilet seats). Donations of used equipment in good condition also welcome. Call Sharen English (613)384-6535.

Topsy Farms has fall lamb frozen lamb cuts; great raw honey by bees (with help from Dave Meikle and Kyle Murray)

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**Yes, there IS a goose nesting
in a tree on South Short Rd**



Dear friends of good music,
you are invited to a **Bach Haus concert**

Sunday afternoon May 19, 2019 at 4 pm (note the change of time):

The Élan Trio

Frédéric-Alexandre Michaud *violin*

Eliana Zimmerman *cello*

Ylan Chu *piano*



Sonata in G major, BWV 1021

- i. Adagio
- ii. Vivace
- iii. Largo
- iv. Presto

Trio élégiaque no. 1 in G minor, op. post.

Old Photographs (from *Constantinople*)

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- ii. Otoño Porteño (Buenos Aires Autumn)
- iii. Invierno Porteño (Buenos Aires Winter)
- iv. Primavera Porteña (Buenos Aires Spring)

We look forward to hearing Bach, Rachmaninov, Hatzis and Piazzolla.

As usual, we will have appetizers before and dinner after the concert.

Due to another event on Amherst Island, the music starts 1 hour later at 4:30. If you wish to bring your favourite drink / dish, please only food ready for the Table! Thank you!! For the continuation of Bach Haus concerts we greatly appreciate donations and \$ 20 per person at the door!

Please reserve your seat (613 389 3525 or brockhau@queensu.ca)

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The *Élan Trio* was established after a meeting at the Scotia Festival of Music in 2018. Frédéric-Alexandre Michaud (violin), Eliana Zimmerman (cello), and Ylan Chu (piano) bring a wealth of experience via their individual careers. Their collaboration seeks to integrate the canonic European repertoire with classical music from other traditions, paired with North American contemporary compositions. They are currently based in Ottawa and Montréal.

Frédéric-Alexandre Michaud is a conductor and violinist from Gaspésie, Eastern Québec. He recently completed a Master's degree in Violin Performance at McGill with Alexander Read. Michaud's musical engagements included founding and conducting Orchestre Intemporel where he collaborated with celebrated musicians such as Philip Chiu, Alexander Read and Kerson Leong. He is used to leading different roles on stage as a violinist playing classical, baroque and improvised music.

Eliana Zimmerman recently completed her studies in modern and baroque cello at McGill University's Schulich School of Music with Matt Haimovitz and Susie Napper. Eliana began cello studies in public school orchestra in Nyack, NY at age nine, then joined the Manhattan School of Music Pre-College Division and New York Youth Symphony Chamber Program. She can be found in a range of musical scenarios throughout North America, and seeks to promote musical outreach and make "classical" music an approachable genre for all.

Ylan Chu is a Vietnamese pianist and chamber musician from Ottawa. She has performed in Canada, the United States, France, and Spain. She maintains an active teaching studio and is the RCM Centre Representative for Ottawa West. Ylan completed her Baccalaureate (*summa cum laude*) and Master in Music at the University of Ottawa, ARCT from the RCM, and DEPA from the Université de Montréal. She is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Music in Piano Performance at the Université de Montréal with Paul Stewart.

Blast from the Past

Ralph Morrow's Obit Collection:

1963

MCCORMAC - At the House of Providence, Tuesday, December 24, 1963, William McCormac, in his 91st year, beloved husband of the late Sarah Dempster, and dear father of Wilfred and Mrs. Edmund Bongard (Lois), both of Stella.

Rested at the W. Vernon Lindsay and Son Funeral Home until Thursday morning, thence to the residence of his son Wilfred McCormac, Stella for funeral service in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Friday, December 27 at 2 p.m. Interment in Glenwood Cemetery.

1970

GLENN, W. Arthur - Suddenly at his home, Hobart, Indiana, on Saturday, July 4, 1970, William Arthur Glenn, formerly of Amherst Island, in his 70th year; beloved husband of Louise Charbonneau; dear father of Mrs. Melvin Waite (Elaine), Gary, Indiana; and Leslie, Oakland, California; brother of Mrs. John Morrow (Annie), Kingston; Eve M. and Edna, both of Amherst Island and Fred, Gary, Indiana. Resting at the Reese Funeral Home, Hobart, for service on Wednesday, July 8, at 1 p.m. Interment Calumet Park Cemetery, Gary, Indiana.

1975

DRUMGOOLE - In loving memory of a dear grandfather, Hugh Drumgoole, who passed away April 23, 1975. Time may heal the broken heart, Time may make the wound less sore, But time can never stop the longing For the loved one gone before. - Sadly missed by Rob Garrah.

TAYLOR, John (Jick) Joseph - At Rideaucrest on Tuesday, October 14, 1975, Jack Taylor beloved husband of Mary Catherine Lambert, dear father of Mrs. Therese Revell and the late Hartnett Taylor, dear brother of James Taylor and Mrs. A. Potter (Isabelle), lovingly remembered by grandsons Benedict and Luke Revell. Resting at the James Reid Funeral Home, Princess Street, opposite Sydenham Street. Funeral Mass in St. John the Apostle Church, Thursday, October 16 at 9:30 a.m. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. Friends will be received Tuesday 7-9 and Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

KEARNEY, Mariam Jane - On Sunday, October 26, 1975, Miriam McGinn, beloved wife of the late David Kearney, dear mother of Mrs. A. White (Alice), Arthur, Gerald, Mrs.. C. Mahoney (Jean), all of Kingston; Mrs. Ruth Douglas of Meaford; Mrs. Edward Collins (Edna) of Plattsburgh; Mrs. Bud Sparring (Mary) of Courtright; Mrs. Gerald Bosancich (Laurine) of Oshawa; Donald of Belleville; predeceased by Doris, John and Wallace. Resting at the Robert B. Cullen Funeral Home, 529 Palace Road. Funeral Mass will be held in Holy Family Church, Weller Avenue on Wednesday, October 29, at 10 a.m. Interment St. Bartholomew Cemetery, Amherst Island. Visitors will be received on Tuesday, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

McDERMOTT, Orval (Tricky) - Suddenly at his late residence, Sydenham, on Wednesday, December 10, 1975, Orval (Tricky) McDermott, in his 76th year, son of the late Patrick and Mary McDermott, dear brother of Mrs. Ernest Warmington (Evelyn), of Barriefield; Mrs. Reta Bustard of Collins Bay; Mrs. Charles Dowdell (Lillian), Mrs. Murle Boudreau of Kingston; Mrs. Gladys Marino, Mrs. Vera Krammer, Mrs. Wayne Beebee (Lena), of Watertown, N.Y.; Mrs. Ray Fitzgerald (Elsie) of Cape Vincent, N.Y.; Bert McDermott of Detroit, Michigan. and Leon McDermott of England; dearest friend of Isabel McTavish of Sydenham. Resting at the Lindsay Funeral Home, Sydenham, for Funeral Service on Saturday, December 13 at 11 a.m. Interment Point Alexander Cemetery, Wolfe Island. Friends will be received from 2-4 and 7-4 p.m.

POTTER, Alex - At the Hotel Dieu Hospital, on Sunday, December 14, 1975, Alex Potter, beloved husband of Isobel Taylor, dear father of Mrs. John Lacey (Audrey), Mrs. Shirley Ellieff, Elwood and Dell Potter of Kingston; lovingly remembered by grandchildren, Mrs. Ian Purcell (Colleen), Joanne, Ellieff, Tina and Dell Junior. Resting at the residence of his sons, Mill Street, Kingston Mills. Funeral Mass in Holy Family Church, Weller Avenue, Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. For further information phone Gordon F. Tompkins, 546-5454.

SPEERS, Samuel Deburgh - At the Ongwanada Hospital on Wednesday, December 3, 1975, Samuel

Deburgh Speers (formerly of RR 3, Collins Bay) in his 93rd year, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Speers, brother of Wellington Speers, Kingston; and Nelson Speers, Salt Lake City, Utah. Memorial service will be held at the Edith Rankin Memorial Church, 4080 Bath Road, Kingston, on Friday, December 5 at 1:30 p.m. Reverend Dr. Albert Burnside officiating with committal service and interment at Cataraqui Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Edith Rankin Memorial Church Fund.

WILLARD - In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather, Joseph, who passed away April 30, 1975.

One year has passed since that sad day,
When one we loved was called away.
God took him home - it was His will
Within our hearts he liveth still,
-Sadly missed and always remembered by daughter
Doris, son-in-law Nelson and family.

SPEERS, Alexander Wellington - At the Ongwanada Hospital on Wednesday, December 10, 1975, Alexander Wellington Speers (formerly of RR 3, Collins Bay), in his 97th year, son of the late Ellen Josephine Morrow, dear father of Mrs. Joy Inkster, Toronto; dear grandfather of Beverly, Dorothy, Beth and Cathy. Memorial Service will be held at the Edith Rankin Memorial Church, 4080 Bath Road, Kingston, on Friday, December 12, 1:30 p.m. Reverend Dr. Alfred Burnside officiating with Committal Service and interment in Cataraqui Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Edith Rankin Memorial Church Fund.

KEARNEY - A Memorial Mass for Mrs. Miriam Kearney will be celebrated at Holy Family Church, Weller Avenue at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 11, at the request of her children, Mrs. Arthur White (Alice), Arthur, Gerald, Mrs. Charles Mahoney (Jean), all of Kingston, Mrs. Rutt Douglas, Meaford; Mrs. Edward Collins (Edna), Plattsburg, New York; Mrs. Earl Sparling (Mary), Courtright; Mrs. Jerry Bosancich (Laurine), Oshawa; Donald, Belleville; a dear sister, Mrs. Maude Ruttan and a dear sister-in-law, Mrs. Ellen McGinn. Friends of the the family are respectfully invited to attend.

WEMP, Seaver - Suddenly at his late residence, Stella, Amherst Island, on Sunday, July 27, 1975, Seaver Wemp, beloved husband of Emily Corke and dear father of Cedric (Ted) and Raymond, both of Amherst Island and beloved grandfather of Elisa, Steven, Beverley and Mark, dear brother of Russell of Sandhurst. Resting at the James Reid Funeral Home, Cataraqui, Counter Street at Highway No. 2. Visiting hours 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral will take place from St. Alban's Anglican Church, Stella, approximately 2:15 p.m. Tuesday. Interment Glenwood Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

1976

WHITE, Wellington Robert (Bob) - Accidentally on Saturday, January 17, 1976, Robert (Bob) White, late of RR 3, Kingston, Clark Road, beloved husband of Noreen Lila Hughes, dear father of Donald, Debbie, Dougy and Darell, dear brother of Mrs. K. Loucks (Mary), Burlington; dear son of Mrs. John Reid (Ella) and the late Gale White, dear grandfather of Nicole. Resting at the James Reid Funeral Home, Cataraqui Chapel, Counter Street at Highway No. 2. Funeral Service in the Chapel, Wednesday, January 21 at 11 a.m. Interment Cataraqui Cemetery. Friends will be received Monday and Tuesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

CHOWN, Miss Myrtle E. - At St. Therese Nursing Home, Ottawa, on Monday, April 5, 1976, Miss Myrtle Chown, beloved daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Chown, dear sister of the late Mrs. Reg Instant (Mabel), Mrs. Pearl Fillion, William Chown, Rupert Chown, George Chown and Lockhart Chown; dear aunt of Mrs. K. Cawdron, Toronto; Mrs. H. Sharpe (Estella), Kingston; Miss Norma Chown, Montreal; Roger Chown, Montreal; Desmond Chown, Toronto; William Chown, Cleveland; and Jack Instant, Kingston. Resting at the James Reid Funeral Home, Cataraqui Chapel, Counter Street, at Highway No. 2. Funeral Service in the Chapel, Wednesday, April 7 at 1:30 pm. Interment Glenwood Cemetery, Amherst Island. Friends will be received Tuesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

WELBANKS, Elburn - At St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital, on Friday, April 9, 1976, Elburn Welbanks, dearly beloved husband of the late Beatrice Fritz and dear father of Mrs. Leslie Glenn

(Irene), Francis and Howard Welbanks, also survived by six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Resting at the Robert B. Cullen Funeral Home, 529 Palace Road. Funeral Service will be held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Amherst Island, on Sunday, April 11, at 2 p.m. Interment Glenwood Cemetery, Amherst Island. Visiting hours Saturday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

PATRICK, Robert - At the Kingston Psychiatric Hospital on Monday, January 26, 1976, Robert Edward Kilpatrick, beloved husband of the late Mary Jane McClement and dear father of Mrs. Norman Sudds (Dorothy) of RR 1, Kingston; Lyall of Kingston; sadly missed by grandchildren Gregory, Kirk, Stephen and Grant, great-grandchildren Edmond and Allister. Resting at the James Reid Funeral Home, Princess Street opposite Sydenham Street for Service in the Chapel Wednesday morning at 10:30. Interment Glenhaven Memorial Gardens. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend. Visiting 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

BEAUBIEN, Irvine Alexander - At Hillcrest Nursing Home, Napanee, on Sunday, May 2, 1976, Irvine Alexander Beaubien, Amherst Island; son of the late George Beaubien and Julia Ashley, in his 83rd year, dear brother of Mrs. Ethel Gallagher, Philadelphia; and Mrs. Edna Reid, Stella. Friends may call at the Wartman Funeral Home Napanee. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Tuesday, May 4 at 1:30 p.m. Interment Glenwood Cemetery, Amherst Island. The family will receive friends Monday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

WESTWOOD, Mary Ellen (Nell) - At the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Gibson, Stella, Amherst Island; on Saturday, December 25, 1976, Mary Ellen Flanagan, beloved wife of Harry Westwood and dear mother of Mrs. Robert Gibson (Dreta), dear sister of Mrs. Minerva Dromgoole, Mrs. Kattie Flanagan and Mrs. Arthur Wemp, (Violet), all of Stella; dearly loved grandmother of Jack, Tom, Jerry, Jane Mai, Jim, Carl, and Hugh. Resting at the James Reid Funeral Home, Counter Street at No. 2 Highway, Cataraqui until 12:30 Tuesday afternoon. Funeral Service will take place at St. Alban's Anglican Church, in Stella at 2 o'clock. Reverend Hales and Reverend Carnes officiating. Interment Glenwood

Cemetery. Friends will be received Monday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

TOPPING, Harold Wallace - At the Kingston General Hospital on Friday, January 23, 1976, Harold Wallace Topping, in his 85th year, beloved husband of Pearl Carbino, dear father of Elmer of Westbrook; Mrs. Elma Mitchell of Calgary; Albert of Elginburg; Wesley and Mrs. Fanny Stafford, both of Crosby; Mrs. Harold Green (Hazel) of Westport; brother of Mrs. Eva Jackson of Kingston; Mrs. Jessie McMachen of Sunbury; Mrs. Maizie Rosborough of Smiths Falls; and the late Russell and Mrs. Ruby Hanes. Resting at the Funeral Residence of Gordon F. Tompkins, 49 Colborne Street (at Clergy) from Friday evening. Service in the Chapel Monday, January 26 at 3 p.m. Interment Glenhaven Memorial Gardens. Friends will be received between the hours of 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

PORTER, Mabel - At the Hotel Dieu Hospital on Sunday, January 18, 1976, Mabel Brown, beloved wife of the late William John Porter, dear mother of Mrs. Dorothy Shearer, Mrs. Irene Rushworth, Mrs. Allan Harpell (Wilma); Mrs. Arthur Lancaster (Thelma); Kingston Mills; Mrs. James McDougal (Audrey), Ottawa; Frederick and David, dear sister of Mrs. Isabel Connor, Mrs. Margaret Harrison and Mrs. Blanche Tackaberry. Resting at the James Reid Funeral Home, Cataraqui Chapel, Counter Street, at Highway No. 2. Funeral Service in the Chapel, Wednesday, January 21 at 2 p.m. Interment Cataraqui Cemetery. Friends will be received Monday and Tuesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

EVES, Olive Adelaide - At the Hotel Dieu Hospital on June 8, 1976, Olive Wilson, beloved wife of the late Norman Eves, dear mother of Mrs. Hazel Murray of Conway; Mrs. Charles Eves (Iva), Amherst Island; William E. Lewers, Amherstview; and Donald W. Lewers, Kingston; dear sister of Mrs. Edna Bauder, Rochester; lovingly remembered by ten grandchildren. Resting at the James Reid Funeral Home, Cataraqui Chapel, Counter Street at Highway No. 2. Funeral Service in the Chapel, Friday, June 11 at 3 p.m. Interment Cataraqui Cemetery. Friends will be received Wednesday 7-9 p.m. and Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

MCKEE, Francis - At the Kingston General Hospital on Thursday, December 2, 1976, Francis McKee (late of 49 Pembroke Street) beloved husband of Margaret Tugwell, dear father of Mrs. Don Murray (Eileen) of Cobourg; Keith of Sarnia; and Wayne of Ottawa; a brother of Fred of Oshawa; Mrs. John Kilpatrick of Amherst Island; and Ross of Napanee. Resting at the Robert J. Reid and Sons. Funeral Home, Barrie and Johnson Streets. Service in the Chapel, Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Interment Glenhaven Memorial Gardens. c/o Gordon F. Tompkins. Friends will be received Friday, between the hours 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Donations to the Cancer Society or Heart Fund would be appreciated.

MILLER, John F. - Suddenly at his residence, Memphis, Tennessee, on Tuesday, November 9, 1976, John F. Miller, son of. the late Samuel and Hannah Miller, Amherst Island., dear father of Kenneth R. Wichita, Kansas; Mrs. Jack Avery (Donna), Garden Grove, California; and Kathleen, Seattle, Washington; beloved brother of Kenneth and Douglas, Amherst Island; Mrs. R. K. Earls (Arline), Renfrew; Mrs. T. J. Murphy (Dorothy), Kingston; Mrs. M. Hogeboom (Vera), Amherst Island; predeceased by two brothers, Wilfred and Donald. Interment in Memorial Park, Memphis.

WELLBANKS, Brian L. - Suddenly on Amherst Island, on Saturday, May 8, 1976, Brian Wellbanks, in his 25th year, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wellbanks, also of Stella, Amherst Island, dear brother of Mrs. Hugh Filson (Dale), grandson of Mrs. Marion Richards, uncle of Tracey and Hughie, dear friend of Cathy. Rested at the Robert B. Cullen Funeral Home, 529 Palace Road. Funeral Service was held in St. Alban's Anglican Church. Amherst Island on Monday May 10 at 2 p.m. Interment Glenwood Cemetery.

WEMP, Derrick Neilson - Suddenly at Kamloops, B.C., on Tuesday, May 11, 1976, in his 24th year, Derrick Wemp, son of Mr. and Mrs Neilson Wemp, Kelowna, B.C.; brother of Brenda, Jill and Keith.

1977

CUMBERLAND, Robert W. - Passed peacefully away at St. Mary's Hospital, Kingston, on Friday, July 1, 1977. Robert W. Cumberland, beloved

husband of Elizabeth C. Dammann, Bath RR 3. Resting at the Lindsay Funeral Home, Sydenham. Funeral Service in St. Paul's Church, Amherst Island, on Monday, July 4, at 2 p.m. Interment Glenwood Cemetery. Friends will be received Saturday, 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m.

McCORMICK, William - At the Hotel Dieu Hospital on Wednesday, September 14, 1977, William McCormick, late of 85 Hickory Street, Gananoque, beloved husband of Gladys McFadden and the late Mabel Bulch, dear father of Miss Jennie McCormick, Mrs. Avery Brown (Annie) and Edward, all of Amherst Island; also survived by eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Resting at the Tompkins Funeral Home, Garden Street, Gananoque for Funeral Service Saturday, September 17 at 2 p.m. Interment Glenwood Cemetery, Amherst Island. IOOF Service Friday evening at 7:30 and Orange Lodge Service Friday, at 8. Visiting hours Friday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

CLOSS, James Harold - At home on Tuesday, November 29, 1977, James Closs, beloved husband of Ella Doran, dear father of Dorothy (Mrs. R. Pring), Toronto; Betty (Mrs. Al Lawless), Lahr, West Germany; Dianne (Mrs. R. Shepherd), Malawi, Africa; and James Stewart Closs of Kingston; dear son of Emily and the late Albert Closs, brother of Laurence, Erna Thompson, Ernest, Gladys Creighton, Hilda Fenton and Raymond Closs, also survived by 5 grandchildren. Friends will be received at the R. B. Cullen Funeral Home, 529 Palace Road (at Bath Road) on Thursday and Friday, from 2-4 and 7-9. Funeral Service on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment Glenhaven Memorial Gardens. As expressions of sympathy the family would appreciate memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society.

WILLARD, Captain John F. - Suddenly at Kingston on Thursday, March 17, 1977, Captain John Willard, beloved husband of Jessie Scott, and dear father of Clarence, and Mel Willard, brother of Claude, David, Annie (Mrs. J. Clyde), Jessie (Mrs. M. Ellerbeck), Marion Eves, Jennie (Mrs. F. Kerr) and Dorothy Laffremnier, also survived by five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Friends will be received at the R. B. Cullen Funeral Home, 529 Palace Road. Service on Saturday morning at 11

o'clock. Interment Cataraqui Cemetery.

MILLER, Douglas Adam - At Kingston General Hospital on Thursday, July 14, 1977, Douglas Miller, beloved husband of Rita Begg, of Stella; dear father of Ronald Samuel, of Kingston; Marilyn Louise (Mrs. R. Eves) of Stella; Gordon Douglas, of Waterloo; and Darrell Royce, of Stella; brother of Kenneth, of Stella; Arlene (Mrs. R. K. Earls) of Renfrew; Dorothy (Mrs. T. J. Murphy) of Kingston; and Vera (Mrs. Maurice Hogeboom) of Stella. Friends will be received at the R. B. Cullen Funeral Home, 529 Palace Road. Service on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in St. Paul's Church, Amherst Island. Interment Glenwood Cemetery, Amherst Island.

KAY, Iona Miriam - Suddenly at her home, on Sunday, February 20, 1977, Iona McGinn, dearly beloved wife of William Kay, and dear mother of Mrs. Harold Huffman (Sheila), Mrs. Melville Martyn (Lorraine) and Mrs. Charles Bauder (Cathy) and six sons, Ronald, Brian, Raymond, Stephen, William and David, dear daughter of Mrs. Ellen McGinn, of Amherst Island, and the late Edward McGinn; survived also by four sisters, Mrs. Edward Mills (Hilda), Mrs. James Hunter (Edna), Mrs. Leslie Wemp (Laura), Mrs. Nova Delisle and three brothers, Leslie, Keith and Kaye McGinn, also survived by 16 grandchildren. Resting at the James Reid Funeral Home, Counter Street at Highway No. 2, where Funeral Service will be conducted in the Chapel on Wednesday, February 23, at 2 p.m. Interment Glenhaven Memorial Gardens. Friends and relatives will be received Tuesday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A Legion Service will be held at 7:30 Tuesday evening.

GLENN, R. William - At the Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital on Thursday, October 6, 1977, after a brief illness, Robert William Glenn, of 22 Henry Street, Kitchener (formerly of Kingston) in his 63rd year, husband of Dorothy Kressler, father of Linda of Kitchener; and Mary (Mrs. Verdun Rhodery) of Waterloo; brother of Muriel A. and Mildred A. Glenn, both of Kingston; and James A. Glenn of Kitchener; grandfather of Troy and Tracey. Resting at the Ratz-Bechtel Funeral Home, 621 King Street West, Kitchener. Funeral Service in the Chapel, Saturday at 1 p.m. Interment Memory Gardens.

Donations to the Canadian Diabetic Society may be made as expressions of sympathy.

TOOKE, Thomas Renshaw - At the Hotel Dieu Hospital on Sunday, July 3, 1977, Thomas Renshaw Tooke, beloved husband of Marjorie Wemp, dear father of Tom of Hamilton; brother of Grace (Mrs. G. Richardson) of Mississauga; Anne (Mrs. S. Thomsen) of South Carolina; and Bert Tooke of Bala. Friends will be received at the R. B. Cullen Funeral Home, 529 Palace Road. Service on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in St. Alban's Church, Amherst Island. Interment Glenwood Cemetery, Amherst Island. As expressions of sympathy the family would appreciate Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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STROPLE, Allan A. - At Hotel Dieu Hospital on Monday, February 27, 1978, Allan Strople, beloved husband of the late Isabella Hanna, dear father of Ronald and brother of Carrie, of Springfield, Mass.; also survived by 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Friends will be received at the R.B. Cullen Funeral Home, 529 Palace Road (at Bath Road) from 7-9 Tuesday and 2-4 and 7-9 Wednesday. Service on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment Glenhaven Memorial Gardens. As expressions of sympathy the family would appreciate Memorial Donations to the Ontario Heart Foundation.

MCMULLEN, Edward James - At Peterborough on Monday, April 10, 1978, Edward McMullen, husband of the late Kathleen Towns, dear father of Vaughn, of Peterborough; Vincent, Teresa (Mrs. Lou MacArthur) and Helen (Mrs. Edward McCormick), all of Kingston; grandfather of 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Friends will be received at the R. B. Cullen Funeral Home, 529 Palace Road (at Bath Road). Wednesday evening 6-9 p.m. Funeral Mass at St. Joseph's Church, 392 Palace Road at 9:30 o'clock, Thursday morning. Spring Interment Glenwood Cemetery, Amherst Island.

MCDONALD, Florence Lillian - At Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston, on July 5, 1978, Florence Lillian McDonald (nee Detlor), beloved wife of Edwin C. McDonald, Stella, Ontario; dear mother of Garnet

McDonald, Stella; Roger McDonald, Ottawa; and Boris (Mrs. William Henderson), Kingston; dear sister of Mabel (Mrs. C. R. Tait), Newmarket; Jeanette (Mrs. G. H. Young), Bowmanville; and Stanley Detlor, Napanee; also survived by six grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren. Resting at James Reid Funeral Home, Cataraqui (Counter Street at Highway No. 2). Friends will be received between the hours of 7 to 9 Thursday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 on Friday. Funeral Services from St. Alban's Church, Stella, Ontario at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 8, 1978. Interment at Glenwood Cemetery, Amherst Island. In lieu of flowers, donations to your favorite charity gratefully accepted by the family.

NIGHTINGALE, Edith Lilian - Suddenly at Kingston, on Sunday, October 22, 1978, Edith L. Scott, beloved wife of Ben Nightingale, dear mother of Lillian Louise Alexis of Kingston; and sister of Morrison Scott of Morven; and Mrs. Mary Gunion of Kingston. Friends will be received at the Cullen Chapel of Graham A. Stein Funeral Directors, 529 Palace Road (at Bath Road), from 2-4 and 7-9 Tuesday. Service in the Chapel on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment Morven Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, the family would appreciate memorial donations to the Ontario Heart Foundation or the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society.

DREW, Russell John - At Perth Great War Memorial Hospital on Friday, February 24, 1978, Russell John Drew, of Mountain Grove; in his 73rd year, beloved husband of the late Mildred Smith, dear father of Mrs. Glenn MacDonald (Catherine), Mountain Grove; Mrs. Robert McKee (Helen) of Kingston; and Mrs. Maurice Fox (Marion) of Perth; dear brother of Alex, of Bowmanville. Resting at the Goodfellow Funeral Home, Parham, where Funeral Service will be held on Monday, February 27 at 2 p.m. Interment Mountain Grove Anglican Cemetery.

KILPATRICK, William (Bill) - At the Kingston General Hospital on Wednesday, May 10, 1978, William Robert Kilpatrick, beloved husband of Dorothy McMaster and dear father of Warren, Laurie, Kevin and Mark, dear brother of Mrs. John Kerr (Madlyn). Resting at the James Reid Funeral Chapel, Cataraqui. Funeral Service will take place from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Stella at 2

o'clock, Saturday afternoon. Interment Glenwood Cemetery, Amherst Island. Visiting hours 3-5 and 7-9 Thursday and Friday. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by members of the family.

CRAWFORD, Robert - At the Hotel Dieu Hospital on Tuesday, June 6, 1978, Robert Crawford, dear father of Carolyn, Allan, Murray, William, Linda, Roderick and Peter, nephew of Mrs. Beatrice Hawley. Resting at the Funeral Residence of Gordon F. Tompkins, 49 Colborne Street (at Clergy). Funeral Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. Friends will be received between the hours 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

BERNIER, Anthony Colin - Suddenly due to an accident at North Fredericksburgh on Saturday, June 17, 1978, Anthony C. Bernier, in his 20th year, beloved son of Mrs. Keith Miller and the late Henri Bernier, dear brother of Mrs. Fred Keller (Gwen), Napanee; Carol Ann Bernier, Sandra Jane Bernier and Adam Miller, Amherst Island. Anthony is resting at the Tierney Funeral Home, Napanee. Funeral Service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Amherst Island Monday, June 19 at 2 p.m. Rev. Norman J. Allison officiating. Interment Glenwood Cemetery.

HOGEBROOM, Maurice - Suddenly at his home, Amherst Island, on Tuesday, October 10, 1978, Maurice William Hogeboom, beloved husband of Vera E. Miller, dear father of Kerry, dear brother of Clarence, Mrs. Morrison Scott (Isabelle) of Napanee; and Edwin of Amherst Island. Resting at the James Reid funeral Home, Cataraqui. Visiting hours 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday only. Funeral Service will take place at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Amherst Island, Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m.

DRUMGOOLE, John Arthur (Art) - Peacefully at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, on January 18, 1978, Arthur Drumgoole, late of Amherst Island, in his 84th year, beloved husband of Nessie Marshall, dear father of Ruth, predeceased by three sisters, Helena McGinn, Rachael Hart and Kate Drumgoole, and one brother, Hugh.



Wild Turkeys from Val Wolfreys

The Beacon Archives from Ian Murray

More Than You Ever Wanted To Know About Voles

-Marnie Matthews Amherst Wildlife Foundation

Commonly referred to as moles or mice, the hungry little devils that live in the hayfields and pastures are actually meadow voles (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*). They are more closely related to mice and rats than moles. These wide ranging grassland rodents inhabit all of North America from the Southern Central States north to the Arctic Ocean and from the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts. So you see we are not the only ones to face their ravages.

Their appetites are prodigious. Devouring grasses and sedges, voles eat over half their weight daily. This is matched by their incredible ability to reproduce. The female vole gives birth to one to nine naked, blind, little voles after a gestation period of 21 days. A mere two weeks later the young are weaned and on their own. By 25 days the young females are ready to breed. The old lady, meanwhile, is cranking out another batch, up to 17 litters a year under ideal conditions.

Luckily the average life span is less than one year.

The population is prone to violent fluctuations, peaking about every four years. During high population years they go around digging runways, procreating madly, eating themselves out of house and home, girdling any tree they can get their teeth on, and dying off in enormous numbers. From a high of over 150 per acre, the population crashes to a low of 2 or 3 per acre, and we cease to notice them. Then with a surplus of food and suitable habitat they procreate madly, digging runways, stuffing themselves, building up numbers until they run out of room, become a plague, and crash again.

Why are Amherst Island's peek numbers worse than those on the mainland? Here the vole population is an explosion contained. On the mainland the peak populations spread out to surrounding areas of low population and seldom reach the same numbers per acre. This has had quite an effect on the Island. People often wonder why the abandoned farms have not gone back to trees as quickly as those across the bay. The answer lies in the fact that every 3 or 4 years young trees get their bark chewed off, killing most of them. This combined with the heavy sod that prevents tree seedlings from growing means that only a few young seedlings make it through 2 or 3 peak populations of voles to get to the sapling stage. Only a few species of trees have managed to succeed. The red ash overcomes the obstacles by blitzing the area with hundreds of seedlings on the chance that some may survive, and by the ability to grow in wet areas where the grass sod is weaker. Red cedar manages to beat the vole by tasting foul. The little rodents also play havoc with the hay fields as the farmer knows. The other notable effect of the high population of voles is the large number of hawks and owls attracted here to dine on them. Voles provide more food for all manner of predators, like hawks, owls, snakes, foxes, coyotes and weasels, than any other rodent. As some one said, "The whole island is laid out like a buffet.". These predators cannot control the prolific little beasts though, only changing the habitat can. Disturbing the sod, either temporarily by plowing and spraying like a cornfield, or permanently by planting trees, can control the rodent populations. Cutting or grazing grasslands to prevent thatch buildup will also discourage the vole, but as long as there is grass, there will be voles.

Young trees can be protected individually by wrapping the trunks with spiral plastic protectors or hardware cloth cylinders. To be effective in high population years the protectors should be buried 3 or

4 inches below the soil to prevent damage from burrowing voles. Some success can also be had by stomping the snow around the trunks of the trees after each snowfall, discouraging the rodents from digging by a layer of hard packed snow. Larger numbers of trees can best be protected by eliminating the grass (through cultivation or spray) from a sizable area around the trees. This will be necessary until the bark is thick enough to protect the young saplings.

A Great Gray Owl On Amherst Island

- Betty Hughes January 20, 1979 Kingston Field Naturalists

Nessie Welbanks found a Great Gray Owl near her house on Jan. 20th. Other observers from Kingston were able to see it and identify it on Jan 23rd. This is the biggest owl we have in Canada, its length being 25 to 33 in. It has rather small golden eyes and no ear-tufts and a very long tail, 12 inches. They nest in evergreen forests to the north in abandoned hawks' nests. They very seldom come south except when their food is scarce in their breeding range. This year there is a great number of small rodents in the fields on Amherst Island (Meadow Voles). Many Snowy Owls and Rough-Legges Hawks and Red-Tailed Hawks are feeding here too this winter.

These large birds will not attack domestic animals such as dogs or cats. The Meadow Voles feed on the roots and shoots of the wild weeds under the snow cover. Their cycle is of 3 to 4 years. Some years their population will peak on Wolfe Island and the Hawks and Owls will be found there. This year it is Amherst Island.

We bird watchers are very fond of Amherst Island, not only for the birding there, but for its many other attractions, to say nothing of the hospitable and kindly people and the expanses of water seen from its shores.

Only one Great Gray Owl in any given year has been seen in our area up until now, the last one being five years ago. This year so far has brought four into our area. We may see more! "Good Birding"

Council News - Ian Murray

Appointments for 1979:

Fence viewers: Roger Holden, Marshall Glenn and Billy Bulch

Pound keepers: Topsy Farms and Holbeth Farms

Sheep evaluators: Ralph Wemp and Chris Kennedy

Cemetery Committee: Henry Hitchins, Bruce Caghey, Bert Glenn, & Earl Tugwell, Brian Ward and Rev. Norman Allison.

Recreation Committee: Les Glenn, Heather Welbanks, Allan Glenn, Barbara Reid, Howard Pearce, and Jack Forester.

A letter of congratulation has been sent by council to Doug Shurtliffe who has received his mate's papers.



Uncle Leonard with arms folded in 2nd row, uncle Ellis in front row wearing a tie! 1951 Amherst Isla...

From Lynn Fleming



How many of these Topsy people do you recognize?

CJAI March Minutes

Starting Time: 07:08 PM 13 March 2019

Location: NSMCC

Attending: Leah, Murray Eric Tremblay, Sue Dodds,
Dave Wreggitt, David Pickering, Bill McKee, Judy
Bierma, Anthony Gifford

Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda for March 2019 meeting

1. Approval of agenda
2. Approval of minutes February 2019 executive meeting

3. Technical & Station Manager's Report
4. Station Relocation Planning
5. President's Report
6. Website & Social Media Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Sponsorship & Advertising Report
9. Promotions Update
10. Volunteer Recruitment Update
11. Other Business

Moved by Bill McKee

Seconded by David Pickering

Approved

Acceptance of minutes for
March 2019 meeting

Moved by Sue Dodds
Seconded by Bill McKee
Approved

Technical & Station Manager's Report – Bill McKee

Insect eradication seems to have been successful. Bill expressed his gratitude for the new garbage/recycling can. The toilet step was broken but is fixed, and spare step is in place. Decluttering of the space is progressing, in part to get ready for fundraiser. We would like armless metal chairs, wooden ones we have are too squeaky, if anyone sees any at a garage sale or something.

Tech side (Eric) – everything running smoothly lately. Bill reported he and Dan Simpson have noticed both broadcast and studio sound is at times a bit wavy and inconsistent. Sue had also noticed this, and concurred that it was an inconsistent problem.

Bill is keen to cross-reference the music library, which is currently a mess of duplicate files. We have no music librarian right now. Eric is happy to train anyone who will take on the job.

David still looking to get phone moved over, seriously overbudget already for the year. We need Dayle who is away, and he also needs to do sound patching for web cam.

Station Relocation Planning

We have yet to meet with Mark Raymond. We are stalled on transmitter moving, because we need specs from Dayle (who is away). Once we get the specs, we need the engineering report before we can make any decisions about how best to proceed.

President's Report – Eric Tremblay

We had a successful relationship with the Kingston Canadian Film Festival this year, with some good cross-promotion and exposure. We have a half page add in the quarterly Loyalist township magazine, which was a donation from the township.

Concert committee –

The lineup is almost locked down, and they have some great bands lined up. Advance ticketing is available this year. The venue is Blu Martini, right downtown, on Sat May 1. The concert committee is floating the budget entirely and will take the loss

personally if it's unsuccessful. Eric asked everyone to say on social media that we are attending, even if we're not.

Fund drive committee –

The committee decided to go focus heavily on online fundraising (Go Fund Me) in addition to the traditional on air campaign. There will be 7 weeks of online fundraising prior to the 1 week on air. This requires a huge social media campaign, which we are all encouraged to participate in. They will also be reaching out to local media to create as much buzz as possible.

\$400-500 for campaign lawn signs

\$400 for social media advertising

\$200 for food

\$400 for prize top ups, (last year we bought an electric guitar and made good money on it)

We had \$25000 in projects budget, have only spent \$2100 on transmitter, so we have space in that budget

Motion to set aside \$1500 for fund drive. Moved by Bill

McKee

Seconded by Judy Bierma Approved

We may want to add a budget line item for the fundraiser next year, if this year's campaign is successful

During the 7 weeks of Go Fund Me campaign, Eric asked if anyone is donating to do it on a specific day. He has allotted us dates in a spreadsheet, and will make the campaign look more successful if donations come in on a regular basis.

Website & Social Media Report – Eric Tremblay

We are #1 on instagram and on twitter, a huge coup for a station our size!! We have ticked up on slightly on FaceBook.

We have 2 paying clients now just to be on our social, which is new this year.

Eric has been working hard on updating the website, and it looks fantastic.

Treasurer's Report – David Pickering

Very little activity. Total \$19569, a very good position to be in considering what an expensive year it's been.

Sponsorship & Advertising Report – Eric

Smitty Kingston (aka Jay Smith) got 4 sponsors in one week, a new record. Eric talked about how much better it is to do live reads of ads, rather than playing recorded ones. The bottom line for advertising is, closing a deal is more important than getting exact right amount of \$\$\$. Please talk to E if you need help selling or closing, so we can continue to move ad sales.

Promotions Update – Sue Dodds

Everyone has signed up for their monthly promotions.

Volunteer Recruitment Update

We have added 5 new shows in the past couple months, which is excellent.

Other Business

Judy brought up Suzanne Pasternak's missing merch money. Suzanne had books and cds for sale at the station, and the envelope of cash is missing. The station will refund from their funds.

Meeting adjourned at 08:36 PM.

Radio Notes

From Mary Lou & Ellis Wolfreys, and Amherst Island Radio, CJA1 92.1 FM.

April 17 Note from Ellis and Mary-Lou Wolfreys Hello Friends and Neighbours, just my weekly note to keep you all informed, both past and future. Sure hope you all enjoyed last weeks program with The Bluegrass Hoppers. They were outstanding, in my books, and wished they could have stayed longer. Mary Pearson on vocals and Banjo, Dale Babcock on Stand Up Bass, Carman Gilmour on vocals and Rhythm Guitar, Blair Long on Mandolin, and Eric Richard on Fiddle. What a great afternoon of fabulous music. I'm sure we'll have them back again soon. I'd like to Thank them very much for a pleasant day.

This week, April 17th, we had a young Lady from Belleville area. Her name is Penny Scaiff. She is a fabulous singer, plays Bass and Rhythm Guitar. She has a very strong voice, as you will hear. Coming to back her is Dave and Lenor Bongard, from Prince Edward County. Lenor plays Bass guitar, and some vocals, while her Husband, Dave, does vocals, Rhythm and Bass Guitar, Fiddle, and Dobro. These two have been doing music for years, and Dave is a nominated member of The Prince Edward Country Music Hall Of Fame, as of last year.

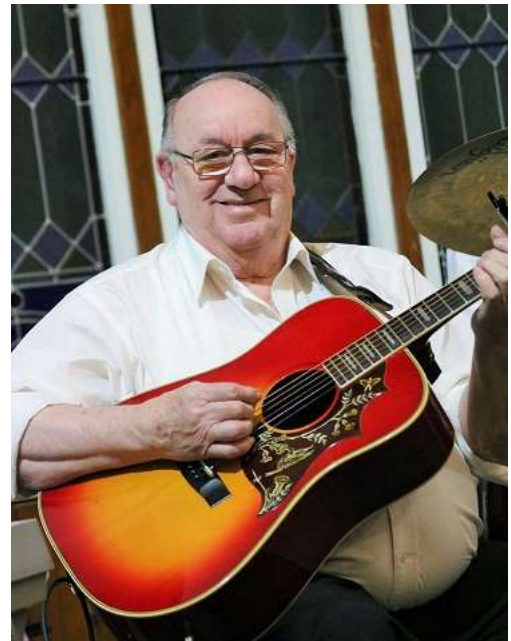
Penny's friend is also coming with her. His name is Dave Crocket. Also a good singer and rhythm guitar player. Really looking forward to doing this program. Thank You All, and God Bless.

A couple of items I'd like to bring to your attention. #1--- The Napanee Old Tyme Fiddlers is this Sunday, April 21, at 1 pm, at The Lions Hall in Napanee. None members is \$10.00 at the door, and members is \$9.00. It's a pot luck, so please bring a desert. The bar is open, and a snack table is also available. We have a large dance floor, so you can kick up your heels, and have fun.

#2-- Coming up On April 30th, at the Community Hall in Seelys Bay, is the second group from The Winter Concert Series, called SIDELINE. They are a bluegrass band from South of the border, with six members. It all starts at 7 pm, and is \$25.00 at the door. For information and tickets, you can call Bill or June White at 613-329-1485, or 613-540-1485, or by calling Christine or Dan Potter at 613-928-2762, or 613-305-0844.

Tickets available at these places. Green Gecko in Lyndhurst, Center Stage Music in Gananoque, and at Long & McQuade Music in Kingston, and On Line.

Ellis Wolfreys has been inducted into The Land O Lakes Traditional Music Hall of Fame as a promoter of Country Music and Musicians.



Ellis says, "Thank You to all that voted, and to those that have been on my program on Amherst Island Radio."

Celebrations



**Congratulations to Elena Moffat
Capstone event, Baking and Pastry Arts
Management, George Brown College. Peach
cobbler entremet was awesomely yummy**

Ed Note: Everyone please welcome Elena back to the island as the new manager of The Back Kitchen for the coming year.



It was Boo's first agility trial today, she was first in starter gamble and it was a qualifying score, couldn't be prouder!



**Above: Happy Birthday to Alexander.
Son of Alicia and Keith McGinn.
Grandson to Jane and Russell McGinn and Val
and Dan Wolfreys.**



**Happy Birthday David Mooney from your sister
Sheila Mooney**



Happy Birthday Archer McGinn son of Alicia and Keith McGinn

Happy birthday to this crazy kid! He's has made my life way busier, more fun, a lot louder, a little scarier, but most of all more fulfilling. 3 years of this kid and my hair is a little greyer, my life runs on less sleep and my soul is so much happier. You, Archer, have made me a better person. (A little crazier, but in a good way.) Happy birthday Arch, may this next year bring you more fun times with silly string, a few mud baths, new friends to go with the old ones, and loads of laughs! Xoxoxo love mommy.



Happy Birthday Reta Brown



Happy Birthday, Molly Stroyman



Happy Birthday Marie Ward



Another long-time islander reaches the age of 90.
On Sunday the 12th of May
St Paul's celebrated Doug Lamb
on his birthday.
Thanks for all the songs, Doug!





**Happy Birthday to:
Helena Bierma at 90 Years**

Trudy McGinn



Zelma Koenders

**And below: Rob Lance Eaves
(Hiding behind the fish)**





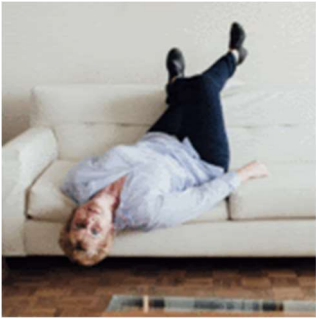
**Happy Anniversary
Karen and Wayne
Fleming**



**Happy Vacation Kass and Roxanne
Visiting sister Linda Williamson**

**Below: Happy Easter to Estelle Sudds and
Vaughn Kennedy with eggs from the
Kennedy Kids.**





Deborah Kimmett

Deborah Kimmett's hit show, "Downward Facing Broad" is coming to town.

Audiences are loving the new show on seniors discounts, aging, how to not get into a fight on Facebook, and the wisdom of grandmothers is one of my pride and joys.

Downward Facing Broad is 90 minutes of pure hilarity! Kimmett dissing on Aquafit, the seniors discount and how society ghosts you as you age. (with the wonderful blues musician, Kim Pollard)

See it on: June 6th, 2019 at Nexicom Showplace Theatre. Peterborough, Ontario.
(sponsored by KawarthaNow) or

July 19th, 2019 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Amherst Island.
(sponsored by Lorna Willis ProAlliance Royal LePage) or

Oct 26th, 2019 at Empire Theatre, Belleville, Ontario.

(Note that tickets for the comedy show performance on the island will be on sale at the Back Kitchen once it opens. Thanks to Lorna for sponsoring it. Note that \$5 for each ticket will go to the Back Kitchen.)

You can also get tickets using www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4210992

Ferry News

(From April 10, 2019 on Amherst Island Community Facebook Page)

Quinte-Loyalist Ferry - Expected Service Period Fall 2019

Loyalist Township has received notification from the Ministry of Transportation that the Wolfe Islander III ferry is being scheduled for its mandatory five-year dry dock inspection this fall.

We wish to provide advance notice to users of the Amherst Island ferry service that the Quinte-Loyalist will be in service at Amherst Island after Labour Day for approximately one month.

Users are further advised that the Quinte-Loyalist has a reduced vehicle capacity and requires half-load restrictions for heavy trucks when in operation at Amherst Island.

Details and specific timing are still to be worked out with MTO. However, with the temporary docks currently in place, an extended service disruption lasting several hours will be required to convert the docks back to the Quinte-Loyalist configuration, similar to when the Quinte-Loyalist was in service in 2018.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

For further information, please contact Alex Scott, Public Works Manager, at ascott@loyalist.ca or phone 613-386-7351, ext. 117.





The Knitting Pilgrim

featuring the **Stitched Glass** tapestries

Presented by The Lodge on Amherst Island

Sunday, May 19, 2019, 2pm-3:30pm

A one-man play & talkback about the real-life artistic and spiritual journey of Kirk Dunn, who took 15 years to knit a triptych of tapestries, designed in the style of stained glass windows, exploring the commonalities and conflicts of the Abrahamic faiths. There is no other project like it in the world.



Also: On Sat, May 18, 1-4pm

Kirk is giving a "Loyalist Pillow" knitting workshop at The Lodge, featuring Topsy Farms yarns. For more info, contact The Lodge.

The Amherst Island Public School,

5955 Front Road,

Stella, Amherst Island

Tickets: \$25

www.thelodgeonamherstisland.com

or call 613-634-1388



An apology is in order

If you downloaded or viewed this issue of The Beacon prior to June 6th, you may have seen an article by Ayesha Barmania who reviewed Kirk Dunn's show for Broadview Magazine. We reprinted this piece without first securing appropriate permissions from either her or the magazine. It was an oversight on our part which we regret. Our sincere apologies to Ms Barmania.

AIAS News

Mark Ritchie, President

Dear Amherst Island Resident:

The Amherst Island Agricultural Society (A.I.A.S.) is open for business.

The Society is organized as a Corporation under the authority of the Agricultural and Horticultural Organization Act of the Province of Ontario, has its own Constitution and a Board of nine Directors including a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The Society's business is guided by the 'objects' as stated in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act which read as follows:

The objects of an agricultural society are to encourage an awareness of agriculture and to promote improvements in the quality of life of persons living in an agricultural community by,

- a) researching the needs of the agricultural community and developing programs to meet those needs;*
- b) holding agricultural exhibitions featuring competitions for which prizes may be awarded;*
- c) encouraging the beautification of the agricultural community;*
- d) supporting and providing facilities to encourage activities intended to enrich rural life; and*
- e) conducting or promoting horse races when authorized to do so by a By- Law of the Society.*

Before we can begin with Object a), we would like more Islanders to join the Society.

This letter is an invitation for Islanders to join (or renew) your Society membership (Membership \$20) by applying to Dayle Gowan- Secretary, Amherst Island Society (613-217-3815)

Steps after this will include a request to all Members, and the community at large, for their suggestions regarding the needs of the Island's Agricultural Community.

If you would like to participate in a committee to review and recommend activities and projects, please advise the President or Secretary.

Loaves and Fishes

Janet Scott



January 9 to April 24th, 2019

In 2014 Rev. Harry Klaasen suggested we look at our Church Community and see if there were any areas where we saw a need. Judy Bierma and I felt from our observations at the cafe that a place was needed where seniors could drop in for a coffee or tea and a chat during the winter months after the cafe was closed. We wanted it to be inexpensive and welcoming. My niece Debby Martin -Thomson and I brainstormed over Christmas 2014 while I was visiting her home in Atlanta and came up with the name of "Loaves and Fishes" as in the Bible story of the little boy sharing his small lunch and

feeding everyone. It began in January 2015 with Terry McGinn, Ann Albertan and Valerie Wolfreys donating extra squash which became squash soup and we were on our way. A place was needed with kitchen available during the winter months and I approached St. Paul's for the use of their facilities which they kindly granted. That year we served 170 adults and 15 children. We met there until the church space was needed for the Environmental Hearings and we moved to my home, The Flemingisle Farmhouse at 350 Third Concession Road. Our guests liked the house situation and we have met there ever since.

2019 is our fifth year and we have been so blessed by our community in their donations of food and money to keep "Loaves and Fishes" a viable opportunity for sharing time and meals with others. I broke my wrist just before we started in January and our friends just kept providing and giving. Our Kitchen Angel was Tessa Mayman who kept everything running smoothly from setting tables, serving, clean-up and loading Molly our indispensable dishwasher and as well Tessa and John did the shopping. Many thanks to my friend Susan Arsenault who did all the things a one-handed person could no longer do while I was in the cast. Thanks to our soup makers: Karen Fleming, Joyce Groot, Susan Arsenault, Lucie Germaine, Sue Prang, Bernice Gould, David Pickering (Chili) and thanks for the special Lasagne donated by Deb and Bill Barrett. Thanks to Hazel deHaan, Maryanne Mercer, Sue Prang and Val Wolfreys who faithfully made sandwiches and thanks to Linda Welbanks, Karen Fleming, Bonnie Livingstone who brought us sweet treats. Joanne Watts, Sue and Cora McGinn spoiled us with desserts while David Pickering and Lucie Germaine made pies. Very special thanks to our Guest Chef, Ida Gavlas who made Buttermilk Pancakes on Ash Wednesday, which were complimented by McGinn Family Maple Syrup. Homemade breads made by George Gavlas and Talia's friend Barb were lovely additions to our table. John Mayman, Mitchell Morgan-Bursey and David Pickering set up tables and carried chairs to help out. Volunteers, Kassy McGinn, Karen Fleming, Sharen English, Hugh Groot, Don Bailey, David Ritchie and Doug Lamb were kind enough to take turns saying the blessing. Money donations provided fruit and veggie trays, cold drinks and cheese and crackers. We thank all those who helped out our project.

This year 126 adults and 5 children were served a hot lunch during those cold and dark days from March to the end of April.

It was a Faith Project that brought as much joy to the servers as those served.



**Loaves and
Fishes: Niall
Hartnett Val
Wolfreys Joanne
Watts**

Africa minus the "Big 5"

On the ground in Uganda with Helping Cope through Hope by Lynann Laffin

"How long are you in Amsterdam?" the tour guide asked. "Tomorrow we fly to Uganda" I replied. He smiled - "Ahhh - the Big 5...". I returned his smile, but had no idea what he was talking about. Later, back in my Dutch hotel room, Google told me that the "Big 5" (elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion, and leopard) are what most tourists travel to Uganda for - and for mountain gorillas. And while those are all on our bucket list - that was not the purpose of THIS trip.



On March 24, Chris and I stepped onto the tarmac at Entebbe airport. Waiting for us was Tom Martin – our host for the next 11 days. Tom and his wife Cheryl, along with 200+ Canadian and US sponsors, are “Helping Cope through Hope” or HCTH. Tom and Cheryl began HCTH in 2005, after retiring from high school teaching at NDSS (Tom) and nursing (Cheryl). Since then they have been pursuing their lifelong dream – to help the poorest of the poor of this world. They were led to work in Peru, Zambia and Uganda. Nearly 15 years later, HCTH sponsors about 150 children through primary school, high school, and university in these three countries.

I met Tom and Cheryl in 2010, when Tom spoke at my church in Kingston. I was immediately drawn to the fact that 100% of all HCTH donations go directly to your “child”. Tom and Cheryl pay their

own way, as do visitors. Since that time, I have sponsored 3 women through university, with another boy in progress. Chris and I also sponsor children in primary and high school in Zambia and Uganda.



Top: Lynann Clapham

Left: Chris and his buddy Godwin

Above: Cheryl and Tom in Adrienne's new house

This was our opportunity to meet our sponsored children and others – and to experience firsthand what Tom and Cheryl do every day. Boarding at the HCTH house in Mityana, the days were a whirlwind. After a 7:30 breakfast we would hop on a boda-boda (local motorbike taxi) to follow Tom and Cheryl wherever the day took them – from checking up on a house being built for Adrienne and her 4 children, to paying school fees for Michael and Vincent who had been “chased” from high school, to visiting the market to buy a pair of shoes for Sharon – her first

ever. We met small business owners who had received HCTH seed funding - Grandma Justine (a daycare), Esther and Lillian (hairdressers), Sula the builder, Titus and Jefferson (bodaboda businesses). We bounced through the countryside on Titus’ and Jefferson’s bodabodas to visit the village of Annet – who was one of my “kids” – the youngest of 9 children and the only one to have completed university. And we paid a visit to

Sarah's farm – a healthy operation raising goats, pigs and chickens for the local market. We cuddled babies, handed out suckers to children, haggled at the market, dressed wounds. 73 HCTH-sponsored children in Uganda. 73 different stories of hope, all compelling. I could fill up 10 Beacons.

If you are interested in hearing more, I will be sharing more about our visit at an upcoming Backroom talk in June. Stay tuned for dates and times!

Museum Minutes

Meeting of the Board of Directors Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Present: Anders Bennick (President & Chair), Bruce Burnett, Carol Glenn (Treasurer), Bonnie Livingstone (Secretary), Karen Miller, Janet Scott and Thomas Sylvester

Regrets: Warren Kilpatrick and Terry McGinn

1. Welcome

Anders Bennick welcomed everyone to the meeting on a muddy winter/spring evening.

2. Approval of Agenda

Thomas Sylvester asked that an additional item – New Revenue Stream – be added to the agenda. The Agenda was accepted as amended.

3. Minutes of February 5, 2019

Bruce Burnett asked that his name should be added to the list of those who were present at the February meeting. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Minutes of February 5, 2019, be accepted as amended. Bonnie Livingstone thanked Thomas Sylvester for taking minutes at the last meeting.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

1.1 – Historical Material – Anders noted that he had sent a letter to the township asking that a box of historical material (including the original *Amherst Island Walking Tour* document) discovered at the Ferry Office be transferred to the Museum.

1.2 – Woolly Bully Run – Anders commented that recently, a number of directors had met with Joe duVall regarding plans for the Woolly Bully Run. Bonnie believes that planning for this event (Sunday, August 18) is well in hand, with responsibilities for various aspects of the day discussed and assigned to specific people (see notes that were distributed on February 25). Anders remarked that this particular event has been an excellent source of revenue for the Museum.

1.3 – Minutes of our Meetings – Bonnie explained that she had e-mailed Deb Barrett regarding posting of our minutes onto our website. Bonnie and Deb will be working on this shortly.

5. Treasurer's Report for February 2019

Carol Glenn distributed the *Treasurer's Report for February 2019*. This month's report was fairly straightforward she said, as there had not been any expenditures, except for a bank service charge.

She commented that the Laurets continue to support the Museum with money from the Owl Woods' donation box. Carol reported that the Museum was in an excellent position as our revenue sources appear quite stable and have been slowly increasing over time. We currently have an amount in the bank that will support the hiring of student facilitators this coming summer, as well as covering our operational expenses.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the *Treasurer's Report for February 2019* be approved.

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Building and Maintenance Committee – Bruce Burnett recently met with Andrée Ferris and Anne Lindsay from the Loyalist Township Office (our previous contact person has left the township). Andrée and Anne seemed to be very interested in the prospect of building our proposed outdoor shelter for farm implements and will be meeting with township construction staff to design and build this edifice. Bruce reported that repairs to the flooring have dragged (refinishing had been expected to happen this winter) and repairs and annual

maintenance of the furnace have yet to take place. Andrée and Anne will follow up with MTO regarding our suggestion of a permanent exhibit module for the new ferry building. There was some discussion of possible funding sources for the outdoor shelter construction and exhibit module.

6.2 Exhibits Committee – Janet Scott explained that she is hoping to hold an organizational meeting this spring. For this year’s exhibits, we have a woollen wreath and Warren Kilpatrick has been working on ideas for a ferry history display.

6.3 Publicity Committee – Bonnie reported on the wonderfully informative Back Room Talk that Terry McGinn had done on seeds and planting last month. Suzanne Pasternak’s talk on the 1918 Halifax Explosion was rescheduled to Sunday, March 17 and Matt Ellerbeck’s Save the Frogs is being organized by Anders for April 19. Carol, Janet and Bonnie have agreed to supply refreshments for Sunday’s talk.

6.4 Fund-Raising Committee – The Woolly Bully Run was discussed earlier.

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the committee reports.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 Arts, Culture & Heritage Summer Calendar – Karen Miller reported that she had met at Loyalist Township’s gathering to discuss the upcoming calendar. It was discovered that many local organizations had not been included in the meeting, so a proposed follow-up meeting will be held in the future. Karen listed a number of places and websites where we could be promoting the Museum and our events for free. She commented that Rob Plumley was an amazing source of information at the meeting about advertising our events. Karen will be attending the next meeting of the group and will pass along sites and information where we can promote our organization and events.

7.2 Information Related to Museum By-Laws – Thomas reported that he had heard some misinformation about the Museum’s Constitution and By-Laws and whether our Board meetings were open to the public. Anders confirmed that our constitution and revised by-laws were legal and registered with Industry Canada in 2014. Anders added that he would be happy to get the word out that all of our meetings are open to the public. Please pass this along.

7.3 William Perceval Map – Thomas noted that a request from P.A. Miller Surveying Ltd. of Stirling, Ontario had been received to obtain an electronic copy of the William Perceval map. The Board agreed to provide a copy at a cost of \$100.

8. New Business

Anders reported that after many years of assistance with the bottle collection, the Laurets will be retiring from this responsibility on 1 May. He noted that this arrangement had worked very well, thanks to their reliability in collecting the bottles from the landfill. The Museum will need to find volunteers to carry on with this Museum fund-raising project. Anders will be sending out a message to the Friends of the Museum. Carol has agreed to be the contact person for this project. If anyone has other volunteer suggestions, please let Anders know.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

10. Next Board Meeting Tuesday, April 2nd at 7 pm.

Anders Bennick
Chair & President

Bonnie Livingstone
Secretary

The Back Kitchen

-- Amherst Island --

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HOURS

Monday - Thursday:

10am - 3pm

Friday and Saturday:

10am - 8:30pm

9 for ice cream

Sunday:

10am - 8pm

8:30 for ice cream

BREAKFAST

BREAKFAST PLATTER \$6.95

2 eggs, choice of breakfast meat, toast or English muffin, and homefries.

XL: extra meat + egg \$8.95

THE WESTERN \$4.25

Scrambled eggs with red peppers, onions, and ham on white or whole wheat toast

BREAKFAST SANDWICH \$3.95

Egg with bacon, cheese, and tomato on an English muffin

BLT \$4.25

Bacon, lettuce, and tomato on white or whole wheat toast

BK BREKKIE POUTINE \$5.95

Homefries, gravy, cheese curd, choice of breakfast meat, topped with over easy fried egg

ADD-ONS

Homefries \$1.25

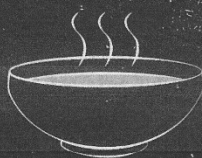
Toast \$1.95

Egg \$0.95

Breakfast Meat \$2.95

Keto Bun \$1.95

SOUPS +SALADS



BK SIGNATURE CHICKEN SOUP \$3.75

Delicious chicken soup with mixed vegetables and orzo

SOUP OF THE DAY \$3.75

Ask our servers about today's soup special!

BK BUDDHA BOWL \$8.95

Ask our servers about today's buddha bowl special!

CAESAR SALAD \$5.25

With croutons, parmesan, bacon bits, and traditional dressing

ROTATING HOUSE SALAD \$5.95

Ask our servers about today's salad special!

SALAD ADD-ON

Chicken \$3.00

Beyond Meat \$3.00

SANDWICHES

Served with a side of fries, soup, or salad.

CHICKEN CAESAR WRAP \$7.95

Roasted chicken on a bed of lettuce, bacon, and Caesar dressing, on a white or whole wheat wrap

PULLED PORK \$7.95

Pulled pork on a pretzel bun, served with coleslaw

CHICKEN CLUB SANDWICH \$8.95

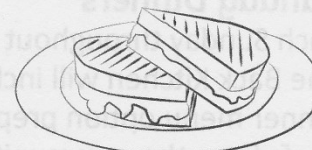
Chicken, bacon, lettuce, tomato, and mayo on white or whole wheat toast

HOT CHICKEN SANDWICH \$6.95

Hot chicken served with gravy on white or whole wheat toast

GRILLED CHEESE \$4.95

Cheddar cheese on white or whole wheat toast





FROM THE GRILL

Served with a side of fries, soup, or salad.

BK BURGER \$6.95

ADD CHEESE \$1.25

ADD BACON \$1.95

Fresh hamburger on a bun, dressed with lettuce, onion, and tomato

BK BANQUET BURGER \$9.50

A BK Burger with cheese and bacon

STELLA BAY BURGER \$9.50

A BK Burger topped with onion rings and pulled pork

PLANT BURGER \$9.50

Ask our servers about today's plant burger special!

HOT DOG \$5.25

Ballpark hotdog on a bun

SAUSAGE ON A BUN \$5.95

Godden's Whole Hog sausage on a bun

ADD-ONS

COLESLAW \$1.50

EGG \$0.95

GRAVY FREE

CHEESE \$1.25

Mark Your Calendar For:

Fish & Chip Friday

Beer battered haddock and our signature fresh cut fries are the perfect way to start the weekend.

Saturday Donuts

Try a new donut flavour each week on Saturday mornings from 10am to Noon. On 'til they're gone!

Sunday Dinners

Each Sunday throughout the summer, The Back Kitchen will include a special dinner menu option prepared by guest chefs from the community and our staff.

FRIES

FRENCH FRIES - Regular \$4.25

- Side \$3.35

Fresh cut fries



SWEET POTATO - Regular \$5.25

FRIES - Side \$3.85

POUTINE \$6.50

Fresh cut fries with Wilton cheese curds and gravy

PULLED PORK POUTINE \$8.50

Fresh cut fries with Wilton cheese curds, gravy, and pulled pork

ONION RINGS \$5.25

Freshly fried onion rings

CHICKEN FINGERS \$7.95

Chicken fingers served with a side of fries

CHICKEN

1/4 CHICKEN DINNER \$10.95

Quarter chicken served with a choice of 2 sides

1/2 CHICKEN DINNER \$14.95

Half chicken served with a choice of 2 sides

FAMILY CHICKEN DINNER \$24.95

A whole chicken served with a choice of 4 sides

WHOLE ROTISSERIE CHICKEN \$14.95

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Special thanks to the Community Foundation for Frontenac, Lennox, and Addington, AIMS, the AIWI, the Canada Summer Jobs grant, and our many supporters who have helped make The Back Kitchen a reality.

Prices and availability subject to change.

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Passover on Amherst Island



Jessica Vega

This year we celebrated Passover on the island with family and friends. We read the Haggadah and then we had delicious food, it was very good.

During the reading of the Haggadah we learned about the Seder plate. We read that there was no time for the bread to rise and that is why we eat matzoh. We also learned that we eat bitter herbs to signify the bitterness of slavery.

After the meal we had a sing along, and then we ate dessert. For dessert we had fruit gummy slices and macaroon nests with chocolate that I made with my grandparents.

It was a fun evening!

Comments: From David Pickering

I've attending a number of Passover Seders over the years; some very traditional, some relaxed, some lasting hours and steeped in tradition, some hard to differentiate from a normal Sunday dinner.

The Passover at the Lodge (the first of its kind) was my initial experience with this version; a much more inclusive and humanistic one. I enjoyed it very much and appreciated the efforts to include respect and support to all oppressed peoples, vice those of a single race.

The Haggadah is the book of the service. It includes the readings, statements, responses, background and even the songs associated with the Passover service.

The Haggadah we used this year started as follows:

Leader: We have come together this evening for many reasons. We are here because Spring is all around, the Earth is reborn, and it is a good time to celebrate with family and friends. We are here

because we are Jews and friends of Jews. We are here to honour the Jewish nation's deep historic roots and its old important memories.

Group: We are here to remember the old story of the liberation of the ancient Hebrews from slavery in Egypt- a great struggle for freedom and dignity. We are here because the struggle for human freedom never stops. We are here to remember all people, Jews and non-Jews, who are still struggling for their freedom.

Reader 2: It is said, there is nothing new under the sun, yet nothing remains the same. Against the backdrop of eternity, the earth displays an ever-changing countenance. The sun rises and the sun sets, yet each day and each season is fresh and new.

Reader 3: Slowly, one season emerges from another. The harshness of ice and snow yields to gentle, nourishing showers. Inevitably, the cold, dark days succumb to the warmth and light of Spring. We rejoice in the warm light and rich blessings of this season.

Group: The celebration of Passover represents the perennial rebirth and survival of the Jewish people and the world of nature. The light of these candles symbolizes a renewal of life, a reaffirmation of freedom.

Leader: Precious is the light of the world, of humankind, of Passover. Precious is the goodness of the world, of humankind, of Passover.

It was a fun evening!



*Illustrations by
Emma Betz and Jessica Vega*

People of Amherst Island



Bryce and Claire Szapira grandchildren to Helen Trotter and Doug Shurtcliffe children of Tabytha Szapira Niece and Nephew to Shyanne



Camo and River belonging to Sherry, Donnie and Sam Miller. Grandpuppies to Brian and Marie Ward. The french toast better not hit the floor



**Throwing stones into Oma's creek
Helen Trotter and Doug Shurtcliffe's grandbabies**



**Kiki Sudds at Easter Time
Scooter 1, Kiki 0**

Another buckle fractured wrist for Kiki. The good news is no casts needed, this time. And most importantly, she made it back to school in time for the dance-a-thon. Chances of slowing that kid down so her wrist can heal are very slim.



Danielle and Steve's babies on the deck



Val Wolfreys with her grandsons Drew Alexander and Archer



**The Littles are back Kate and Jack.
Great having you on the ferry Angus**



Joan and Dan Simpson with grandson Carter



Wonder is waiting for breakfast. Looks like her Dad. From Denise Wolfe



**Island friends at Helen Henderson Jim Neilson
and Bob Filson**



**Diane Marshal and Chris Kennedy
from Diane Marshal**

Hello from British Columbia

Chris and I have been in Burnaby over six months now and are living just east of Vancouver. On September 1st, we loaded up a 15-foot U Haul truck with our worldly belongings and headed west. We also towed our 10-year-old car on a dolly. The trip took 7 days. The drive was wonderfully uneventful with no break downs and the weather cooperated nicely. We wanted to make it through the mountain passes before the snows came. I believe this now means we have crossed all of Canada from Newfoundland to British Columbia.

We arrived in Burnaby in the afternoon of the 7th day. Two gentlemen hired through U Haul worked very hard to unload the truck in less than two hours. We are renting a two-bedroom townhouse about 50 steps from our daughter, Bonnie's home. The area is full of trees and 5 minutes behind the house is a creek with salmon spawning in the fall. We are also a 12-minute walk to the library and Mall. There are many days when our car doesn't leave the garage. Chris is very happy to have the amazing library facilities close at hand and there is also a recreation and seniors' facility in the same building. We joined the Vancouver Art Gallery. However, I much prefer my Island paintings and photographs.

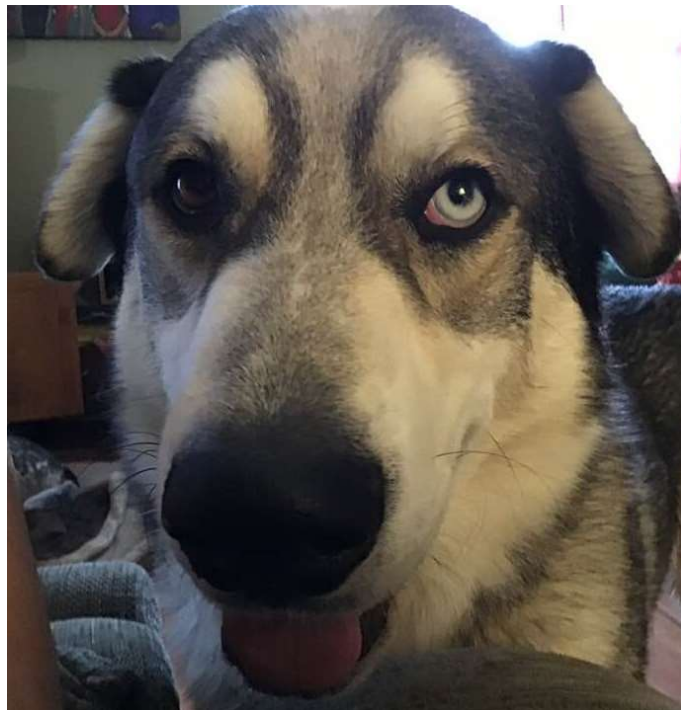
Chris is busy with a hiking group, 2 book clubs, philosopher's café and volunteering at the food bank two mornings a week. So far, the one-year and four-year old granddaughters have been keeping me very busy.

Winter here was what we would consider mild. We were still able to get outside most days and the temperatures were above freezing. However, the past few days, we have seen the thermometer reach 25C. The crocus and daffodils are starting to show.

I must admit that it still seems a bit unreal to realize that we really have done this.

We often think of the wonderful years spent on the Island and wish everyone the best.

Dianne and Chris



Hamlet, Katherine Little's dog



**Drew, Alex and Archer McGinn
Alicia and McGinns sons**



Anthony and I playing at Helen Henderson



Vickie Keith

It's official. The World Para Swimming Championships will be held in London, England September 9-15. I am excited and honoured to be selected to the Swimming Canada Coaching staff for these games. I will have the opportunity to coach Y Penguin Abi Tripp as well as 4 other Canadian Swim Team members.

Pickleball

Bath pickleball Club <http://bathpickleball.ca>

Don Sinkinson, President

Phil, Golland, Vice President

Anna Salmon, Treasurer

Nalini Warriar, Equipment Manager

Betty-Ann Coleman, Membership

The Executive Committee of the Bath Pickleball Club is very pleased to welcome all returning and new members to our 2019 Outdoor Pickleball season. This will be our best season ever! We try not to send long emails, but we have a lot of information to convey to you so accept our apology but read on!

Really Really Good News: Let's start with some fantastic news. After two years of lobbying, WE ARE GETTING FOUR PERMANENT NETS! Special thanks to Club VP Phil Golland and our "volunteer" Consulting Engineer club member Donald Weir for their help in getting this project approved by the Loyalist Township Council. The Club is committed to a \$2500 project capital contribution. More good news, we have secured the \$2500 in funding from Kaitlin Homes the developer of Loyalist Estates. The Township has to follow its procurement procedures and the objective is for construction to be completed in 90 days. Did I tell you the other good news - we have doubled the wattage on the lights for nighttime Pickleball! Now it will be easier to swat the mosquitoes!

Club Finances: Treasurer Anna Salmon reports that

after paying all expenses for last year that we have a surplus of \$1,036.75 that has been carried over to this year. Major expenses included insurance, name tags, DJ for end of season dinner, equipment, software licencing fees etc. If you would like complete cost details, please contact the club via email with your request. No compensation is paid directly or indirectly to the members of the Executive Committee for their volunteer work.

Fees for 2019. The fee is \$25 and a mandatory name tag (if required) is \$7. Drop in daily fee is \$5. Fees will be collected at the courts in Bath from May 11 - May 18. After May 18 email the club to make payment arrangements. This year we will offer payment by e-transfer, cheque or exact cash. You will shortly receive a specific email regarding payment of fees.

Waiver Form: On the advice of our insurance company and Loyalist Township, each member must complete a waiver form. The form has been modified so that returning members next year will not have to submit the form. For this year, however, everybody needs to submit the form. The form can be found on our web site www.bathpickleball.ca

Volunteer Requirements: There will be a number of retirements at the end of the season from the Executive Committee. This Club does not work without volunteer involvement. In order to avoid current "volunteer burnout," we will be reaching out to members for assistance. If you are willing to step up now and get involved, please speak to any of the Executive. The work is not onerous and is rewarding.

The Program: The program will be similar to last year - "social" play for the first 40/45 minutes, then optional competitive play at a number of designated courts. We intend to offer the following and when all the plans are finalized you will receive a detailed email:

We are planning a number of social events. As soon as details and dates are confirmed we will email the information to you. We are considering our popular "dine in the park" where we invite other local clubs to join us.

An August club fun tournament,

Saturday "Competitive at Your Level" play: Mike and Annie are heading up this program for each Saturday. The objective is to allow players with different skill levels to compete and develop at a pace that meets their individual needs. A detailed

email explaining the program will be sent out shortly. Mike is looking for a number of "volunteers" to assist with the program. He is pretty big - I wouldn't say no!

Hopefully, an optional skills development program for members of all skill levels.

Safety and Etiquette: All players and especially new players must review the information on our website regarding safety and etiquette. Injuries can result from playing pickleball so take the time and review the information and act accordingly.

Name Tags: Wearing your club name tag has two purposes. The first is that it is your membership card and somebody won't be walking up to you asking for a \$5 daily fee. The second reason is that it promotes friendship - you know who you are playing with and against. The rumour that a \$1 "voluntary" contribution to the club by players not wearing their name tag is unfounded (for the time being ?).

Weather Alerts: One hour prior to the scheduled start of play we will email out weather cancellations due to rain or high wind. We do our best, but the onus is on individual players to decide if they want to come and play. We will be looking for Bath resident volunteers to assist with this program.

Website: All information is on our website www.bathpickleball.ca . Take the time to read it and it will answer most if not all of your questions.

Schedule: Our scheduled times are as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

to 12:00 noon

Tuesday, Thursday evenings: 5:30 p.m.
to 8:30 p.m.

The times are frequently extended if willing volunteers are available to do the closeup. It is not necessary to show up exactly at the start time as we use the paddle queuing system. Feel free to show up when convenient to you.

Official Start Date: Hopefully you have read all the previous information prior to this paragraph. Our opening day is Saturday, May 11 at 9:00 a.m. See you on the courts where we practise our motto of "fun friendsfitness"

A Poem by Judith Wambora

There once was a man who lived on an island and
had so many wives he didn't know what to do
So he cut up the island into tiny little pieces
And gave each woman a room or two.

He got himself a goat and a noisy little parrot
And life was as radiant as could be.

But then one day his wives bought a rowboat
And came to see him at four in the morning,
Crying out Boo hoo

(or was it yahoo..)



Rush Hour in downtown Stella from Bonnie Caughey

We want your input

Upcoming opportunities for public engagement

At the outset of this new term of office, your council had several priorities. We have succeeded in completing our first budget which realized a zero percent increase in the tax rate. We are also very pleased to announce that we have hired our new Chief Administrative Officer, Steven Silver.

Now we move on to our next priorities, a new Strategic Plan, a new Official Plan and a review of our accessible transit capabilities. Through your involvement, you can help ensure these policies meet the needs of residents. Over the next few weeks we are asking for your input. We encourage you to provide your feedback by completing online surveys or by attending a public meeting/open house.

Together we will make Loyalist better than ever.

Yours in service,

Ric Bresee, Mayor of Loyalist Township

Accessible Transit Service Survey

Loyalist Township is interested in your opinions and ideas about the availability and delivery of accessible transit services in the Amherstview community.

May 10 - June 10

Loyalist Township residents will have an opportunity to share their opinion on the need for accessible transit service by way of survey (online and hard copies) and a public meeting.

Loyalist Township Official Plan Review

The Official Plan is a long-range planning policy document that provides the framework to manage land use, growth and development over a 20 year horizon.

**Begins online
Mid-May**

In mid-May, staff will commence online public consultation on the proposed modifications to the Township Official Plan. Public Open Houses will be held the first week of June.

Loyalist Township Strategic Plan

The goal of the Strategic Plan consultation process is to receive community input regarding public expectations, and priorities.

Begins May 27

The information received will form the basis of discussions in the development of a focused strategic plan that is easy to read and include practical measurables which can be annually reported publicly in five or six key priority areas.



Discover more about these and other engagement opportunities at

www.loyalist.ca/go/engage

Turtles Kingston

from Randi Kennedy

VOLUNTEER WEEK / TURTLES KINGSTON

THANK YOU ?? to all the members of the GENERAL PUBLIC for your compassion in responding to the plight of the turtles traumatized on the roads. We appreciate your generosity in transporting the injured and dead turtles to the TEMPORARY HOLDING STATIONS as part of our TURTLE TRAUMA RESPONSE PROGRAM. The turtles are later transported to Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre by one of our VOLUNTEER TRANSPORT DRIVERS for trauma treatment and possible egg extraction.

Turtles are the most imperilled vertebrate species on the planet. Less than 1% of turtle eggs make it to sexual maturity. It can take 59 years to replace a sexually mature female turtle that has succumbed to road trauma or that has drowned in a commercial fishing net.

Their habitats are being destroyed by over development and their populations fragmented by the lack of mitigation measures (exclusion fencing, eco passages and alternate nesting sites). Road mortality and turtles as By Catch in the Commercial Fishing Industry is reducing their numbers at alarming rates. This incredible species have been on the planet for more than 220 million years and in just 50 short years we have been sent down the road to their extinction. Their presence in the wetlands is invaluable as they are the best water cleaners. Only 3% of the world's water is freshwater and 20% of that is located in Ontario. Remove turtles from the wetlands and they implode.

Like our VOLUNTEER TRANSPORT DRIVERS and TEMPORARY HOLDING STATIONS participants, we cannot over emphasize the value of your participation in our TURTLE TRAUMA RESPONSE PROGRAM. Without your involvement, the turtles would not stand a chance! Because of your generosity and compassion, you have significantly contributed to the turtle populations in the Kingston City area and for that we will remain eternally grateful.

On behalf of one of the world's most magnificent and humble species, THANK YOU!

SAVING THE WORLD ONE TURTLE AT A TIME! ACTION BRINGS HOPE!

Scandal on Amherst Island

Update, April 2019

Mal Appropriation of Agricultural Society Funds

J.Rothwell of Emerald complains that at the usual dinner after the Annual Fall Show of the Amherst Island Agricultural Society the extra liquor used by the guests was by resolution of the Directors, decided to be paid for out of the surplus funds of the Society. Our correspondent states that the six directors were equally divided in their vote on the resolution and the decision was made by the president's casting vote. We hope there is some mistake here, as we can hardly believe the officers of an agricultural society would make so glaring a misuse of public funds.

Okay, so maybe it isn't a recent scandal- the 'complaint' was documented in "The Canadian Farmer" magazine, Volume 1, 1864, but still it's interesting for several reasons.

First- that there was an Amherst Island Agricultural Society playing an active role on the Island more than 155 years ago. ('at the usual dinner after the Annual Fall Show')

Second- the Directors were divided in their opinions on the motion (sound familiar concerning Island activities?)

Thirdly, and most important- what happened to the Agricultural Society??

It isn't clear where the Annual Shows were held in the earlier years, but in May, 1921, the Superintendent of the Department of Agriculture and the County Clerk, met with the Directors of the Amherst Island Agricultural Society to inspect the proposed site for the fair grounds. On January 27th, 1922 transactions were finally completed for the purchase of property from Thomas Smith, John Tugwell and John Edwin Lindsay for 7.2 acres of land in the Village of Stella.

The first Fall Fair on the new fair grounds was held on September 29th, 1922.

From the limited information available, it appears that the last Fall Fair was likely held in Sept, 1946. At a Directors meeting on April 30th, 1949, it was agreed that they 'would try and re-organize and hold a fair on Sept.21st'. Whether the fair was held or not is not documented. In 1946, it seems there were 25 members of the Society. By 1964, it had dropped to perhaps 11 or so.

On Oct 29th, 1964 the Directors approved a motion authorizing the Township to make the fair grounds

in 'suitable condition for a park'. A 99 year lease was signed with the Township for a portion of the fair ground for Centennial Park on April 14, 1965.

After that, the remaining fairground property was used occasionally but there are no records of any specific events being held under the auspices of the Agricultural Society.

A Board of Directors meeting in November 1984 authorized the secretary to accept new members, but there is no indication if any were accepted.

At this point it seems the Society was essentially dormant, while a minimal Board of Directors maintained it on life support with limited membership and no funds.

Requests by community organizations to use the fairground property for various purposes (fall fair, community gardens, extension of museum facilities) were denied for liability concerns, due to the fact that the Society had no liability insurance and no funds for the same.

In June 2018 a number of Islanders approached the current Board to apply for membership. Subsequent discussion disclosed that the organization no longer had a valid Constitution (By-Laws), in violation of the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Act.

A representative of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture offered to meet with prospective new members and the current Board, to resolve Constitution issue, admit new members and expand the current Board with additional Board members to conduct the business of the Society until the next Annual General Meeting.

An initial public meeting as held June 21st. A second meeting was held Aug 14th, at which time a draft constitution was tabled, and approved with amendments. Thirty-two new members paid their \$20.00 membership fee and were added to the membership roll, bringing the total number of members to approximately 40, the largest membership in decades.

Three new members were added to the Board of Directors to serve until the next AGM.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, March 11th, 2019 at the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre. In addition to other business, an election was held to fill out the Board of Directors to make a full slate of 9 Board members. (Bruce Caughey, Garry Filson, Wayne Fleming, Larry Fleming, Dayle Gowan, Peter Large, Keith Miller, Jim Reid, and Mark Ritchie).

A subsequent Board of Directors meeting elected the Executive for 2019 to be: President - Mark Ritchie, Vice-President- Garry Filson, Secretary- Dayle Gowan, Treasurer- Wayne Fleming.

Over the last 155 years, the Agricultural Society has certainly had its ups and downs.

From alleged "mal appropriation of funds" (Canadian Farmer, 1864) to "one of the best one-day exhibitions in Eastern Ontario" (Napanee Beaver, 1927), to declining membership, and finally dormant status.

The fairground has seen great fall fairs, then declining interest, followed by removal of buildings and fairground structures. For the last few decades it was just watching the grass grow.

Not a fitting end for either a useful Community organization or a valuable Community asset.

Fortunately, Community interest has started to turn things around.

So, What's next??

A strong membership, representing all the community, will help identify activities and projects that can be supported by the Agricultural Society.

We made a great start in 2018.

So, current members are asked to renew their membership for 2019.

I encourage anyone else who would like to contribute, to sign up soon, participate in future meetings, and volunteer to participate in committees.

Think about what you would like to see the Society do to improve life on Amherst Island.

We have many choices. Help us make the best choices for you and Amherst Island.

Notice of Tender

5 acres (+/-) of Standing Hay for Tender

Amherst Island Agricultural Society is accepting tenders for standing hay on the Fairground property directly south of Centennial Park

Bids will be accepted until June 1st

Hay to be removed by July 31st

Please submit bids in a sealed envelope

Mail to: Amherst Island Agricultural Society
Attention : Tender

5435 Front Road, Stella, ON, K0H2S0

Or

Hand deliver to: Dayle Gowan, Secretary



Neilson Store Museum & Cultural Centre

Summer 2019 Events

May 18 to 20 – The Museum will be opening on the Victoria Day Weekend – come and see our new marine, wool and stone wall exhibits.

Late May (date to be confirmed) –
Back Room Talk with Ron Tasker –
the Restoration of Ham House in Bath

Sunday, August 18 – the Woolly Bully Run
Volunteers are needed...
just contact the Museum or a Board member.

Your Museum is interested in family heirlooms and island artefacts. If you have something significant that you would like to share, please get in touch with us. We are also interested in photos about island life that we might copy for our photo gallery. This year's theme is marine/nautical history.

Your Museum Board of Directors are:
Anders Bennick, Bruce Burnett, Carol Glenn,
Warren Kilpatrick, Bonnie Livingstone, Terry McGinn,
Karen Miller, Janet Scott & Tom Sylvester



I was going to make a silly caption for this picture, but there were just SO MANY to choose from. Feel free to send in your best, and we'll publish them in the next issue.

Sorry in advance Jack, if any cause embarrassment.

**I'll start.
"Oh look, he's practicing to be a Q-tip!"**



Looks like trying to get a squirmy three-year-old out of a wet snowsuit.

Thanks to Topsy for the pictures.

Spring Cleanup at St Paul's

From Andrea Cross

Volunteers gathered at St Paul's Presbyterian Church on Saturday April 27th to do some Spring Cleaning.

Leaves were raked. Windows washed. Sunday School room was tidied, given a good clean. Winter cobwebs were gathered. The hornets were captured and encouraged to find a home elsewhere. The Church Hall windows and walls were cleaned. The kitchen was given a quick once over. Leaves, sticks, and garbage were removed from the Drive Shed. It was a good morning's effort as many hands made light work. We then all sat down to a delicious lunch as hungry tummies were filled.

Soup, sandwiches, cheese, pickles and cake. A huge thank you to all who participated - Bruce and Susie Caughey and Susie's sister Linda visiting from Indiana, Jill and Mike Walhout, Anna, Lucas, and Nolan, Beth Forester, Allen Caughey, Janet Scott, Bruce Burnett, Andrea Cross, and Carl McCrosky.



Spring Clean up lunch at St. Pauls, Bruce Burnett, Carl McCrosky, Mitchell Morgan and Mike Walhout. Beth Forester in the background

Right: Susie's Caughey's sister Linda taken by Anna Walhout



Left: Cleaning the drive shed.

Below: Bruce Caughey and Bruce Burnett



Island Schedule

Sundays May 5, 19, 12, 26

10:30 am Worship at St. Alban's

11:00 am Worship at St. Paul's

Tuesdays May 7, 14, 21, 28

9:00 am to 2:00 pm Internet Café at the Museum
Bill and David invite you to bring your computer, iPad, tablet, PC, and connectivity challenges to the Internet Café. You decide what problem you would like to solve. Please donate a toonie to the Museum.

Wednesday May 17 at the home of Marilyn Pilon

7:00 pm Women's Institute Meeting

Guests and visitors welcome. Contact Marilyn if you would like to attend

Saturday May 18 at Centennial Park

9:00 am to Noon First Market of the Season ongoing on Saturdays until Thanksgiving. AIM's market cart, WI coffee and muffins, baking, plants and vegetables!

Saturday May 18 at the Neilson Store Museum

10:00 am 2019 Season's Opening of the Museum and the Weasel and Easel

Open Saturday 10 to 4, Sunday and Holiday Monday 1 to 4. Come and see the new marine, wool, and stone wall exhibits as well as the Weasel and Easel's fine art and crafts from Island and area artists at affordable prices with no taxes.

Saturday May 18 at The Lodge on Amherst Island

1:00 to 4:00 pm Knitting Workshop with Kirk Dunn
Knitter Kirk Dunn presents a 3-hour workshop featuring an original pillow pattern, inspired by Loyalist County, and featuring Topsy Farms yarns. Choose complex colourways with Kirk to learn his unique method for creating texture and depth, all in a relaxed social setting. For more information contact The Lodge at 613-634-1388

Saturday May 18 at The Lodge on Amherst Island

2:00 to 5:00 Paul Cuyler Black Smith, Metal Artist Art Show Opening

Meet the artist and share refreshments.

Sunday May 19 at the Amherst Island Public School

2:00 to 3:30 pm Kirk Dunn, The Knitting Pilgrim

A one-man play & talkback about the real-life artistic and spiritual journey of Kirk Dunn, who took 15 years to knit a triptych of tapestries, designed in the style of stained glass windows exploring the commonalities and conflicts of the Abrahamic faiths. There is no other project like it in the world.

Tickets \$25 Contact The Lodge 613-634-1388

Sunday May 19 at Bach Haus 4455 South Shore Rd
Concert - Time to be confirmed If you wish to bring your favourite drink / appetizer, please only food ready for the table! Thank you!! This concert is free of charge. However, for the continuation of Bach Haus concerts we greatly appreciate donations. Please reserve your seat by calling 613 389 3525 or by e-mailing brockhau@queensu.ca

Friday May 24 at the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre

7:00 pm Back Room Talk with Ron Tasker The restoration of Ham House in Bath.

Of course the whole purpose of this project was to take what was a collapsing wreck of a building and bring it back to its former glory. In reality Ham House had been neglected for a very long time. Though originally a dramatic building, it had probably not looked its best since about 1830. Hear the saga, the challenges, and the triumphs at the Museum. Free! Donations are always welcome. Refreshments following the talk.

Saturday June 1

Last day to buy tickets for all Waterside concerts to obtain a 10% discount on the series. Mail your cheque for \$166.50 for one set of tickets to: Waterside Summer Series, General Delivery Stella, ON K0H 2S0 For further ticket information on this special offer, please call 613-384-2153 or email watersidetickets@gmail.com.

Sunday June 2 at Topsy Farms

1:00 to 3:30 pm Workshop Grow Your Own Hops
Led by MacKinnon's Brother's Brewing expert, Samantha Jordan-Powell, will teach all you need to know to successfully grow your own hops. Watch for a follow-up Harvesting event in September. Please register online

<https://www.topsyfarms.com/products/planting-hops>

Friday June 14 at the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre

7:00 pm Back Room Talk Lynann Clapham and Chris Laffin explored Uganda. Hear about their adventure! Free. Donations to the Museum invited. Refreshments following the talk.

Saturday June 15 at the "Stella Bay Dock Park"

10 am to Noon - Come Out and Play Trailer

The Come Out & Play trailer offers a variety of fun equipment for children. Whether it be giant Connect 4, Jenga or ladderball, everyone can enjoy this

leisurely play time for FREE! Refer to page 19 of the Loyalist Township Spring and Summer Recreation Guide The Come Out & Play Trailer is generously sponsored by the Loyalist Community Sharing Centre. The Township adds: Please be advised that children are to be supervised by their parent or caregiver at all times while participating with the Come Out and Play Trailer.

Sunday June 16 at Topsy Farms
9:00 am – 1:00 pm Dyeing Yarn Naturally
\$45/person, including yarn. Leader - Christopher Walker aka @cabinboyknits on Instagram. Learn to forage for early summer plants on our land to make natural dye baths. We will wash and prepare hanks of Topsy Farms yarn then will dye them over an open fire. Christopher will teach the basics of natural dyeing and their stages. Students will explore the environment for additional possible dyes and where their plants may be sourced. Each person will take their dyed hanks once dried. As the hanks dry, there will be time to use the coals to cook a lamb sausage or food you bring and to visit the Wool Shed.

Monday July 1 Happy Canada Day!
6:30 pm Parade assembles at St. Alban's and heads to the Community Centre at 7. I'd be grateful if the new Recreation Committee could advise if other Canada Day events are planned.

Stella the Owl

Scott Weidensaul of Project SNOWstorm

First off, an apology — the past couple of weeks have been unusually hectic for members of the SNOWstorm team. Mike Lanzone and Trish Miller were in Israel for the Champions of the Flyway birding competition (which raised money this year for African vulture conservation). Steve Huy and his wife had a baby; I moved from Pennsylvania to New England. Dave Brinker has been zipping between conferences from Edmonton to New York. A busy time, and we're sorry the updates have been sparse.

The big news came last night, though, when Stella got back in touch for the first time since the end of November. You'll recall that this female owl, tagged in January 2018 on Amherst Island, Ontario, as a juvenile, checked in for the first-time last Nov. 15 from central Saskatchewan. Her backlogged data unspooled her spring and summer travels into the northwest Canadian Arctic, then straight south to the prairies.

Stella kept moving south, and on Nov. 21 she was just a few kilometers from the Montana border. And then — nothing. For months.

We wondered, obviously, whether something bad had happened, either to her or to her transmitter. But Andy McGann at CTT pointed out that northeastern Montana is one of the biggest dead zones for cellular coverage in the U.S. Maybe she's just out of range, Andy suggested. Still, as spring approached and many of the other owls started moving north, we knew we were down to the wire. Would Stella reemerge?

Wednesday night (April 10) she did, in spectacular fashion, checking in from central Saskatchewan while sprinting north at a rapid pace. Her transmitter uploaded more than 6,600 GPS points from the past nearly five months, showing that she had indeed spent the winter in a fairly small (15 square mile/37 square km) territory in northeastern Valley County, MT, about 26 miles (42 km) south of the Canadian border.

On April 7 she started moving north, spending a couple of days at Fife Lake near Lisieux in southern Saskatchewan, then the night of April 9-10 made a 425-km (264-mile) sprint right up the middle of the province, stopping for the day near Leask, SK, near the northern edge of the prairies. That's where she was when she phoned home.

Good thing she connected when she did, because the cellular network gets pretty thin north of there, once the land transitions into boreal forest. We may not get another transmission from her once she crosses that threshold, though we're always hopeful an owl will be near a bush village with cell service on a check-in day. But it's great to know what she's been up to all winter.

Who bring trees TO Amherst Island?

Mission Accomplished: The Back Kitchen Tree Fundraiser

The blustery weather on April 27th didn't deter the supporters of the Back Kitchen who gathered to enjoy a coffee and a muffin while picking up the trees they had ordered.

110 new trees – spruce, apple, linden, birch, maple – grown at a nursery in southern Ontario have now been planted on the island. Many of these trees are already ten feet in height! Board member Blair Anderson and volunteer extraordinaire Larry Jensen had picked up the trees at the delivery point in Westport earlier in the week. Sherri Jensen was

instrumental in tagging, organizing and making sure that the right tree got to the right buyer. Heartfelt thanks to those who purchased trees and to volunteers who helped make it a very successful fundraiser!

The Back Kitchen has become a focal point for the Amherst Island community. On any given day, the restaurant is bustling with seniors meeting for lunch, young families stopping for ice cream, visitors grabbing a quick bite before the ferry, and workers taking a well-earned break. Community singalongs, Thanksgiving potlucks, holiday bake sales, seniors' lunches, and children's tea parties are among the community events hosted here. For information on how you can support this local enterprise, visit: <http://www.thebackkitchen.com>



A full load of trees arrives on the ferry.



Jane Broderick and Daryl Miller with their trees.

Women's Institute



What does the Women's Institute do with the toonies and loonies collected at bake sales and the market and from the sale of aprons and directories?

Our top priority is to fund projects that benefit the Amherst Island community and we are very proud of our investments in Ameriks scholarships for Island students, dry stone wall restoration, planters, benches, picnic tables, the Back Kitchen, Sand Beach facilities, funding the AIPS school trips and awards, and seed money for the new 4-H Club among many others.

Our second objective is to support education and health initiatives that benefit women and children, particularly small projects where the WI could make a difference. In 2013 the WI opened an account with KIVA, an organization focused on microfinance. By lending as little as \$25, we help people around the world create opportunity for themselves and their communities. Since 2013 we have made 88 loans to women in 28 countries for example, cheese-making in Armenia, farming in Kenya, Peru, Tajikistan, and Sierra Leone, the purchase of a sewing machine for a home sewing business in Palestine, and in Ghana, a cooperative that collects fruit that would spoil and processes it into dried fruit to sell.

And that's how the WI makes a difference!

Created in 1900 the Amherst Island Women's Institute has a long tradition of service (and fun) and meets monthly on the third Wednesday. New members and guests are especially welcome.

See you at the market!

Deb Barrett