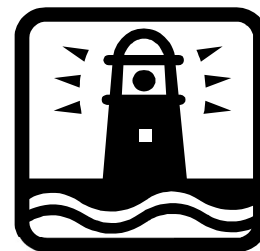


Amherst Island Beacon



Issue 471 There's always another boat. July 2019

Note from the Editor

I never know what to say. It was a good month. Graduations, Birthdays, great people on the Island, love to see your animals. We have sold the Cafe' and are moving on to our next adventure, Shared Senior's Housing in Kingston. We move in on Friday. It's 5 bedrooms. We have two of the bedrooms full and hope to have one spare bedroom for respite and two to fill. We visit the Island weekly because we still have the radio show The Cheesemaker's Daughter on Mondays from 10 to 12. We are still on the Radio board and involved in The Woolly Bully. We might be living in Kingston, but we are still very involved in the Island. Thanks to David Pickering for posting The Beacon on the web and checking it to make sure it doesn't have any mistakes.

Have a great month. Please send submissions anytime to judybierma@gmail.com. Thank you to the people who have sent minutes of their meeting and updates of what is happening, AIMs, CJAI, The Museum, etc.

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**Bearded Collie Isla being shown
from Joanne Watts**

From a proud momma

By Joanne Watts

Isla. Champion Cameron-Lochcairn Amherst Lass (Lochcairn is my kennel name) I registered her with this special name so people would know where she is from. The show was The Bearded Collie Club of Canada's National Specialty show in Orono ON on June 13th.

Isla won Winners Female and earned the maximum points that can be awarded at one show 5 points. This was a very special win. She again won Winners Female the next day and earned the rest of the points she needed to finish her Championship. We will start to work on her American Championship in September at the American Bearded Collie Club's National Specialty show in North Carolina.

The ring picture is Isla and her breeder Kelly. The chair picture was taken after she got her Championship. It was too muddy to have her on the grass.



Joanne Watts and her dogs Isla and Briagha, who is a Canadian and American Champion



Lower Left: Talia Fleming and Loke



It's the dreaded Edna dragon protecting her knitting hoard from Denise Wolfe

Christmas in
J U L Y

**A fundraiser for The Back Kitchen
Where? The Lodge on Amherst Island
When? Sunday, July 21 @ 5-10 PM
What? Cocktails at 5:00 followed by a festive
turkey dinner with ALL the trimmings!
Get tickets on Eventbrite or talk to any of
The Back Kitchen staff.**



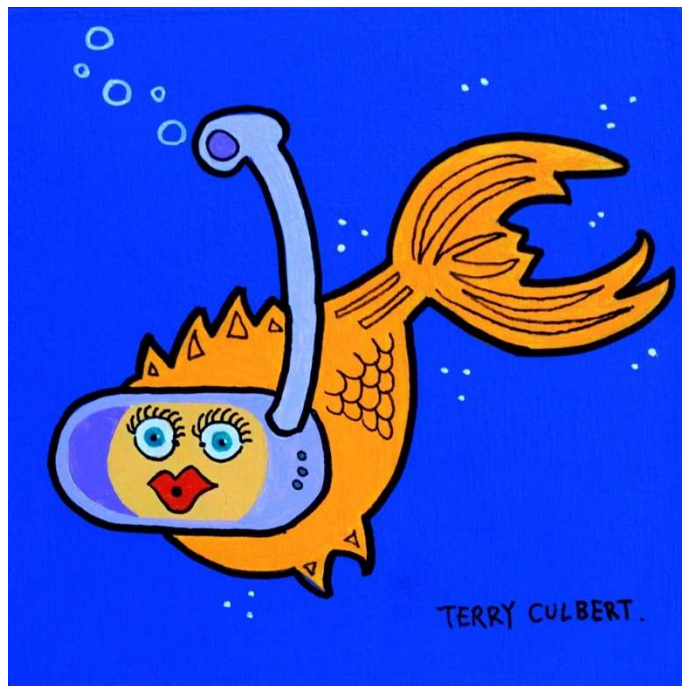
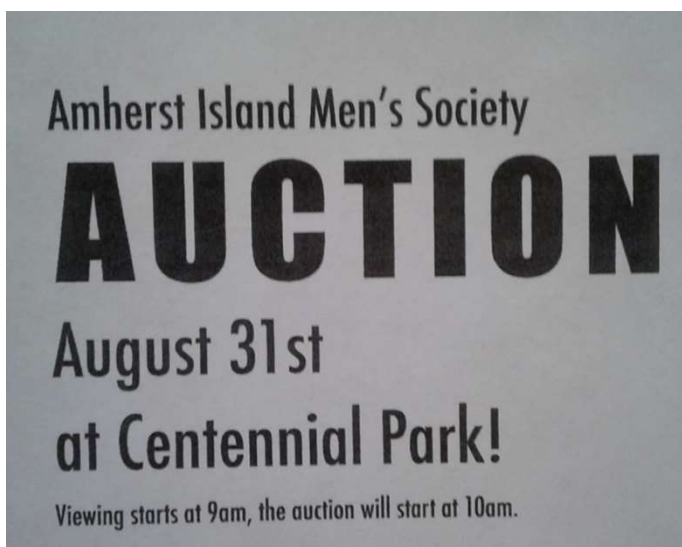
Downward Facing Broad
A show by Deb Kimmitt
St. Paul's on Amherst Island,
Fri. July 19 @ 7:15 PM.

- tree removal
- chimney cleaning
- snow removal
- concrete
- framing
- plumbing and electrical repairs

... and if what you need is not on this list, just ask because I can probably do it. No job is too big or too small, I am always happy to help no matter what the job is.

I am also currently making various kinds of furniture (indoor and outdoor), as well as planters, shelves, dog houses, bunk beds, chicken coops, tree houses, and much more. I have added several photos of work that I have done. If something you see sparks your interest, you would like a variation of it, or have an idea of your own that you would like to bring to life, please reach out and send me a message.

TJ Ruttan



Hello there, allow me to introduce myself!

My name is T.j. and I am a General Contractor and diversely skilled in multiple trades and have over 20 years experience. I recently decided to bring my business closer to home on the island.

I can do everything from:

- major to minor repairs
- renovations
- property maintenance
- decks
- roofs
- siding
- drywall
- windows and doors

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**Upper left:
John's Peony**

**Upper right:
Poppies viewed through a Van Gogh lens**

**Left:
Peony Dew**

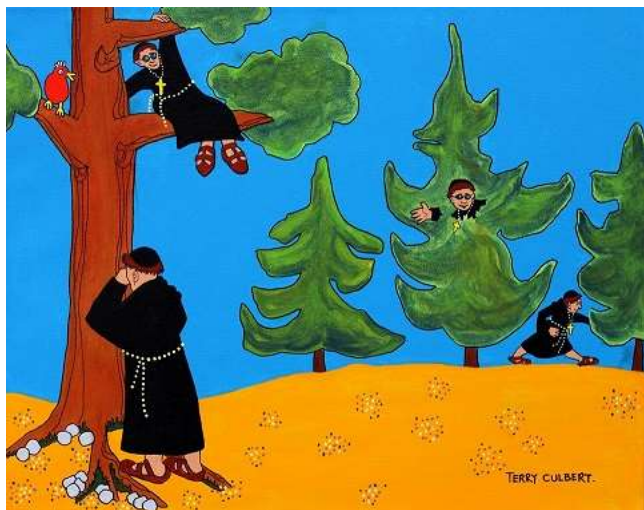
All by Woody Woodiwiss

And rocks



**Thanks and congratulations to
Jeff Forester, Lorna Willis, Bob
Brown, Lynn Wyminga and the
rest of the new Rec Committee!
It was a great dance, great
music and a great night!!**





Oh Brothers...where art thou By Terry Culbert

Back Kitchen Belongs to Amherst Island Community

On June 14, 2019, the Board of the Amherst Island Community Cafe successfully purchased the Back Kitchen café building and its surrounding land. The Board is very grateful to everyone who donated to the Back Kitchen (to the Future) Capital Fundraising campaign. Thanks to the monies raised by the campaign, the bank could grant us a loan which allowed us to purchase the property from Judy Bierma and Anthony Gifford.

As most readers of the Beacon know, the Back Kitchen is Amherst Island's not-for-profit, volunteer-led restaurant that serves great quality food, supports local growers and businesses, hires and trains local students and promotes and hosts local events. With more than 60 volunteers supporting the Back Kitchen through picking up food supplies, gardening and mowing the lawn, helping in the open kitchen, hiring and managing the youth staff, doing the banking and paying the bills, taking garbage and recycling to the landfill site, doing the laundry, the BK is fulfilling its mandate to foster community life on the island.

While volunteers are the life blood of the café, it is managed by a Board of Directors with an Operations Committee to attend to the day-to-day. This year's Board of Directors includes Lorna Willis (President), Brian Little (Chair) Diane Pearce (Secretary), Blair Anderson (Treasurer), Annick Mitchell, Leah Murray and Michael Steeves (Members at Large). Ian Murray, Margaret Maloney, Carrie and Bruce Sudds, Bonnie Caughey and Michele Le Lay previously served as members of the Board. Lynn Wyninga and Bonnie Caughey along with some Board members and Elena Moffatt in her capacity as manager comprise the Operations Committee.



The 2019 staff (seen above) include BK Assistant Manager Jack Little, Manager Elena Moffatt, Grace McKinney and Krystalin Kennedy. Based on last year's Island resident survey, the Back Kitchen menu now offers lighter fare, more vegetarian dishes and the now legendary Saturday morning donuts. Buddha Bowls have become a hit with both vegetarians and non-vegetarians. Island favourites continue: burgers and fries, rotisserie chicken, Fish Frydays and Sunday night Guest Chefs, starting in July. If you need catering, the Back Kitchen is your choice!

Plans for the future include the addition of a stone bake oven/pizza oven this fall with the help of Dry Stone Canada. Less glamorous but equally important is the addition of an accessible ramp to the building. The Back Kitchen received grants from the federal government, the Community Foundation for Lennox and Addington and Loyalist Township to help make this happen. Ramp construction will start this fall. In the future, the Board wants to make the BK building even more accessible by changing the existing washrooms.



While we are now officially “proud owners”, the Back Kitchen Board still needs your financial help to insure its long term viability. Paying the mortgage off as quickly as possible is key to that goal.

Looking forward, Deb Kimmett is coming back to the island on July 19, 2019 to perform her comedy special *Downward Facing Broad* at 8:00 pm, St Paul’s Presbyterian Church. With each ticket sold, \$5.00 will be donated to the Back Kitchen. Tickets for this not-to-be missed performance are available at the Back Kitchen or Brown Paper Tickets.

And lastly, In the spirit of giving, come to celebrate Christmas in July at the Lodge on Sun July 21, 2019. A great turkey dinner for \$30.00 per person, with a cash bar available! The pre-dinner reception starts at 5 PM with the buffet dinner at 6, all prepared by our volunteers. Buy your tickets online through Eventbrite at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-in-july-tickets-63405285917> or, if you don’t have Internet access, contact the Back Kitchen directly.

Thank you again to the Island residents and local businesses who have already rallied to support the Back Kitchen: a great place to meet, a good place to bring visitors.

Your patronage is essential to The Back Kitchen’s success.



Helen Trotter’s Peony Hedge



Caroline Ackerman

Farewell Caroline, rest in peace my friend. You leave us having created so many great memories; all your festive and gastronomic celebrations, your beautiful gardens, your legacy as a co-founder of the Easel and Weasel, your art shown in your little gallery, fun times at women's camp-out and so much more. Your tenacity and energy always have been a great source of inspiration. Our thoughts are with Andrew, Victoria, Heidi, Phillip and your grand kids who will miss you greatly. — at Amherst Island.

Congratulations:



**Right: Nathan Murray graduating from Grade 8
from Jacob Murray**

Below: Liam Kennedy doing the same.





Congrats Mayo for becoming a Canadian citizen

What they will look like:





These two renderings, taken from amherstislandferrydocks.ca, show how the new docks will look once complete. While the landscaping will happen in 2020 (as will the removal of the temporary docks), we still expect to have the permanent docks functioning by the end of this year.
 (Thanks to Helen Trotter for reminding us of these pictures.)

Birthdays



**7th Birthday for Kiki
 From Carrie Sudds**



**Happy Birthday Betty Wemp with Jean Tugwell
 from Betty Wemp**



Ren



Renée Minville



Stuart McCrimmon



**Victoria Cuyler's Grandmother
Maria Parker turning 95**



Terri McGinn

Fathers



Clockwise from above:
Mike McCormick
Brian Little
Ralph Wemp
Ellis Wolfreys
Jim Reid





**Above
Bruce Sudds**

**Left
Ralph Wemp**

**Right
Kass Wronski**

**Below
The
cheesemaker
(Judy's dad)
Person on the
far right end.**



Tis the season



Lilac Season in Jon Nye's backyard



Birthing season from Talia Fleming

Growing season From David Pickering





Bass Season: Donald Miller wins at the Wemp Bass Derby weighing in at 6.1 lbs. Photo from Judy Bierma



Justin Hutchins won at the McGinn Bass Derby with a small mouth bass 8 lbs 12 oz from Alicia Wolfreys



Building season: Our new ferry under construction from Alex Scott

People



Vaughn from Danielle Kennedy

**On their way to see
Carrie Underwood.
Carol and Paul Glenn's
great grand daughters,
Annette's
granddaughters,
Torri's daughters**



**The Wemp Family
Marie, Maureen, Joyce,
Kathy and David
from Marie Ward**



Left: Mitchell Morgan-Bursey. Above him, Dan Simpson finishing his stone fence. Above him, his 7 mth old grandson, Carter. On the right, Jayden at the Back Kitchen from Trish McGinn. Bottom Right: Mike Bossio with Jacob and Kyle Murray and assorted small friends at Topsy.



Left: People V and Grandpa George enjoying the water from Ida Gavlas. Above: Sheila and Ma Mooney heading to St. Paul's from Sheila Mooney. Top Left: Trish McGinn's children Terry McGinn's niece and nephews. Top right: Torri Davison married Ben Davison. Torri is Paul and Carol Glenn's grand daughter. Middle right: V playing soccer, George and Ida Gavlas' granddaughter from Ida Gavlas.



Wayne Fleming feeding a new calf from Talia Fleming



With my much-loved dad on my wedding day. He was 77 in 1981. He taught me to handle an axe and saw, to put my own worm on the hook (then spit on it for good luck) to paddle a canoe, to swallow a raw oyster, to love Québec and to speak French and to look with eagerness on the day.

Ron's Ride

From
Danielle
Wolfreys



From Jane McGinn
And Tessa Mayman Fabian



Topsy's Summer Solstice Party

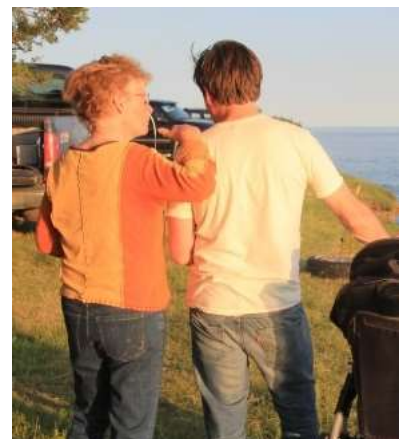
Photos by
Brian Little



Jacob, Will and Kyle



**Ian with Perry McDonald on left
and Sally on right.**



The past and the future



Above by Ida Gavlas

Right by Cara Daley Nye

Water levels this year topped the previous records established in 2017. Fortunately, they have now stabilized and hopefully will start to recede.

Unfortunately, this could be the new normal, and might become an annual event. Maybe the county should think of relocating more roads. Or, it's an impressive Chinese hoax.

