

Amherst Island

Beacon



Issue 472 There's always another boat. October 2019

Note from the Editor

By Judy Bierma

I put Aug, Sept and Oct's Beacons together. There weren't any minutes in the summer because the different organizations didn't have meetings. Many thanks to the museum for sending me the minutes and upcoming events without any prompting. Thanks to AIMs for sending me their minutes. Thanks to everyone who has written articles for the Beacon. I love the pictures but it is good to have some text too.

The Beacon is a way to document what is happening and what has happened on the Island. It is a way to keep track of the history of the Island.

I hope you enjoy this month's issue. Please feel free to send any submissions to me judybierma@gmail.com
Thanks to David Pickering for helping me with the technical part of the Beacon.

Letter to the Editor

Hi Judy,

Am confused by some photos in the July Beacon: Jean Tugwell is dead, and so is Ralph Wemp. Should some explanation have been given under the pics? And who is that with a pic of her dad on a wedding day? And who wrote the bit about Caroline Ackerman?

Best wishes.

Dear Reader.

Jean Tugwell's pic was in there with Betty Wemp. I was sending a Birthday Wish to Betty Wemp and I asked her to send me a picture of herself for the Beacon and she sent me the one with her and Jean. Yes Ralph Wemp is dead. On Facebook his daughters wished him a Happy Father's Day so I was recognizing their wishes. Yes, I should have put more under the pics and I will next time. Michele LeLay wrote the bit about Caroline Ackerman and I was pleased. I asked for more info from other people but no one sent me anything I should have phoned them. I'll have to look again at the wedding day pic and then I can answer that one. Sorry about the lack of info. I do appreciate your email to me. It lets me know someone is reading The Beacon.

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The magnificent painting of Paul Cuyler on the previous page was Chris Laffin's submission to this year's 'The Kingston Prize' portrait art competition. Chris and his picture were one of only 30 entrants selected from all of Canada to compete.

We don't serve coffee. By David Pickering

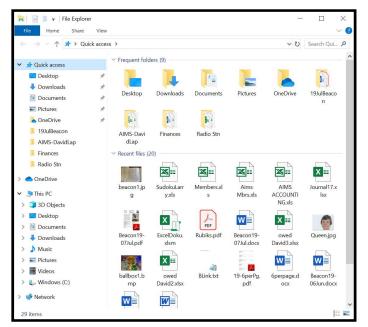
As you are probably aware, we have two fine establishments on the island that DO serve coffee: the General Store and The Back Kitchen. One place that doesn't is the Internet Café (though it is STILL the most common question we get asked.)

"So, if you don't serve coffee, what do you guys DO here?" This article (and maybe series of articles) will attempt to answer that question.

The Internet café is a volunteer manned drop-in centre which tries to help residents with computer problems. We give individual tutorial, fault-finding, provide recommendations, and sometimes do 'house calls' for difficulties that cannot be brought into the café.

We've been operating out of the back room of the museum now for a couple of years, every Tuesday, from 9 AM until 2 PM, (though we have been noted to close early if no one shows up ... so it might make sense to phone first if it's after 12. Just use the Museum number – it's in the book.)

Bill and I (I'm David by the way) were discussing a



format for these articles, and we figured we would try the one below. A tech; tip, three short example interactions, and a security tip. For those who are easily embarrassed, we don't mention names.

With that intro, let us begin: Tales from the Café: Episode 1

Tech Tip: Quick Access

One of the new features in Windows 10 was the introduction of the Quick Access portion of file explorer.

File explorer is that software which allows you to find your files in the structure of nested folders which populates our drives. Files are where we store information. An example: c:\users\David\Documents\Letters\Home\2019\ToMomJan.docx

C: is the drive letter, followed by six folders-infolders down to the FILE called 'ToMomJan.docx' The overall location description is called a 'path' and the filename ends in an 'extension' (in this case 'docx') but we'll save a discussion of those for another day.

When you open file explorer (look for the icon of a beige file folder) it starts with showing you Quick Access. This feature is divided into two parts: Frequent Folders (above) and Recent Files (below). The computer constantly monitors your activity and knows how often you go to a folder or file. It automatically places the 'path' to files and folders here, (in Quick Access) so you don't have to burrow though six layers of folders to get back to what you were last working on. If you want to remove an item from Quick Access (such as 'invite to Mom's surprise party.doc') you can do so just by <right clicking> the name. This does not remove the file, just the path from the Quick Access list. You would still be able to find the file just by 'burrowing' down through your file structure. Note that this works the other way too. You might delete the file, but still see the broken path in Quick Access. If you try to follow that path, you will get an error.

Story 1: Welcome home

We have a resident who chooses to winter off-island and returns here in the spring. Twice a year we disassemble the computer system and reassemble in the other residence. The Internet Service Provider (ISP) is different, so the equipment has to be adjusted for the new connection method. We reestablish the external connection (where did we put the power supply last fall?), set up the router for the changed ISP and turn on the wifi for the house. Any phones or tablets have to be told to link into the Island Wifi. So long as you keep good notes, an

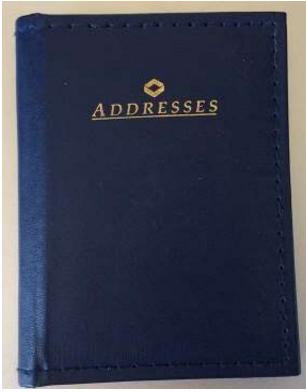
easy job.

Story 2: New toy

A few residents picked up new Smart TVs this year. They can be used in a variety of ways. In one case, the television would do all the work. We hooked it into the home Wifi (had to give it the password) and from there, into Netflix. Once it had THAT password, the user was able to call down content with only the remote. In the second case, the user wanted to continue to use their own computer and operate the tv as if it were a second, bigger monitor. Not a problem. Incompatibility between the computer and the tv prevented wireless, but a simple HDMI cable did allow this to work.

Story 3: Gone but not forgotten

We've had a couple of cases when people have chosen to upgrade to new, faster machines. Sometimes, this decision is forced upon them at short notice. (Don't drink coffee over the keyboard.) In some cases, the hard disk drive (HDD) still contains valuable data; very valuable if backups have not been done. Once a new machine is procured, we'll try to take the old HDD and set it up as an External HDD, such that your valuable documents, contacts, pictures and music can be copied over to the new computer. Also, this gives you a place to store future backups of the new computer.



Security Tip: Password policy

Yes, I agree. Passwords are a pain. It's so hard to keep track of them. Wouldn't it be nice to just have the one? Many people choose to do this. Bad idea.

Think about your keychain. You might have a dozen keys. House, car, office, shed, gym locker, bicycle, safety deposit box. Would you really want all of them to be the same? How risky is that? You might agree to lend your car to a friend, but does that mean you would lend them access to all your assets? And suppose you lost that one key? How expensive (and troublesome) would it be to replace every one of those locks?

So, what's the alternative? Some people carry everything in their phones, but phones are frequently lost or stolen. Not a good idea. Store it on my computer? That's fine, until you lose everything in a hard drive crash. Try this:



An address book of this type has an index so you can record all your services / sites alphabetically. Use pencil, so you can change them as required, or erase them if you stop using it. Buy two. One copy for someplace safe, the other for everyday use in the drawer of your desk.

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The Dry Stone Festival, taken by Roxanne Gutin at the Lodge

Memories from the summer



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Thank you for helping to build our beautiful island (and the pizza oven.)



First Fire in the Back Kitchen Pizza Oven.
Drying it out. Photo by Brian Little



A free outdoor concert was held at Jacob Murray's on his front lawn. (Jacob also did the poster.)



Garden Party music.



Auction at St Paul's



Thanks to those who joined us at the Harvest Festival



The Town Crier, Bill McKee

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Thank you to everyone who supported us.



Steve Kennedy Photo by Brian Little

The Amherst Island Saturday Market by Sharen English.

The Saturday Market on Amherst Island starts its season on the Victoria Day weekend. The hours are 9 am to 12 noon. It runs every Saturday morning until and including the Thanksgiving weekend. Anyone can set up a table and sell. The Market has vendors every Saturday, such as The Amherst Island Men's Society, The Amherst Island Women's Institute, Marie Ward, selling Rawleigh products, Laurene Kilpatrick, selling homemade soaps and shampoos, Terry McGinn, selling vegetables and Janet Scott, selling baked goods. There are other vendors. Barbara Reid, a long time Islander, used to sell baked white buns, pickled items, pies, tarts, fresh vegetables and fruits. She died this winter and she is very much missed.

The Market is a social venue. People come to meet, talk, visit and discuss news of the Island. You can get information about things you need to do. You can buy stuff, get rid of stuff, or get recommendations for people you might hire to do things around your home. People are friendly and kind.

The Women's Institute makes their presence known on the Island by selling muffins, coffee, water, juice, pop and Island phone directories. This is also to fundraise. The Men's Society make their presence on the Island known by selling used goods. They also do this to fundraise. In both cases, the monies go to a variety of charities on and off island.

Alex Scott told me that The Saturday Market was originally conceived as an idea during the time of the restoration of The Neilson Store. It was Brian Grace's idea according to Ida Gavlas and Betty Wemp. The concept was presented to The Loyalist Township Recreation Director and AIMS moved forward with it at the current site.

Pickleball

from Maryanne Mercer

It starts Tuesday October 1st from 6:30 to 8:30. The age restriction is 50 years of age and up at AI Public School. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Loving Spoonful

by Sally Bowen

Next fresh food delivery to the Loving Spoonful network will be next Wednesday morning, 9 am ferry. Please drop off any extra produce from your garden Tuesday evening, or Wed before 8:30. Don't be concerned if you only have a handful of green beans, a couple of tomatoes. Combined with produce from others, it truly helps the food pantries and shelters.

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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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A blast from the Past



A breezy day on the old Amherst Islander. Brent Wolfreys and David Fleming were getting ready to secure her with the ropes. Photo from Warren Kilpatrick



Millhaven Bridge on the Bath Road or Loyalist Parkway, 1907. Photo by Fred Brown. ET 49

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With all the construction at the Amherst Island Ferry Dock at Millhaven, I find these pictures of the Millhaven bridge in 1907 rather fitting. The King's highway has seen some major changes over the past 100 years not to mention the 100+ years before that. From Ida Gavlas

Return of the Original Horsepower



We at the McGinn's Amherst Island General Store have taken the first steps towards a dream of ours. We sponsored two classes in the horse pulls at the Napanee Fair. Noel McCormick also sponsored a class.

We have the ambition of working towards organizing, with the newly reformed Agricultural Society, the 'Return of the Original Horsepower' to Amherst Island.

We have been making enquiries into what we would need in the fair grounds to do this and requirements are quite

simple. It would take more ambition than actual money. Anybody interested in making this happen drop in and talk with Dave. Lets pull as hard as these horses and Make It Happen!!!!





Beautiful Pictures of Amherst Island

A rainbow on the Island photo taken by Donna Brown





Farming on Amherst Island Jake Murray and Will Adam

Gardening News



Annick's Tomato

I'm posting this picture (of my amazing 2 lb. tomato) NOT only to brag but to share a little tomato history and some seeds if anyone would like to have them. This tomato is called King of Siberia and I was given the seed a few years ago by Mayo Underwood, who got the seed from Eagleridge Seeds on Salt Spring Island. It is a very pretty, tasty, mild yellow tomato but it varies in size. All three tomatoes came from the same plant at the same time. I'm going to save seed from the big one, so it you are interested in having a few for next year, let me know. More facts about this tomato can be found at https://blog.gardeningknowhow.com /.../golden-king-of-siberia.../

Below: Tomato and Apples from Warren and Laurene Kilpatrick's Garden.

Photo by Warren





Happy Anniversary and Congrats Page



45 years ago, Lynn and Larry Fleming were married.



And soon, so will be Ross Stuart and Darlene Martin

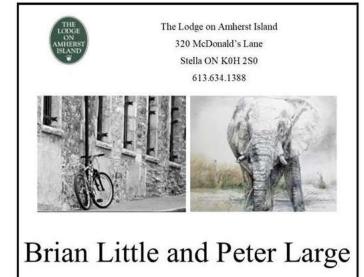


Left:
Happy 39th
Anniversary
Garry and
Leslie
McDonald

Right: Happy Anniversary to Lynn and Larry Fleming

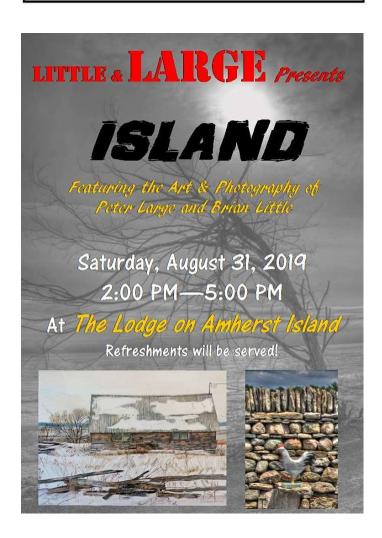


Art on Amherst Island



Art Show

Molly Stroyman Host



Meetings on the Island



Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre Inc. 5220 Front Road, Stella, ON K0H 2S0 Registered Charity #864124243RR0001

Meeting of the Board of Directors Tuesday, August 6, 2019

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

Regrets: Bruce Burnett and Terry McGinn

1. Welcome

Anders Bennick welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented on the beautiful bollards that have been freshly painted and secured at the front of our garden.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

3. Minutes of July 2, 2019

It was moved, seconded and carried that the *Minutes* of July 2, 2019, be approved.

- 4. Business Arising from the Minutes
- 4.1 **Heritage Project** Janet Scott said that she would be contacting the teachers at Amherst Island Public School when the school re-opens in September to initiate a discussion on heritage projects.
- 4.2 **Stone Wall Project** Anders reported that a cheque had been given to Andrea Cross to fulfill our promise of supporting the upcoming Dry Stone Wall Festival in September.
- 5. Treasurer's Report for July 2019

Carol Glenn distributed the *Treasurer's Report for July 2019*. She commented that the bank coffers are looking good at this time. As reported earlier by Anders, a cheque for \$1,200 to support a workshop at the Dry Stone Festival has been given to Andrea Cross. Carol noted that Sherri Jensen had been given \$500 to support her work with us from the Royal Bank of Canada. There was unanimous agreement by the Board that, in addition to the money that

Sherri has already donated for the bird posters, this additional contribution should be acknowledged with a "Sherri Jensen" plaque on our front wall of Museum supporters.

Carol discussed the possible purchase of a printer for the Museum. The current printer gives us no end of problems when it comes to printing photos and cards for our exhibits and displays. She suggested that a good printer should cost us no more than \$200. She and Janet will investigate such a purchase, as the Exhibits Committee would benefit most from a new printer.

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

- 6. Committee Reports
- 6.1 **Building and Maintenance Committee In** Bruce Burnett's absence, Anders commented that he was not aware of any pressing issues.
- 6.2 Exhibits Committee Janet Scott indicated that she had recently been given a file folder of clippings from 1970 onwards from Ian Murray at Topsy Farms. The newspaper clippings cover a range of topics the radio station, ferry service, fires, etc. She has reviewed many of the items and believes that they will be a great addition to our archives. Additionally, Janet passed around several books that had been salvaged from the Garden Party that were historical in nature and had belonged to islanders. After some discussion on publicity, Janet volunteered to write a regular column ("Have you seen...?") for *The Beacon* to highlight some of our ongoing exhibits, new displays, etc.
- 6.3 **Publicity Committee** Bonnie Livingstone suggested that she would be sending out a Wooly Bully flyer to alert the island community of traffic changes on Sunday, August 18. Additionally, Bonnie distributed a list of potential Back Room Talk topics for Board members to consider. Anders suggested that we have a special talk prior to (or following) our Annual General Meeting. It was agreed by Board members that Tuesday, October 1 or 8 would be ideal for this event.
- 6.4 **Fund-Raising Committee** Anders and Bonnie provided a brief update on the plans for the Wooly Bully Races. It appears that everything is in order.

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

- 7. Unfinished Business
- 7.1 **Flagpoles** Warren Kilpatrick explained his latest efforts at getting a flagpole installed in our flower garden. Work is progressing. Carol volunteered to research guidelines for flying our flag at half-mast, following Loyalist Township protocol. Warren agreed to be the official "flagman" for the Museum.
- 7.2 **Donation from Nancy Pearson** Bonnie explained that she had spoken with Nancy and Nancy explained that she had indeed had cardholders made (a few years ago) that were being sold at *The Weasel and Easel*. All proceeds from their sale are to go to the Museum. Bonnie thanked Nancy for her generosity and will send an official thank-you card from the Board.
- 8. New Business
- 8.1 **Back Room Booking Policy** After some discussion about the booking policy for island groups, Thomas Sylvester agreed to investigate whether Loyalist Township has an official room booking policy and whether we should conform to their guidelines.
- 8.2 **Amy McDonald Notes** Warren explained that he had recently come upon some historical notes about Amherst Island, regarding ferries and boats. He would like to have these notes written up electronically so that the Museum has a record of these interesting notes. Bonnie volunteered to type them up.
- **9. Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.
- 10. Next Board Meeting Tuesday, September 3rd at 7 pm.

Anders Bennick Chair & President

Bonnie Livingstone Secretary September AIMS Meeting

8 AIMS stalwarts enjoyed a full, hot breakfast prepared by the ISLE parents Valerie Wolfreys and Alisha and her son, Drew.

Dave McGinn thanked them to a round of applause by the well fed.

Hugh Jenney introduced Sari Watson who had just been nominated to run for the Hasting, Lennox & Addington Green Part of Canada. She drove down from Stirling where she has lived all her life and now serves as one of their councillors.

Sari explained that her Green Party is a grass roots, transparent, open and honest party that makes all their contributions public. Their members of parliament are not whipped which means they govern by consensus which lets each member represent their own constituents. So, a Green Party MP could bring up the abortion issue (The Religious Right are trying to win Green Party nominations just for that right) and there is nothing their leader can do about it. They are working for Proportional Representatives so that when a party receives 30% of the total votes, they will have 30% of the seats in our Parliament. When that happens, Canadians can then claim to be a democracy.

Sari advocates for building refineries in Alberta. She wants to stop draining oil out of Canada.

Dave McGinn offered to help her understand the oil industry seeing as how he has been in it for years. A lively discussion followed.

Nathan Townend thanked Sari for her informative talk and lively discussion with our AIMS members.

Marc Raymond asked for more volunteers for our Saturday wagon recycling efforts.

Dave Pickering reported that our AI Community Auction was a great success netting us just over \$2400 dollars that we now have available to bolster our community.

Dave McGinn led a discussion about what he should say at the September 22 meeting of the Island Alliance meeting.

In light of the fact that only 8 members attended this meeting, John Dauvergne proposed that we invite all past members to attend an Annual General Meeting to discuss our future. Is Peter Trueman's proposal to have a monthly breakfast meeting for the AI men to equal all the fun that the Women's Institute women are having going to come to a close after 18 years of fellowship? If so, we can still pat ourselves on the

back seeing as how most unaffiliated service clubs die within five years. The only other service club to beat our record is the Warkworth Community Service Club which has been going strong for over 50 years.

The hall clock is 10 minutes slow so Sari and I missed the ferry. She enjoyed visiting with Ian and Sally and seeing their Yurt.

Hugh Jenney, Secretary

Report on the AI Community Auction held on August 31, 2019 by Hugh Jenny

This was the best result of all our auctions. All who helped can give themselves a pat on the back for their terrific team effort. Dave McGinn and Mitch Morgan have earned our undying gratitude for collecting so many valuable items (only missed two pickups) over the previous week. Our very professional auctioneer, Bruce Caughey, worked for over 2.5 hours to get the most out of our Islanders. Our mailouts worked well, but no off Islanders showed up. We will place Kirk Corkery's sign on the other side of the road next time to see if that will work better.

Allen Caughey's hay wagon made a great stage from which to display and auction our goods.

Liam and Max McDonald were perfect hires by Mitch.

The blue shirt guys deserve special recognition for all their help too. Hubert Groot, Michael Steeves, Kirk Corkery (recorder) Hugh Jenney, Bruce Burnett (microphone), Dave Pickering (treasurer) and Bruce Findlay were all there doing their bit.

None of this could have transpired without the generous donations of our Island kin.

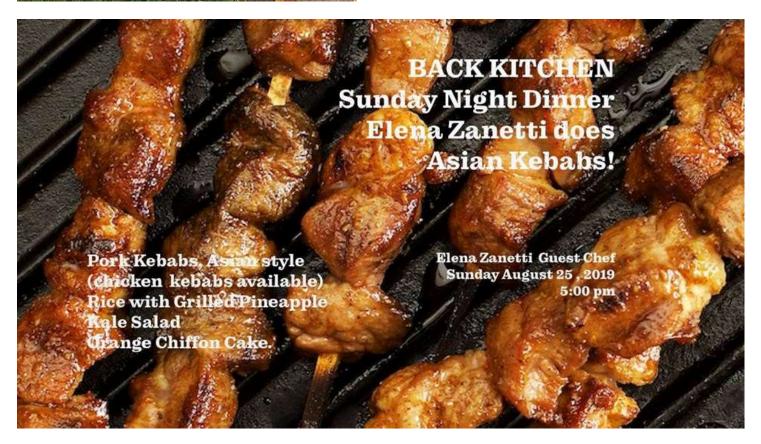
Thanks to all who helped make this such a successful auction. Now AIMS will have money to grant for those who are making our Island a better place to live and love.

The Back Kitchen



Memories from the summer.
On one of the Sunday Fundays at The Back Kitchen they had a special night. We served:
pork schnitzel with buttery fried potatoes and coleslaw to finish it off some apple crisp for dessert. We even had some larger apple crisps for people to take home.

By Elena Moffatt



Ferry

Want to know where the ferry is when you can't see it?

from Randi Kennedy

Download this: marinetraffic.com/en/ais/home (there's more but that should get it) It's really cool!! Ferries are shown in blue with a pointy end showing direction. You can see what is around Lake Ontario or anywhere in the world!

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Check out this website to find out how the NEW Amherst Islander II is progressing. Thanks to Ida Gavlas for the information.

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People on or connected to AI



Connie Free's granddaughter Bonnie Baker's great granddaugher



Stephen, Athena and Carlos. They live in Calgary. Judy's great grandchildren.



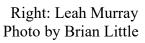
Grandpa Vanstone on the shores of Amherst Island with grandson



Joyce and Marie (Wemp) Ward in PEI visiting sister Maureen Wemp photo by Marie Ward.jpg



Above: Helen Trotter and her grandson wearing headsets





Birthdays!





Ro Kennedy is three and Vaughn Kennedy is One!



Happy birthday John McGinn on right

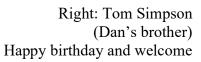


Happy birthday Shirley Miller on left

Happy birthday Valerie Koenders Wolfreys in the middle



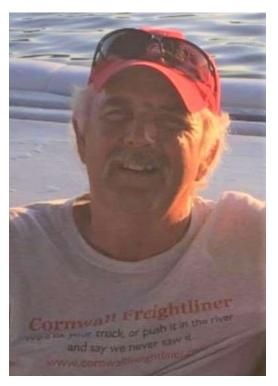
Left: Lorna Willis with Eva Little Photo by Brian







Above: Happy Birthday Tagget, with Cherry.



Hannah Murrell is to the right, and five. (Anthony and Judy's granddaughter)

Larry is to the left, and significantly older.



Pets on Amherst Island



Ashley Barbara Filson's newest family member: Thyme. She will be picked up in 4 weeks.



Warren Kilpatrick's Cats



Why are Pets Important by Talia Fleming

This is Duck, my dog. I've had Duck for two years. He is a pure-bred silver lab. Jon was the one who had originally seen silver labs before and wanted one, I had never. But once I saw him, I was in love. He's a typical lab, high energy, eats non-food items. Super smart, loves food, very social.

Loki was our first lab, so I wasn't opposed to getting another one. Duck was a better-behaved puppy than Loki haha.

Duck is the 5th dog I've had.

We had two cats but now just one still at my parents. Sophie isn't a fan of Duck. I foster kittens for the humane society though.

I think pets are very important. They help you learn responsibility when you're young. Having pets in the house with young children help improve and better a child's immune system some what as well. Having pets is a great way to lower depression, anxiety, stress etc.

I've always been a lover of animals. I couldn't imagine my life without a dog.

Birds and Butterflies



Sally Bowen reports, "We currently have around 200 Monarch Butterflies resting in our back yard."



Trumpeter Swans by Kim Stevenson

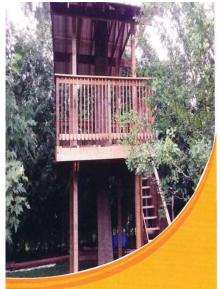
Good day. I am a volunteer with the Ontario Trumpeter Swan Restoration Group and we're looking for trumpeter swans in Ontario and we need your help. As part of our research and restoration project we are building our database of trumpeter swan locations in the province. Trumpeter swans have all black bills and are North America's largest bird. Mute swans have orange knobby bills and are an invasive species that are native to Europe. We know there are many trumpeters that call this area home for the summer. Our goal is to understand their migratory movements over the year – where are they in the summer and where do they go in the winter? For example, we know of one Trumpeter swan wing tagged J84 who we've named Hastings because he summers somewhere in Hastings County (the big question is where?) and winters in Burlington, ON. He was hatched and raised near Lindsay, Ontario. We are also taking a census in advance of next year's official North American Trumpeter swan census. These beautiful birds have been brought back from the edge of extinction and we now have about 1,200 birds in the province. If you see or know where there are Trumpeter swans, please send me a Personal Message. If you are lucky enough to come across a tagged swan, please include the tag number and I will tell you this swan's known history that we have. I thank you in advance and look forward to hearing from many of you. Feel free to visit our Facebook page, Ontario Trumpeter Swans. The Catarqui Conservation

Authority was a key partner in our early days of the restoration program.

A Reminder

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Contact Sally for more information. (Get well Sally)



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