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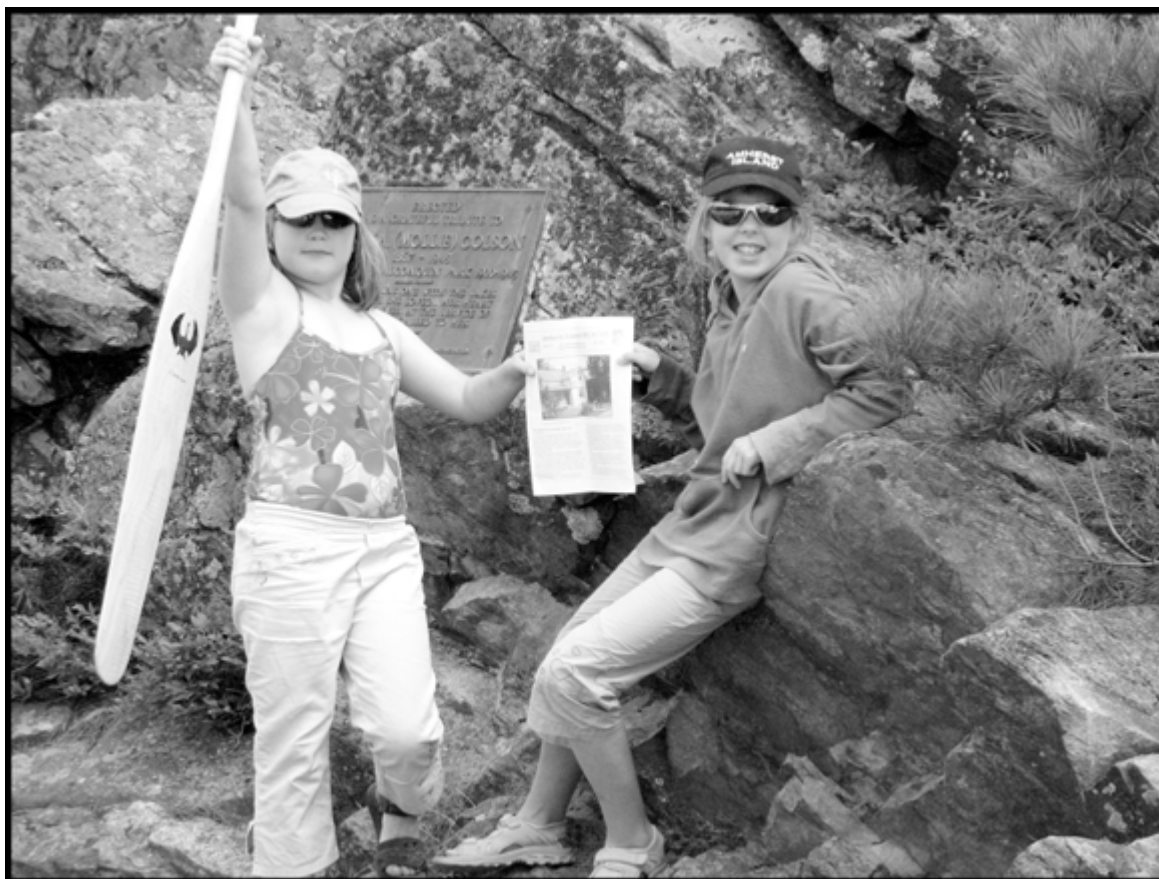


PHOTO BY ALEX SCOTT

Above is a picture of Rachel and Rebecca Scott holding a copy of last month's Beacon on Molly's Island in Smoke Lake, Algonquin Park. The Beacon accompanied the girls on their 20 km canoe trip of Canoe, Tea and Smoke Lakes. The girls were joined by their parents Alex and Debbie and Grandmother Janet Scott. See Janet Scott's Column on Page 12 for more about the trip.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Condolences to the family of the late Helen Miller; her daughters, Carol Glenn and Sandra Filson and son Don Miller and their families; to her sisters Jean Tugwell and Marjorie Tooke (Hamilton) and brother Neilson Wemp (BC). Also to her step-children, Keith Miller, Elaine Wolfreys, Tom Miller, Harold Miller and Rosie McMillan.

Congratulations to Dick and Puddy Dodds, who celebrated their 50th Anniversary on August 8, at a party on the Island hosted by their children Nancy and Richard. Everyone applauded Puddy's sacrifices over the years!

Congratulations to some recent newly-weds. Jacob Murray (son of Ian Murray and Sally Bowen) and Sue Frizzell were

married at an outdoor ceremony the Lodge on a sunny, early August afternoon. They reside on Amherst Island.

Ryan McGinn and Angela Pennington were also married in an outdoor ceremony on a not so sunny afternoon. The clouds parted and the sun shone just long enough for the ceremony. Ryan is the son of Eric and Janice McGinn, and the grandson of Elsie Willard and Keith and Cora McGinn. They will reside in Yarker.

Helen McCormick's granddaughter, Deanna McCormick (daughter of Michael & Jill) was also married this past month in Kingston. She and her groom will reside in Alberta.

My mom, Kay Wolfreys has been here from Orlando, for her annual 2 month stay. She has enjoyed the cooler summer, escaping the 95F plus temps in Florida.

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Also escaping the Florida heat for the summer, are Doris and Joe Crackle, who stay each summer with Barbara Filson.

When Marjorie Tooke came home to the Island for her sister's funeral, she brought with her her granddaughter Janet Oakes and Janet's husband Darryl. They also brought the newest member of the family, Marjorie's great grandson Ryan, here for his first visit to the Island. Jean Tugwell thoroughly enjoyed them all as house guests. Marjorie then stayed on with Jean for 2 weeks.

Dick Dodds and his son Rich travelled to Scotland in July to play golf in the country that gave us the game. They played 8 courses including the historic old course, established in 1457, at St. Andrews. Golf was banned at that time by the King who worried it would distract men from archery practice at a time of invasions from England. They then attended the British Open played at Turnberry this year.

The annual St. Paul's Garden Party was held the last Saturday of July and a good crowd enjoyed the warm and sunny afternoon.

The annual Amherst Island Radio's Folk Festival and Pig Roast was held again this past August and hosted a record crowd, from what I hear.

Well, the milder summer has flown by this year and school is back already - starting for the first time before Labour Day. The cooler summer has kept flowers blooming longer and lawns and gardens green and lush. While we see (& hear) orioles in the yard and at the feeder each summer, the last few weeks have been wild at the Oriole feeder! At times we had up to 7 fighting with each other for a perch on the feeder! All the while the hummingbirds dart in and out feeding while the others squabbled! Then, the first week of September, they seem to have abruptly left. The Hummingbirds just have to worry about the bees now!!

TYRANNUS TYRANNUS

- Janet Scott

Having read the title, about now you are expecting some ferocious raptor to be the topic of this article. No, we are really naming a small, only 6 and a quarter inch flycatcher called an Eastern Kingbird. Now he belongs to an extended family of over 400 species that may include colourful cousins like the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher or the Great Kiskadee but the Eastern Kingbird is quite sedate in his tones of black and white. His prominent white band across the end of his tail is a good field mark in identifying this bird. He actually has a bright orange strip on the very top of his head but this is seldom seen.

The Eastern Kingbird is prevalent along the fences on Amherst Island. It may not have a beautiful call or dawn song but it co-operates with birders by sitting on posts and wires for a good view. This species ranges across North America from Alaska to Florida, Newfoundland to Texas. From a selected perch it flies out to catch insects in midair. Its name perhaps is derived from its extreme courage or pugnacious behaviour. It will fly after and attack birds many times its size that include crows, Osprey, Great Blue Herons, Ravens, and Red-tailed Hawks.

The Eastern Kingbird is the most common nesting flycatcher in the Kingston Area with 7,700 pairs listed in the 1981-85 survey. The nest is roughly built of rough weed stalks, grasses and mosses and looks unkempt outside but inside it is neatly lined with fine grasses and plant down. It doesn't use much camouflage because of its aggressive behaviour. It is clever enough to recognize Cowbird eggs and reject them from the nest. Only one brood is raised a year and these are quite vocal as they sit in trees waiting for their parents to feed them. Eastern Kingbirds must be good neighbours as their nests have been found in the same trees as nesting Orioles, Yellow Warblers and Robins.

Kingbirds are night time migrants and will be gathering along the shores of Lake Ontario here and at Prince Edward Point waiting to make the crossing and proceed down the flyways to Central America. The average date of departure is September 13 but they have been spotted as late as October 19th in 1975 when one was seen at Collins Bay. Watch for this efficient hunter as they gather this month in order to trek south and away from the winter chills.

Good Birding

Handy Hint

To remove candle wax from candle holders, please them in the freezer. When the wax is cold, it will come right off.

Visiting Wolfe Island



Terry Culbert show this picture of his grandson Andrew Wobbe of Geraldton, Ontario in front of a wind turbine on Wolfe Island.

Say Goodbye to the Frontenac II



PHOTO BY TERRY CULBERT

Loyalist Township announced that the M.V. Frontenac II will be temporarily replaced by Prince Edward County's Quinte Loyalist from October 13th until December 23rd.



PHOTO BY TERRY CULBERT

Jim Reid heads north along the Emerald 40-foot Road with a wagon load of freshly baled hay.

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

Session 12, July 13:

Councillor Ashley requested that condolences be sent to the family of Robert Gibson.



Session 14, July 27:

There was one building permit issued in June for a house on our Island – the first one this year.

[Ian: That's all that I could find of Island relevance for July. In politics, no news is often good news.]

15th Session, Aug. 10:

From a Provincial press release: "The Province of Ontario will purchase the Amherst Island Ferry Docks in Loyalist Township and will work together with the Township on future improvements needed to keep the docks in top condition for residents and tourists."

Apparently future improvements include building end-loading docks.

"Moved by Councillor Ashley and seconded by Councillor Ibey . . . that the following be adopted:

'1. That council authorize staff to go to tender for the installation of guiderail on the North & South Shore Roads;

'2. That staff continue with the following steps as numbered in the report:

- Finalize shore protection design,

Fall 2009

- Begin negotiations with property owners for road widening where necessary, Fall 2009

- Begin shore protection in Priority One locations, Summer 2010
Motion carried."

[Editor: I assume Front Road is meant rather than North Shore Road.]

From a July 17th letter to Reeve McEwen:

"For the Loyalist Township, the following projects were selected and approved for funding under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund . . . " Amherst Island Culvert Replacement Project: Federal Contribution, \$111,000; Provincial Contribution, \$111,000; and, Total Eligible Costs, \$333,000.



PHOTO BY TERRY CULBERT

NOTICE TO ISLAND RESIDENTS: Annual General Meeting of Amherst Island Public Radio will be held Sunday, October 25th at 2pm in the community centre.

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN,

- Joshua Cochrane

To start off I have been trying to look back into my family ancestry for the last few months. I was looking through Google today and came across the Beacon Issue 324 online On page 16 is a list of descendants of Thomas Cochrane and Mary Dundas. I happen to be directly related to Thomas Cochrane, I guess I would be his great, great, great, great grandson? not sure how else you would say it. My Grandfather Murray Cochrane is the son of James Cross Cochrane who was Thomas Cochrane's great grandson.

I'm looking for any information you may be able to point me towards about any of the members of the Cochrane family that have lived on Amherst Island. Even though I'm near Detroit, I'd like to visit the Island myself and see what I can find, but right now that isn't able to happen.

I'm not sure if the Amherst Island has a public records website or if any living descendants still live on the Island, but if you can help me, even in the littlest of way I would greatly appreciate it.

Please contact me at "cochranejosh9@gmail.com".

I NEED MORE TICKETS

- Keld Jensen

The year was 2000, or it might have been 1999 or 2001 (dates blur fast in my head), and I was rehearsing with the Kingston Community Strings. We needed a pianist for a number, might have been harpsichord, who remembers? This lady showed up, had a really weird, ok unusual name. I shouldn't talk. I've been called Cal, Kelvin, Kelb, Carl, Maria's husband, and on quite a few occasions, Hey You. Inka Brockhausen was her name. Not your regular suburbanite, this Inge, Inga, eh, what was her name again, oh, Inka. I didn't think anything more about it, pianists come and pianists go, always nonchalantly playing any 10 finger music perfectly that was placed in front of them while the rest of us musicians struggle with one line of melody. This pianist stood out merely because she didn't like the way the conductor was waving his baton. Nevertheless one thing led to another, and she found out that I also played viola, whereupon I was conscripted for a little music group she was assembling for the express purpose of playing Schubert's "Trout". I received the most unusual compliment at the first rehearsal when she remarked afterwards that I "played in tune". Well, with a compliment like that, I naturally agreed to participate in some of the earliest Waterside concerts, and later music parties at her house. There, Maria and I got to know many other people who became good friends. Those visits were numerous enough that a book of ferry tickets became the most logical way to pay, although green tickets turned to yellow, yellow turned to blue, and I was always one or two colours behind. The one usual comment uttered whenever we came over was "you should move to the Island".

I also managed to be involved professionally in several weddings on the Island, and to my knowledge anyone at whose wedding I have played has stayed married to the same person. I just put that in as a plug since I haven't had any paying gigs lately. Benefits are fine, but I need more ferry tickets now.

Fast forward, we know some people named Findlay. Friends of my mother in another community far away. No reason to think any more about it except all of a sudden out of the blue we hear that Bruce and Rosy have purchased a house on Amherst Island. This is curious indeed. Their normal circle of activity is hundreds of miles away. What is the attraction of this little flat pancake of a windswept Island? Is it the huge shopping district of downtown Stella, the centres for advanced learning, the gas stations, car washes, banks, the independent cheese factories, the restaurant districts, the perfect roads?

No, it appears the attraction is the people themselves. Individuals, not carbon copies, learned, not just educated, experienced, not old, thinkers, doers, baking lunatics, a mechanic with an opera collection who can actu-

ally fix a car, many willing to peek outside the box a bit, and all with an open heart and anxious to welcome newcomers with the phrase "you should move to the Island". Well, how could we resist? The Island dynamics are addictive. (Not to mention the parties and all round good times.) Now, our plans don't include a full fledged move, but we did the next best thing, established a vacation spot for ourselves at Barry Point. To all our newfound friends, and to those who might become future friends I say, stop in and visit for a spell whenever you see movement or lights on at our lot.

As for my part, the flavour of the Island has grown on me. I like the tranquility, the natural surroundings, the slower pace, the ever present shoreline. It has worked for a long, long time, and remains as a unique window not only into the past but also into a utopia which is all too little understood nor appreciated. But in the end it is the cooperation and interaction and welcoming nature among the Island's inhabitants which is its greatest asset. Who knows, I may someday be among those say to mainland friends, "you should move to the Island", as I hand out complimentary tickets.



PHOTO BY BRIAN LITTLE

AIMS MEETING, AUGUST 8

- Hugh Jenney

Woody thanked Janet Scott for her solo, full-breakfast, culinary work on behalf of the eighteen men who turned out for our August meeting.

Hugh Jenney called on Fae MacArthur as our very own Island-raised eighth grade graduate to tell us all about her senior class Ottawa trip that they all enjoyed from May 27 to May 29 this year.

Fae told us that the class “had a ball” visiting all the Ottawa sites. She thanked Madam Little for getting real bargains on the admission prices. She thanked the many people and organizations for contributing so generously to this unique educational experience.

They arrived at the Agricultural Museum at 10 AM where simulators let them feel just how rough a ride those old tractors gave the early farmers. Lots of exhibits about crops, tools and real live animals followed.

At noon they arrived at the eternal flame and headed for the Peace Tower. They had to be scanned by the metal detectors before lining up for the elevator. The carrillonneur started playing songs on the bells while they were in the elevator. Boy, were they loud! “Some of us saw Quebec for the first time from the Tower observation deck. They were surprised that Quebec looked just like Ontario on this side of the river; a very exciting moment for these first-timers. We went into the Chamber of Remembrance, where they keep the books with the names of all of Canada’s war dead from more wars than I had known we’d fought in.” Then they picnicked with their home-made lunches on the Parliament Building’s lawn. “From where we were sitting, we could see 17 different Canadian flags.”

“At 2 PM we walked over to the National Gallery of Canada and were amazed at the size of the huge spider at the entrance. Louise Bourgoise created this extraordinary work of art when she was 87 years old. The granite egg sacs in its abdomen were quarried from Michelangelo’s quarry in Italy.” They went inside the NG and were impressed at being able to make a Calder mobile turn clockwise just by walking around it counter-clockwise.

At 4 PM they walked over to the Bytown Museum where an interpreter in period uniform (hot and scratchy red wool coat) explained how the canal locks worked.

At 5:30 PM, they were bused to Mother Tucker’s Restaurant in the Byward Market. “We enjoyed a great buffet with all kinds of foods—some people tried mussels for the first time.”

7 PM: Midnight 5-pin bowling where they turned on the black-light so everybody’s teeth glowed in the dark! Great fun!



9:30 PM: They arrived at the Ottawa University Residences. Some ran about and some got homesick what with being away from home for the first time in their short lives.

Thursday, May 28:

8 AM: Breakfast in the residence cafeteria; lots of good food thanks to Lorna Willis’ company.

9:30 AM: Arrived at the Museum of Civilization; first time out of Ontario for several students. Fae did a good job of describing all that they did and saw there. They went to the IMAX Theatre which was the first time in an IMAX for some of our students.

Noon: Lunch at the museum cafeteria. Some students tried new foods—not always with good results! “This lunch, lunch the next day and any shopping we did were the only things we had to pay for.”

1:30 PM: National War Museum. The students were treated to an interpretive staffer who was dressed as a French teenager caught in the siege on Quebec by General Wolfe. She was great and so were the volunteer vets who made the museum come alive.

5 PM: Dinner at the Lone Star Restaurant in the Byward Market. Excellent food and all paid for. Madame Little even had enough money to pay for their driver’s meal. “Great job on that!” said Fae.

7 PM: They all enjoyed swimming in the Wave Pool. It was a perfectly relaxing end to a busy day.

9 PM: On the way back to their rooms, Dakota Wolfreys started singing snatches of his favourite songs complete with guitar licks and beat. “A truly hilarious performance.”

10 PM: Popcorn & juice...snack and to bed. “Everyone went to bed more easily this night—we were all so tired. Mum (Caroline Yull) and Mrs. Scott sat up at the corners of the hallways to make sure there weren’t any people bugging others by knocking on their doors. They got to bed at midnight.”

Friday, May 29:

8 AM: Breakfast in the University Cafeteria again.

9:30 AM: They saw some incredible exhibits at the Museum of Science & Technology where Fae enjoyed the Mars Simulator.

NOON: Byward Market for lunch and then to the Rideau Centre for some shopping. Kyle Aitkenhead, Noa Amson, Crooke Cameron, Fae and her mother formed a group that was brave enough to eat at the market. All the others went to the food court at the Rideau Centre. Fae and her group ate at the Shawarma stand. “They were delicious!” Fae exclaimed. They arrived home to catch the 6:30 ferry. “... if everyone slept as I did that night, then there was a cloud of snoring over Amherst Island.”

Fae finished her speech by thanking all those people and groups who made their fabulous learning experience possible.

Dick Dodds thanked Fae for her entertaining and infor-

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mative talk. Dick presented Fae with a Brian Little framed picture of an Amherst Island Snowy Owl.

Woody called the meeting to order.

Hugh read Zander Dunn's thank you to AIMS for helping to make the Presbyterian Garden Party the most successful one to date. Zander and the congregation were also thankful for our \$1,000 donation at the beginning of their campaign.

Ross also reported that he has had many compliments about our flower baskets. He enjoys watering them every week.

Gord Miller reported on the very successful Car Rally which netted nearly \$1,000 for the AI Museum. Gord said that people had a great time arguing over the correct answers. Paul Lauret had three women with him so he wisely said nothing as he drove them about. That's a first!

Terry Culbert told us of the July 10, 2010 date for the Open Studio Art Tour. This is an AIMS fundraiser for our AI Museum. See Terry and Peter Large to join in the fun.

Dick Dodds reported that the AI Ferry Committee has had some success in persuading the Ontario Government to take over the management of the ferry docks. Hopefully this may lead to them providing us with front-end loading capabilities and maybe they can be persuaded to take over the ferry itself.

N. B. Our next big fundraiser is our Auction on October 10 at 11 AM. Please contact me at 613-384-7830 or Woody 384-0887 for pick-up of large items. We will take valuable items on consignment ie 20% of the selling price goes to AIMS.

Terry Culbert suggested that we may sponsor the biggest golf course tournament sometime. Several people were quite enthusiastic about this suggestion.

Greg Latiak thanked the members for their support in manning the AIMS Wagon every Saturday.

Anybody wishing to serve on the executive in any way should contact anybody on the executive soon. Community just doesn't happen by itself.

Ross Haines suggested, since Woody leaves the Island for half his term in office, that both he and Greg continue to serve as president and vice-president respectively for another year. The executive will take this suggestion to their next meeting.

John Schutzbach, acting as the president of the AI Museum, thanked AIMS for all we do to keep it financially solvent.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 so we all could go to the Market.

Island Crops—Honey and Hopps



PHOTOS BY TERRY CULBERT

THREE WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL

- Zander of DUNN INN

In the month of August I had three weddings and a funeral. Each ceremony was unique. Each ceremony was special. Each ceremony spoke to me about God and God's love. Let me explain.

The first wedding was unusual in that it involved only six of us. The groom was Ron Miller; the bride was Margaret Lee; the two witnesses were Bob and Deanna Horth; the photographer was Darrel Miller. We gathered in Churchill Park, beautiful with flowers, in Kingston. I was told to be there at 2 p.m. I got there at 1:45 and found everybody ready and willing to proceed. The wedding ceremony was over by 2 p.m. and then we went to Ron's apartment to sign the documents. This "private wedding" was held under the beauty of God's sky. It was small and simple to avoid crowds but everybody was formally dressed. I was reminded that many people in a church sanctuary do not make a wedding significant. All it takes are two witnesses to attest to the love that a man and a woman promise to each other. I felt honoured to be part of that select few who came together to support Ron and Margaret.

The second wedding was unusual before it even began. I went to find the groom, Jacob Murray, to finalize details prior to the ceremony. I couldn't find him anywhere. When I asked after his whereabouts I was told he was in the bathroom getting cleaned up and I was told to go right in. Evidently Jacob's pants and shirt had been doused by a spilled cup of coffee. When I went into the bathroom (after knocking and announcing myself) I found Jacob in his underwear watching as Victoria Cuyler washed and ironed his clothes! I could not resist making it sound worse than it really was. After Jacob Murray and Sue Frizzel, along with the wedding party had assumed their positions, I had to share the story with the crowd who had gathered on the lawn of the Lodge. I declared that I had never before encountered a groom, just prior to the wedding in the washroom, wearing only his underwear, being attended by an attractive woman. After the laughter subsided, Jacob promised, during the service, to love Sue in good clothes and in coffee stained clothes. What a happy day! And what a happy wedding service which set the tone and prepared us for a delightful lunch at the Lodge and later a supper at the Bluffs. Even in the most serious ceremonies there is always a place for laughter. Humour is one of God's best gifts to us. I am grateful to Jacob and Sue for giving us all the benefit of Godly merriment and joy.

The third wedding was also outside, this time near the shore on the property Elsie Willard owns next to The Anniversary House. But it almost didn't happen there. In case of rain, plans had been made to use St. Paul's Church, although it would be a tight squeeze for the 200 people expected to attend. Angela Pennington and Ryan

McGinn wanted to hold the ceremony on the land that was meaningful to them but they told me at the rehearsal that if it rained they would phone me by 12 noon if they were going to move to the church. If I did not hear from them I would know the wedding would be outside. The day of the wedding it poured rain. Everything got soaked. I was sure they would phone. But I got no phone call. It stopped raining. Then it began to clear. By 3 p.m. the sun had come out! By 3:30 it was bright and hot! When the bride arrived at 3:45 the day had become perfect for an outdoor wedding. I could only commend both Ryan and Angela for making the gamble that the weather would clear in time for their wedding. I admired their courage and determination to wait for the good weather to arrive! I know everybody felt good about being outside in the clear air. None of us would have wanted to be inside on such a beautiful day. The people who attended were of one mind - that Ryan and Angela had made the right decision and had been rewarded by a beautiful day to honour their wedding.

Three weddings - all outside in God's world, filled with beauty and happiness. It was good to participate in them all.

The funeral was that of Helen Miller and it also was held on a beautiful day. While the service, which was well attended, was inside St. Paul's Church, we got out of the building to offer Helen our final goodbyes. It was, of course, appropriate that we should hold the service inside St. Paul's which she had attended faithfully for years and of which she became the first woman elder elected by the congregation who held her in such high esteem. But it was also appropriate that we should get outside to be with her as she entered God's earth.

Helen was a great Islander who pioneered in so many ways so that we might enjoy the benefits of modern living. Helen was a great mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was also an effective leader of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Her concern was that we all work lovingly together as God's people and she helped us do that in many ways. Helen was always more help to me than I was to her. I enjoyed visiting with her and gaining insights from her. She reminded me again and again that God works through people - people like Helen Miller. To commit Helen Miller to God's care and keeping was to bid farewell to a loyal and trusted friend.

Three weddings and a funeral in August 2009 - all occasions when God acted in various ways to remind us of the divine nearness and grace.

Handy Hint

Preserving a newspaper clipping - large bottle of club soda and 1/2 cup of milk of magnesia, soak for 20 min. and let dry, will last for many years!

St. Paul's Garden Party

PHOTO BY BRIAN LITTLE

Zander Dunn, of Dunn Inn, and also, of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, enjoys the festivities at the St. Paul's Annual Garden Party.

To see more photos and Zanders take on the day's events, see pages 14 and 15.

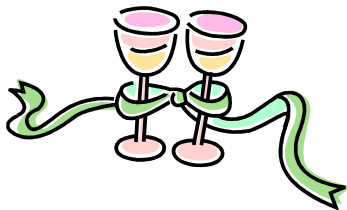


50th Wedding Anniversary



On July 18th, Dorothy and Kaye McGinn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a horse drawn wagon ride to the huge party tent at Ted Welbanks and Karen Miller's home on South Shore Road. Driving the team with Dorothy and Kaye is Ted Welbanks.

Right: Holding the team of Welbank's Belgians is the 'man in black' Gary Filson



“Change” at The Lodge on Amherst Island

“CHANGE”, the all-Island artists show at The Lodge on Amherst Island requires all entries to be at The Lodge by 11am Monday, September 28th. All entries must be for sale and ready for hanging. You may enter up to three pieces. The Lodge takes 25% commission on sales. Call 613-561-0613 if you have questions.



Dorothy Babcock looks over the shoulder of artist Caroline Ackerman.



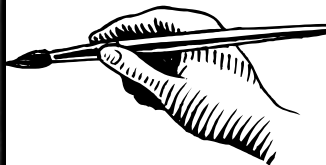
Lily Jozkow, Ula Stief and Lodge owner Molly Stroyman at a recent summer show.



Barb Hogenauer painting in her Second Concession “Studio on the Bay” Barb Hogenauer painting in her Second Concession “Studio on the Bay”



Clo Ostiguy visits Terry Culbert at his Studio on the Bay. (photo: Barb Hogenauer)
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Island photographer Brian Little shooting for the show.

PHOTOS BY TERRY CULBERT EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE NOTED

August Wedding Celebrations

PHOTO COURTESY OF SCOTT MARSHALL

Scott Marshall and Tamar Ditzian married in Florida (where they currently reside) in a quiet family ceremony on August 14. Scott's high school friend Tiffany Williams performed the ceremony for Scott and Tamar.

In this photo: Scott Marshall and Tamar Ditzian



PHOTO BY DON TUBB

Jacob Murray and Sue Frizzell were married at The Lodge on Amherst Island on August 8. Following a light lunch at the Lodge, a reception was held at "the Bluffs" property owned by Topsy Farms.

In this photo: Zander Dunn, Sue Frizzell and Jacob Murray.



AUGUST 2009—ALGONQUIN PARK.

- Janet Scott

Last month, I was able to spend four days camping in Algonquin Park and what a nostalgic trip back in time that turned out to be.

Back in the early fifties I was able to spend several summers in the Barry's Bay area as my Great Aunt and Uncle had a cottage on Bark Lake. Bark Lake had been created by the damming of the Madawaska River and the lake was new, full of drowned trees and primitive. My brother, sister and I were allowed a fair bit of freedom to explore, putt around in a small boat with a two and a half horsepower motor and be one with nature. The wolves howled at night and the loons' eerie calls echoed across the lake.

Uncle Allan was a story teller and by the light of an oil lamp we were regaled with true and not so true stories about life in the logging camps on the Madawaska. He'd been a conductor on the Royal Train that brought King George VI and Queen Elizabeth on their Royal Tour in 1939 but he'd also grown up as a boy in Madawaska so tales of Big Joe Mufferaw were just as real if not more exciting to us than true history.

Every holiday at Bark Lake included a drive along Highway 60 into the park so that we could feed deer along the roadside and watch for bears near Killarney Lodge.

The park is still as beautiful, still as pristine but perhaps more comfortable than it was back sixty years ago. We camped at Canisbay Campground, one of several campgrounds in the highway corridor.

Algonquin Park has 780,000 hectares of trees, lakes, rivers and rocks lying between Georgian Bay and the Ottawa River. Some areas of the park are as much as 200 metres above the surrounding countryside and lookouts allow visitors to survey a treed country much as it must have appeared to our pioneer ancestors. Where would you start when faced with a solid wall of mixed forests, fallen trees, bogs and swamps? Our ancestors would have followed the waterways as the only possible high-way through this jungle. No wonder they became lumbermen!

The hike up Lookout Trail allowed us to see tall Hemlocks, small trees growing out of long dead stumps and fallen logs giving rise to strange white plants and thick green ferns growing on the forest floor. From the top of the trail we could see Smoky Lake. The next day we took a canoe trip around some of the nearby lakes and saw Loons sailing quietly on northern lakes and heard Ravens calling from nearby shores. We saw Mergansers and Mallards feeding along the shores. Rachel and Rebecca took the Beacon all the way to Molly Island in Canoe Lake. After being out on the lake from 9:30 until 4:00 we were happy to enjoy showers back at the Portage, which is one of the additions to camping that I

really appreciate. Algonquin Park is headwaters for five rivers: the Madawaska, Amable du Fond, Pettawawa, Muskoka and South. It has 2400 lakes and 1200 streams. It was established in 1893 as the first Provincial Park and was named a National Historic Site in 1992. Most of us never see any of the interior except the Hwy. 60 corridor but even that has an excellent interpretive centre with realistic displays of flora and fauna. The lack of grassy areas in the park discourages the White-tailed deer but boggy, flooded areas allowed us two good sightings of Moose. The last day we were able to see a Bull Moose with a good sized set of antlers. He was feeding in a pond not far from the highway and because of the pouring rain had not been spotted by a lot of travellers as yet.

The tree canopy was rather high and thick for much bird-watching although we could hear warblers and thrushes happily singing around us. The Ovenbirds were quite vocal as they called "teacher, teacher, teacher" but also warbled a most welcome and melodious sound. The park is a mix of deciduous and coniferous forests as it is the transition zone between the forests of the south and the Boreal forest of the north. We often heard the White-throated Sparrow singing "O Canada, Canada, Canada" as we hiked, biked or paddled around the area.

If you are looking for a stay at home vacation that is only a few hours away but seems like a world apart, then consider Algonquin Park. It's good for the heart!



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Mary Kay Steel

Our July meeting was indeed a treat as we held it outdoors on Elsie Willard's lawn on the 15th, commencing at 3pm. The highlight might well have been the delicious strawberry shortcake, lemonade and iced tea served half way through. Or equally, it might have been the pleasure of listening to members and special guest Jean Tugwell talk about the delights and challenges, both past and present, of living on Amherst Island – the ice roads on the channel, the swimming at favorite beach spots, the travel by horse and wagon or sled. Added to that was the sharing of intriguing old photos that are likely to turn up in our special anniversary calendar for 2010, when we will celebrate our 110th year as a WI branch.

Following all that fun we held a brief business meeting with the co-presidents, Kirsten Bennick and Claire Jenney, chairing the session. We were advised that our treasury is reasonably healthy, and our several projects are coming along well. Progress is impressive on the stone fence restoration at the Pentland Cemetery.

Inclement weather on recent Saturdays has meant fewer customers at our Island Market table.

Our next two Bake Sales take place on Friday, July 31st and Friday, September 4th, in front of the General Store, beginning at 3:45 pm. They are always a resounding success.

Tweedsmuir history co-coordinator Leslie Gavlas reported that she has completed a fifth volume of WI and community history. Following some editing, the original will be placed with the other four volumes in the Lennox and Addington County Museum in Napanee, and Leslie will retain a copy for our reference. Joyce Haines reported that at the district level, a fundraising outing is planned for October 2nd – a boat tour around the Thousand Islands including dinner.

Our next meeting will take place on August 19, and will involve an all-day excursion by car to Wellesley Island across the U.S. border.

Guests of the female persuasion are most welcome.



ROBERT

(BOB)

GIBSON

(SEPT. 13,

1936 – JULY

1, 2009)

Bob, son of Andrew John Gibson and Myrtle May Dushane, in the company of his family, entered into rest after a long battle with cancer and diabetes.

He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all his family.

Bob is survived by his children Mai, James, and Hugh, predeceased by son Carl; also by step-children Jane, Jack, Tom and Jerry, along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Also survived by sisters Mary, Susan, Cora, Hazel and Marion, and brother Wade. Predeceased by sisters Julia and Jenny and brothers Tommy, Junior, Bill and Fred.

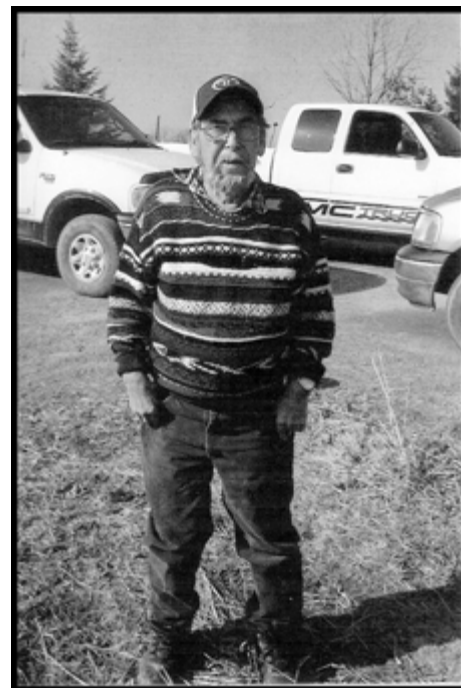
Bob was born on Amherst Island and attended school in Stella. Son of a commercial fisherman, his first love was the water and fishing. He tried his hand at many different means of employment but finally found his niche when he set up his fruit and vegetable stand. Here was a job he could enjoy as well as meet new people and form new friendships. He had many good stories to tell about his customers.

Bob was always ready to lend a hand to Russell and Dan when working with the cattle and harvest.

When Bob moved from the Island he lived in the Kingston area but near the end he returned to Amherst and resided with Susan and her family. This he felt was his real home and where he wanted to spend his last days.

He often talked about his desire to see the Calgary Stampede and a couple of years ago with Jane, Russell, Susan and Bonnie this wish was granted.

He really enjoyed a good game of euchre and claimed he was "a darn good player" and had a couple of trophies to prove it.



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PHOTO BY TERRY CULBERT

Whitney Fleming catches up on some work on the Frontenac II, while ferry crew member Keith McGinn supervises.

AIMS MEETING JULY 11, 2009

Twenty-one men sat down to a delicious full breakfast expertly prepared by Brian & Eva Little with able assistance provided by Daniel.

Woody introduced our guest speaker, Doug Green. Woody talks with his good friend, Doug Green, on the ferry and it isn't about gardening. Woody found out that Doug is an expert on keeping up with the fast-paced internet world.

Doug agreed to give us a snapshot of what is taking place in the world of communications. He said that our youngsters have been raised on the internet, but he started out in 1980 running his whole gardening business on a 64 K computer. This and subsequent computers have forced Doug to change the way he thinks. He is now faster and much more productive thanks to the mighty-fast computers of today.

Now for the snapshot.

Doug delivers 10 million pages on his websites a year. Our ability to communicate is changing rapidly. Many changes are happening before our eyes.

The development of this computer technology ranks as powerful for causing social unrest and unemployment as the invention of the Guttenberg Press which cost all the local scribes their jobs, provided a means to educate everybody and facilitated Martin Luther's Reformation.

Technology develops over a fifty year cycle. We are into year thirty. Here is what happened and what we might expect to happen over the next twenty years.

Web. 1.0: One-way communication: texts and pictures may be sent but there is no interaction.

Web 2.0: Two-way communication. U-Tube and Flickr are social networks as are Facebook and Twitter.

Web 3.0: The Multiplayer Model allows you to talk with each other.

Web 4.0: Visual Multiplayer has access to all the information you want. Google Iran to receive all of today's news from Iran. Yesterday's news is put in a supplemental file which you can access if wanted. This filing system mimics our brains.

Fantasy Stuff: There are programs out there which allow you to have a second life in a virtual on-line world. You can sign in and walk through the Chinese Forbidden City. You may create your own world. You may create war games. There has been created an on-line trade show that eliminates the need to travel to it. It saves you the cost of a hotel room, etc. You may even talk to people off the game. There is even money to be made playing these games.

Why use the net?

1. For information-- for example, Twitter allows one to use 140 characters to communicate. It is a growing communication network. One example of instant communication: the Iranian revolutionaries used twitter to talk to each other. A search box tells you what is happening

now. Google takes twenty minutes to get the same information.

2. Creates a Community of like-minded people who are supported and stimulated by interacting with each other.

3. Entertainment on sites such as Youtube, Second Life, etc

Even though Doug has over a thousand books of information in his office library, he finds things much faster on the internet.

Google is giving away their operation system free for Netbook in hopes that anybody can use it to develop more programs to make their system more mobile and interactive.

So far Japan has the fastest systems and we would like to catch up.

Doug says that newspapers are old news and are dying. Just look at the Whig and Globe to see how thin they are.

Doug has his own webpage and has 350 followers. He is trying to get over a thousand to whom he gives free information on all their gardening needs. He is trying to package the information so that people will actually pay for the service. So far the info is 90% free with 10% paying enough to keep the webpage viable.

Peter Trueman asked Doug about Kindle. Doug replied that it is easier to read.

Marc Raymond thanked Doug for enlightening us all on the fast-paced changes that are affecting us all even if we do not know it.

THE GARDEN PARTY

- Zander of DUNN INN

The Garden Party of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is a symbol of Amherst Island. It represents the best about Amherst Island.

First, it brings people together. I am not sure why it was started - perhaps to make money - but the best thing it did was to bring people together. The Garden Party began in 1948 and was seen as a way to help Islanders enjoy being with one another. It began in the mid afternoon with tea for the ladies and games for the kids; it continued into the evening with food for supper and entertainment for the men who came in from the fields. There were so many activities and foods that anybody could enjoy the fun of the day. Today many people come from off the Island to experience some of the fellowship of the Island community at the Garden Party.

Second, the Garden Party makes it possible for people to enjoy a good time. I love browsing through books so the book table is always attractive. And I meet interesting people who suggest books to me and to whom I can suggest other books. Nance is interested in plants and preserves so she always gets bargains at that station. There's nothing better than a hot dog or a hamburger, followed by a piece of pie and ice cream, unless it is to

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sit down at decorated tables in the tea room to enjoy dainty sandwiches, cookies, squares and tea or coffee. And, in the tea room, if you took the time to look at the pictures you could learn much about the history of the Island. I always pick up some article of clothing at the used clothing stall. I never go to the Bake Table because I shouldn't eat all those sweets and besides my wife's baking (which I would buy) is not for me but for others. At the White Elephant table I can always find some good thing cheap. The Treasures Table offered good quality gifts for between two and five dollars. Although I never win, I always buy a raffle ticket.

The bidding at both the silent auction and the not-so-silent auction is always fun, even if I'm not directly involved. If I were a child, I would find the post office and the fish pond worth my time and money and I might go back for several parcels or casts with the fishing pole. Allan Glenn on the keyboard and others on guitars provide wonderful music for the day. The fun can be hectic at times, so to be able to go into the sanctuary and watch some of Brian Little's excellent pictures is both inspiring and calming. What a collection of good experiences!

Third, the Garden Party has also served to raise money for the church. I have always been impressed that people from all the churches, and from none of the churches, cooperate to support the activities of the day so that the money gained can go into the building fund of the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. This year we wanted to raise \$10,000 to help us pay for the new roof we have had to put

on the sanctuary. The roof cost \$60,000 and by the day of the Garden Party we had raised about \$47,000 - thanks to large contributions from individuals and from The Women's Institute and The Amherst Island Men's Society and thanks to small donations from people who wanted to help out. When the day of The Garden Party was over we had received more than \$13,000 and that put us over the top! We are very grateful to all who came together to have fun and to show their support for our congregation.

But that's what the Island is all about - people coming together to enjoy working on a project and contributing toward its completion. Amherst Islanders are generous, good hearted and fun loving so the Garden Party appeals to them.

Let me suggest that the Garden Party serves the purposes of God, too. I believe God wants us to get together. Things that separate us or divide us make it difficult for God's will to be done among us.

God wants us to have fun. There are some religious people who think the church should not be making fun. We should be serious all the time. But God has given us so much to enjoy! It is wrong to refuse to enjoy good food, good bargains, good conversations, good music, good jokes, good friends, good fun.

Not everybody wants to worship in a church or can worship in a church, but many people are more than willing to support the good work the church does. The Garden Party gives people outside the church the opportunity to do that.

The Garden Party brings out the best in Amherst Islanders so we thank God for it.



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Auctioneer Bruce Caughey.



































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Dick Dodds was in attendance for the action.

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Amherst Island Public Radio

September Programming Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6PM	Canadian Classical	The Udder Morning Show	Tuesday Tracks	Wednesday Morning Fuel Run	Thursday Morning Show	Friday Morning Show	Canadian Folk
7							
8							The Hank Snow Discography Show
9	Island Folk CDN	Island Folk CDN	Bluegrass Café	Island Folk CDN	Island Folk CDN	Live from the Wolf's Den (Replay)	Sally's Books
10	Program Exchange						Vintage AI Beacon
	Canadian Folk						The Green Majority
11	Sally's Book	Down Memory Lane	Whole Jazz Album	Jazz from Jim's Vault	Jazz from Jim's Vault LIVE!		"For the Birds"
	Canadian Jazz		Jazz from Jim's Vault	The Green Majority		Jazz from Jim's Vault	Tea & Serendipity
Noon		OTR: Bing Crosby	OTR: Let George Do It		OTR: Space Patrol	OTR: Lone Ranger!	Community Programming
1PM	Uncle Barry's Canadian Blues	Tea & Serendipity	Vintage AI Beacon	Whitehall 1212	Uncle Don	Sally's Books	Jazz From Jim's Vault
2		Movie & Book Reviews	Don's Jazz Guitar	Live from the Wolf's Den	Two Loons on a Thursday Afternoon	Friday Morning Show (Replay)	Canadian Mellow
3	Canadian Voices	Udder Morning Show (Replay)	Teen Show				Deconstructing Dinner
4	Live from the Wolf's Den (Replay)			Recordings of Hank Snow	Canadian Spotlight	Ben's Cave	LIVE ISLAND CONCERT SHOW
5			Music From Away	Tea & Serendipity	Vintage AI Beacon		Down Memory Lane (Replay)
6		Book Reading	Book Reading	Book Reading	Canadian Spotlight	Book Reading	
7	Celtic Hour	Sally's Books	Tickling the Ivories	Tickling the Ivories	Tickling the Ivories	Bluegrass Café (Replay)	
8		Jazz from Jim's Vault LIVE! (Replay)	Uncle Barry's Blues	Uncle Barry's Blues	Uncle Barry's Blues		
9	Bound for Glory					Down the Rabbit Hole	Down the Rabbit Hole
10		Radio Moo - CDN	Radio Moo - CDN	Radio Moo - CDN	Radio Moo - CDN		
11	Radio Moo - CDN						
Midnight	Radio Moo - Intl.	Radio Moo - Intl.	Radio Moo - Intl.	Radio Moo - Intl.	Radio Moo - Intl.	Radio Moo - Intl.	Radio Moo - Intl.

Doug Green's Garden 8am, Noon, 5pm. **Engines of our Ingenuity** 9am, 5pm. **WEATHER** with Audrey 15 after the hour.

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WEED SPRAY

- Sally Bowen

I've been experimenting with how to keep the most noxious weeds down around our yard. Burdocks and nasty-for-kids-feet thistles were thriving, as well as the healthy growth between the stones in our lovely walkway.

I've found that if I fill a spray bottle with vinegar, add a little salt (it dissolves better in warmed vinegar) and a tad of dish soap, it's a powerful deterrent. The trick is to cut off the burdock, dandelion etc at ground level, then thoroughly spray the 'stump'. Nathan and I tackled a huge growth of burdocks about a month ago, and there's no sign of re-growth. This doesn't work if you spray the entire plant; only if you cut first then zap.

Doug Green recommends a variation: Use pickling vinegar (7% acetic acid) mix a gallon of this with 2 cups of salt, 1 tbsp of dishwashing soap and 2 tbsp of cooking oil and spray the weeds in the cracks of the pavers or between concrete slabs. This vinegar "burns" off weeds so get them young, get them early and understand they'll re-grow. You'll have to burn them off 2-3 times before they stop coming. He warns people not to spray weeds in the middle of the lawn with this, as it will leave a small dead ring in the area.

Ian uses the Lee Valley propane torch to control the weeds in the walkway. Just singeing the tops, (preferably when very small) kills some, and knocks the others way back. It does need occasional repeats.



I would like to thank my family and friends for all their help while I was in hospital and when I returned home.

Visits and telephone calls were much appreciated.

John G. Mayman

It is with deep appreciation that we thank our wonderful family for the matching wedding bands and the fantastic party given for us in honour of our 50th Wedding Anniversary. It was very touching to have family and friends from coast to coast joining in our celebration.

Many thanks to all who helped with the night lunch and the setting up. Special thanks to Eric Welbanks for the dance floor, Ted Wemp for the ice and Ted Welbanks for the splendid ride with the horses and wagon.

The day was perfect and so was the party.

Thanks goes out to Dave Remington for the presentation from all of the political parties and to Duncan Ashley who presented us with the plaque from the Loyalist Township. Sincere thanks for the many phone calls, cards, visitations and gifts. It was overwhelming.

We appreciate and thank each and every one of you for joining us on our special day.

Kaye & Dorothy McGinn

Our wedding on August 8, 2009 was absolutely perfect. We could not have wished for it to be any better, nor would we have changed anything about it.

Thank you to everyone who helped us put it together both beforehand, and on the day, itself, and thank you to everyone who shared our special day with us.

We are so fortunate to have such a fabulous group of family and friends.

Special thanks to Zander Dunn for performing the ceremony— "in coffee stains and not".

Thanks for being "our people",
Jacob & Sue Murray

A BIG thank you to all my friends for your wonderful cards and lovely presents for my "significant" birthday!

Kirsten Bennick

I would like to thank the First Response team for coming to my aid so quickly. They are the best, and so caring.

Also the ambulance team, they were very kind and considerate.

Again, thank you.

Barb Filson

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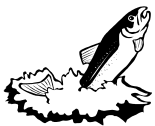
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BACKROOM TALK

On Friday, September 18th the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre has invited the Kingston author David More to speak at the museum.

David is the author of The Eastern Door a historical romance based on the real lives of William Johnson and Molly Brant. He has an excellent grasp of military strategies, the historical significance of the Constitution of Iroquois Nations and is an excellent story teller. In October 2008 he was one of the featured speakers at Writerfest and taught a course at St. Lawrence College called Forgotten Stories of Kingston's Past where he kept 35 history buffs enthralled for the duration of the course.

Please come and support our museum.

Donations welcome.

Light refreshments will be served

DON'T BE LEFT OUT!!

The Amherst Island Women's Institute is compiling it's 110th Anniversary

Calendar for 2010.

As soon as your organization and/or club has its schedule for next year please contact Liz Harrison (613-389-5176).

The final date for submission is September 10

FOR SALE

Two lots for sale next to the Fowler house at 14005 Front Road. \$85,000 each. One is wooded and the other is cleared. Call Hugh or Claire Jenney at 613-384-7830.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE CALENDARS

Featuring Brian Little's photographs, are still available. The cost is \$10.00. They are available at the Weasel & Easel or from Joyce Reid (613-634-8716).

AIMS would appreciate donations of items for the Market Cart and Fall Auction fundraising activities. Please contact Hugh Jenney (384-7830) or Dayle Gowan (634-3815) or Woody Woodiwiss (384-0887) to arrange for pickup.

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92-year old Bob Laffin of Florida tours his son Chris' in-home art studio along with artist Barb Hogenauer.

