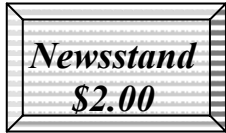


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IS THIS BALL MINE???



Some members of CJA 92.1 organized a golf tournament. For photo of participants, and other CJA news, see page 9.

PHOTO BY BRIAN LITTLE

PASSINGS

-Staff

Our community is saddened by the deaths of two Islanders: Dale McGinn and Kaye McGinn. There will be more on Dale and Kaye in the December issue.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Get Well wishes this month to Tom deHaan, Laurie Kilpatrick, Ray Koenders, and Tom Sylvester.

Congratulations to Mike and Jill Walhout on the birth of their first child. Daughter Anna weighed in at 6 lb 13 oz. on October 23rd. Anna is the newest granddaughter for Bruce and Susie Caughey.

Brian and Marie Ward travelled to the East Coast, where they spent some time with Marie's sister, Maureen and her family.

Donna Willard spent a couple of weeks sightseeing in Paris, Venice and Rome, with her son Stephen and his wife Dianna.

Tom and Jacquie Sylvester also travelled to Paris, where they visited with fellow Islander Kitsy McMullen.

Pam McCormick, my daughter Stephanie and I spent Thanksgiving weekend exploring New York City.

Goodbye to Islanders Phil Silver and Debbie Miller, who have moved off "the rock" to the mainland. Andrew McDonald and his fiancée Chelsea have bought their house at the 4-way stop in the Village.

Congratulations to A.I.P.S. students, who raised \$699.00 through their Terry Fox Run.

It has been a busy month on Amherst Island. The 4-H Harvest Festival kicked off the month on a sunny October Saturday. A special hit this year seemed to be the "bale rolling" competition! Congratulations to Wayne Fleming and Jim Reid who beat the second place team of Brandon Reid, Barry Richmond and Sam Miller by inches! Also, congratulations to Apple ie baking champ, Barbara Filson and Pumpkin Pie champ, Karen Fleming.

The annual AIMS auction was held on Thanksgiving weekend and by all accounts was well attended and very successful.

The annual Family Masquerade wrapped up the month on October 24th. Young & old alike enjoyed the festivities, with games and refreshments and the always popular apple peeling competition. As always, there were some great and creative costumes, and judges had their work cut out for them in all categories. Thanks to Sue Murray and Candace Youell for keeping this long standing Island event alive.

Well, after a blustery weekend, the leaves are off the

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trees, and the clocks have been set back and now we start to prepare for winter. However, today is sunny and bright, the water is sparkling blue and the grass is still green - maybe we will get an Indian summer yet....

Here we go again. . . It seems that MTO is looking for ways to recoup ferry costs for Amherst Island. Some of their suggestions include raising ferry costs, yet again, and leaving the Quinte Loyalist in service at Amherst Island for non-peak seasons.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Mary Kay Steel

On Wednesday evening, October 21st, a modest crowd gathered at St. Paul's Church Hall despite the rain and wind, to hear a presentation on growing hemp, organized by the Women's Institute under its R.O.S.E. program (Rural Ontario Sharing Education). Our speaker was Mr. John Baker, head of Stonehedge Bio-Resources and a farmer in the Stirling area. Mr. Baker related his discovery in studying archival sources that hemp was grown successfully, with subsidies, in several parts of Ontario in the early 1800's. At that time its main use was in making ropes and sails. The seeds used at the time came from Russia or that area of Europe. He told us that he has preserved the original seed line, and has done some experimentation in seed development, including types that will overwinter. Growing hemp is permitted within certain regulations in Canada, but is still very much a new area of agricultural endeavour in North America. (It is not permitted to grow hemp in the U.S.) There is a modest market for use of hemp dust as a fuel. Markets such as for health foods, animal bedding, insulating materials, and plastics replacement are just beginning to develop. And there is a



lack of availability of harvesting equipment and manufacturing technology, although the industry is further advanced in Europe. Bruce Caughey shared some of his recent experience in growing hemp. Following this interesting presentation and the lively question period, we all enjoyed a brief social hour with some delicious food and drink.

The regular monthly business meeting was chaired by the co-presidents, Kirsten Bennick and Claire Jenney. Standing committee reports were presented and discussed. As well, we were advised by Judy Harrower of the progress over the summer on the Pentland stone fence work, and on the maintenance of the small park by the ferry dock and other planted areas on the Island.

We discussed the status of plans for our annual Christmas dinner party for Island seniors, a project headed by Judy Greer and Marilyn Pilon. A donation was approved to a province-wide games competition (2010 Para-sport Winter Games) to be held in Kingston this winter, under the leadership of John Munro and Vickie Keith. Our special 110th anniversary calendar for next year will be available for purchase on November 21st, the day of the pre-Christmas sale event at the Neilson Museum and Weasel and Easel building. Joyce Haines reported on all things new at our district level. And it was noted that our branch got some coverage in the latest issue of the provincial WI magazine Home and Country.

Meeting closed, after an informative and pleasant evening.



Islanders at the AIMS auction included Vicki Keith, Doug Green, Doug Martin, John Munro and Deb Kimmett.

AIMS AUCTION

The third Amherst Island Men's Society Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Auction was held Saturday, October 10th at Centennial Park in the beautiful, historic village of Stella. With professional auctioneer Bruce Caughey unable to officiate, the co-hosts of CJAI's Friday Morning Show filled in. From atop an old farm wagon, Brian Little and Terry Culbert raised \$2,000.



CJAI Friday Morning Show co-host, and frequent Amherst Island Beacon contributor, Brian Little.



Keld and Maria Jensen watch for the perfect item to bid on.



92.1 Friday Morning Show co-host, and frequent Amherst Island Beacon contributor, Terry Culbert.



Right: A portion of the crowd at the AIMS auction in Centennial Park.

PHOTOS BY ROSY FINDLAY, ARTICLE BY TERRY CULBERT

2009 REPORT FOR THE STONE FENCES

- Judith Harrower

In early spring permission was obtained from the Chippendales to approve people working on their property as the final and fourth fence abuts their property.

Mr. Bill Hedges offered to continue his assistance, guidance and arranged not only to help build but also to collect field stone from various locations on the island.

Stone was collected throughout the summer months.

Thanks goes to those who donated hay wagons, pickup trucks, and tractors: Chris Kennedy, Gary Hitchins, Susie Caughey, Kevin Archibald, John Adams, Hugh Jenney, Dave Vrooman and Geoff Matthews, as well as those who came out to work Joyce Haines and her sister-in-law Barbie, Laura-Lei Gartner, Nick Barr, Rosemary and John Vrooman.

There were two well attended stone fence workshops with ten people from the mainland and many Islanders as

well. Mr. Hedges prepared well over 100 feet and by the end of August, work was completed to that point. Many thanks to Leslie Gavlas who took pictures, to Nancy Pearson, Betty Kelly, Judi Gould, and Joyce Haines who worked nearly twice a week despite frequent rains.

A special thank you to Loyalist Township for extending the Heritage Grant another year, to have the site bush hogged prior to commencement of work, and for removing the large maple limb threatening to crash down the east fence.

In 2010 it is anticipated that at least another 100 feet will be completed leaving a small portion, however this depends on weather, availability of field stone, and number of volunteers. The main problem at this point is getting rid of lilac bushes. Mr. Hedges has committed himself for another year.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have worked on this very large restoration project.

**** To see photos, please see page 4****

STONE WALL RESTORATIONS ON AMHERST ISLAND



Nancy Pearson, Judi Gould, Betty Kelly and Joyce Haines working towards the end of the section of fence they are restoring.



Completed Restoration. See previous page for article.

PHOTOS BY JUDITH HARROWER

JANET'S JOTTINGS: TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

- Janet Scott

Twenty-five years ago on October 28th, 1984 we moved into the Coulson House on the South Shore Road. Alex and I had both moved several times as children and again as students and were looking for something in the country where we could actually settle and stay. I have now lived here longer than anywhere else in my lifetime. Lena, one of our very good friends had suggested that we look for a house on Amherst Island since we both enjoyed birding there. Patients of Alex's, Lloyd and Elaine Wolfreys, were quick to second that idea so over we came with house

hunting in mind instead of our usual owl hunting. Fortunately on one of Alex's solo hunts he met Marlene Frohlich who phoned us three weeks later with the news that the Coulson House was for sale and that it should meet our needs. One visit to the house was all it took and we were sold on the place, the Island and the people!

A miniature Milk Snake met us as the U-haul backed up to the door and challenged our right to enter its domain but we were nature lovers and that didn't stop us. Jamie looked around the property and commented, "How can you have a kid over to play when you can't see the house next door?" Remember in 1984 there were no houses between us and the Kuder's and at that time it was vacant so the only lights we could see at night were from Lily and Bud Browne's, the house where Steve and Tara Kennedy now live. No one was at the Marshall house in October, Stoker's was empty and so was Dave Willard's house. We were the end of the line so to speak but the stars in the darkness were magnificent.

November arrived and I began to think that the winds must blow like that all the time. I had been thrilled to find a pulley clothesline in the backyard but discovered quickly that I had to recover many unmentionables from the Marshall Forty-foot. Maybe "Four Strong Winds"

wasn't my favourite song, after all. By the end of November my face hurt from working outside but we didn't rake leaves anymore. They just blew away to Kingston and beyond where no leaf has dared to go before.

Mrs. Coulson explained that she didn't really know how the water system worked anymore but that if we had any difficulties to call Tom Sylvester and that he would help us. We didn't know Tom at all but when you have no water one morning and a household with five kids you quickly call HELP. Tom came and came again and came another time. We would never have made it through that first winter without his help. Foot valves were not part of our vocabulary. Frozen wells were unknown and we were learning about wood stoves. Keith Miller taught us about cleaning pipes. George Miegán got us our first load of fire wood and Glen Lasher showed us the workings of our furnace. Last month his grandson came to do the fall cleaning. I've been through three generations!

That first winter when asked about snow Tom said, "Oh, Evelyn's been able to drive right up the lane all winter." He didn't really mean to lead us astray be-

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cause many winters we can drive right up our lane but that winter we ended up parking on the front lawn close to the road because our lane was buried about four feet deep. OK you're not using the lane but the fuel guy shows up and says, "I'll check back later and if you can get the lane open, I'll deliver." Neighbours are neighbours and always there for you. Alex is working on the mainland and the drifts are nearly as tall as me. Ted Welbanks came with tractor and a shovel thing on the back and dug us out.

The snow would blow across those empty, open fields next to us and fill it in right away but not that time until after we had oil. Another winter we were given some snow fencing from someone and we made the drift form sooner instead of in our lane. I met Stuart Miller that first winter when I slipped off the Stella Forty-foot and got stuck in a snow bank. He came down the road with the grader and plow, stopped, and pulled me out and then said, "Keep driving to the boat but I'll be back in twenty minutes so if you're stuck again I'll be along." That fall I had casually asked on the boat what that huge machine was for. I now know that it was the corn harvester but Ed McCormick informed me that it was needed to keep the South Shore Road open in the winter.

When our grass grew too high to handle with our small, suburban electric lawnmower and Alex was in hospital the next spring. More friendly neighbours showed up when Diane and George Gavlas appeared, both with lawn tractors. The Lawn Angels were at work. Jack Forester helped us with repairs to a cistern liner, Ruth Glenn insisted our children were welcome there anytime they got stuck in the village and Nessie Welbanks brought us a happy face apple pie.

Avery Brown plowed our garden and Harry Filson introduced us to the wonders of a bush hog. I learned to split wood, shovel snow and watch waves.

When we first moved to the Island, Barb Reid got our children to school safely and home again. She did a split run where alternate months half of the public school children got delivered home early and the rest after she met the four o'clock ferry and got the High School kids as well. After 15 years out of the classroom Mike Flannigan invited me back in as Principal Relief and guess what I'm still there and teaching children of pupils that I taught. We all made lifetime friends, learned a lot and survived. It's the best move I ever made!

Thank-you Amherst Island Folks.

"You're canty and couthy and kindly the best"

CHANGES AT THE LODGE

-Molly Stroyman

Change is more than the theme of the All Island Art Show. Hopefully, change is a way to move forward. As the clocks change, it is a good time to thank all those who have helped to make The Lodge what it is today.



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The beautiful new entrance to The Lodge has been extremely well received and well used. Thank you Woody Woodiwiss and all your competent crew.

The Amherst Island Speaker Series on Sunday afternoons has generally featured the life, work and thought of some extraordinary Island residents. Thank you Harley Smyth, Steve Webb, Margaret Maloney, and Andrew Patenall for sharing your ideas and good humor with us. And thank you Harold Redekopp for your inspiration and leadership in beginning this series.

Renovations have made it possible to heat The Lodge more efficiently. The result is a plan for more winter activities.

We hope to attract small groups of birders by offering them hot meals and warm beds.

We plan to have some just plain fun evenings sprinkled over the winter – a pub night complete with darts, a poker night, and a country music night. Details to follow.

We are open to suggestions for special events.

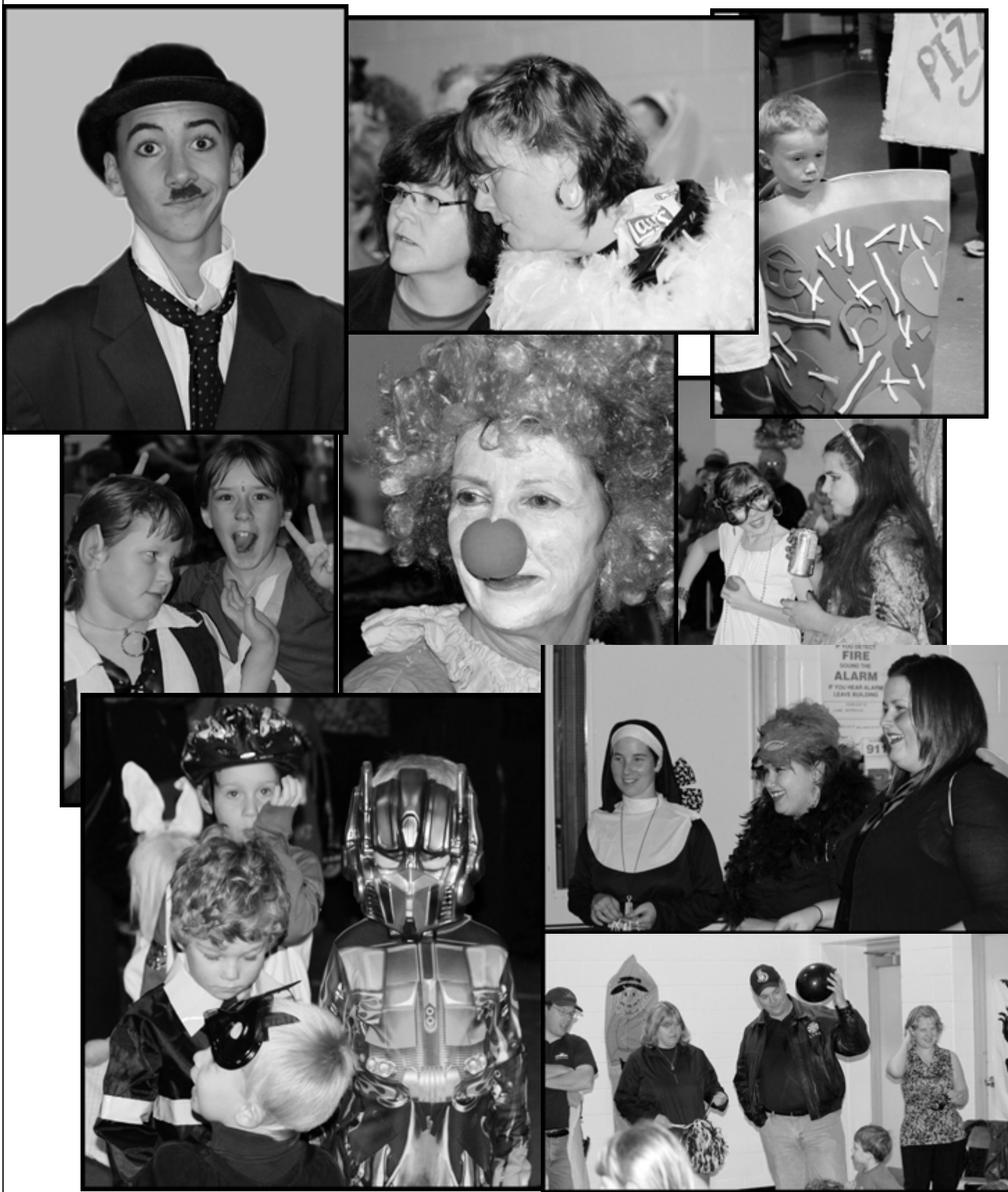
None of this would be possible without all the fabulous people who have worked long and hard at The Lodge. Under the guidance of Tom Richmond, Val Wolfreys, Karen Fleming, Wayne Fleming, David Fleming, Ian Murray, Sally Bowen, Jake Murray, Sue Murray, Noel McCormick, Peggie Coulter, Shirley Miller and Peter Large, many islanders have contributed to an array of successful events. They and the throng of the un-named are enormously appreciated, by me, by the guests and by their neighbours.

However, the prize for grace and endurance goes to Rosemary Richmond. Rosemary has been a caring, insightful and steadying force at The Lodge. From wiring switches to hanging art shows to wrangling a variety of artists, musicians and guests, Rosemary's presence has carried us over many joys and many hurdles. Changes in her life have opened up some exciting new directions. This means we will be seeing less of her at The Lodge. She will be missed. But most of all, Rosemary, wishing you all the very best in this new chapter.

Hope to see many of you at The Lodge soon. Happy Holidays!

HALLOWEEN MASQUERADE COLLAGE

Due to the high number of great photos that we were provided of the Halloween Masquerade, we decided to do a three page collage. We have not identified the photos in order to fit more photos on the pages. (Photos by Brian Little)







PHOTOS ON THIS PAGE BY DAVE YUELL

CJAI ELECTS NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS



On October 25th, a new Board of Directors for Amherst Island Public Radio was voted in at the Annual General Meeting held at the Community Centre.

The new board includes: front row left to right: Lorna Willis, Sue Murray (Bookkeeper, not on board), Mary Lou Wolfreys, and Dave Miekle. Back row left to right: Allen Caughey, John Schutzbach, Gallad Elflandsson, and Jim Gould (acting Station Manager). Missing from Photograph are directors Michele LeLay and Cherry Allen.

PHOTO BY TERRY CULBERT

Right: Amherst Island Public Radio presenters and a director held a golf tournament on two Island courses at the end of October. Playing South Shore Links and the Links of O'Drains Bay are left to right: Jim Gould, Peter Large, Terry Culbert, John Schutzbach, Dayle Gowan and the over-all winner Brian Little.

PHOTO BY BRIAN LITTLE



Left: Guest on a recent Friday Morning Show was Blair Babcock, a bluegrass aficionado and former campus radio host in St. John, Newfoundland. Blair, standing between co-hosts Terry Culbert and Brian Little is the son of Dorothy Babcock of South Shore Road.

PHOTO BY DOROTHY BABCOCK



OUR FRIENDS THE DRAGOONS

- Zander of DUNN INN

By the time you read this, the members of the Royal Canadian Dragoons Association will have paid their annual visit to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Amherst Island.

About ten years ago the Royal Canadian Dragoons of the Kingston area discovered that a special monument had been erected on Amherst Island to commemorate one of their troopers who had been killed in 1900 in the Boer War. That trooper was Ed Filson, killed at the battle of Liliefonteine, at the age of 22 and buried at Belfast, South Africa. The monument, erected in his memory, is the Goddess of Concord, resplendent in white, which stands on the Western edge of the Glenwood cemetery.

Members of the Dragoons came to the island to inspect the monument, to talk with me and to meet Helen Caughey because Helen was related by marriage to Ed Filson through her husband, Bruce Caughey. The Dragoons offered to help repair the statue and contribute toward its upkeep. They also asked Helen to participate in a short ceremony to honour the memory of Ed Filson. They asked me if they could attend, as a group, one of our worship services and perhaps participate in the service. The Session of our congregation agreed to welcome the Dragoons to participate in a service.

In the service, which was well attended by the Dragoons and their families and friends, the Dragoons recounted the battle of Liliefonteine where Ed Filson had lost his life and several Victoria Cross medals had been won. Then we went outside to form up and lay a wreath before the statue of the Goddess of Concord. Following that we enjoyed a reception and shared many stories.

Most of us at St. Paul's figured that was it. The Dragoons had come to recognize a long-lost member and had enjoyed the day with us.

Next year the Dragoons asked if they could come again. Of course we said "Yes." We always welcome people to our services. Their leaders read the Scriptures, a bugler played "Last Post" and "Reveille" and a bagpiper played the lament. A wreath was laid before the monument and a most pleasant reception was enjoyed.

November 8 will mark the tenth year that representatives of The Royal Canadian Dragoons (still an active unit in the army, some of whom are in Afghanistan, several of whom have been killed there) have come to Amherst Island. Our congregation has built up a special connection to that regiment.

The Dragoons come to be with us usually on the Sunday closest to Remembrance Day. Their officers read the Bible lessons for the day; they recount the battle of Liliefonteine; they lay a wreath outside before the monument erected to the memory of Ed Filson; they fly their flags; they listen to the bugler and the piper; they offer their prayers; they join us for refreshment; they thank us for our hospitality; they go home until next year.

The Dragoons have given us a wreath and a picture of the field gun their soldiers used in the battle of Liliefonteine. We have hung them both on the wall in our hall. The actual gun can be seen at the War Museum in Ottawa. The gun, for the artillery, is the equivalent of "The Colours" to the infantry. In other words we have, in our church, things sacred to The Royal Canadian Dragoons who honour us every year when they come to remember an Amherst Islander, one of their own.

Some people wonder about a battle retold in a church service and about a picture of a gun on the wall of an institution devoted to peace and The Prince of Peace. The Bible itself tells of battles won and lost by the people of God. It tells of men and women who led the tribes into war. None of us wants to romanticize war but we do want to remember how God worked through people like Ed Filson who got involved in the messiness of war. Our Remembrance Day is more meaningful when men and women in uniform worship with us to remind us of all those who sacrificed so much that we might live in peace today.

All of us have noticed that The Dragoons are aging (as are we); some of them have died (as have some of us); there are fewer of them to gather with fewer of us as the years roll on.

We gather to thank God for The Dragoons, who on Remembrance Sunday, represent the men and women of courage and daring who risk and sacrifice for us, for the men and women of devotion and commitment who live and die for a purpose greater than themselves, for the men and women of perseverance who refuse to forget those who have given their all for their God and for their country.



A NOTE TO OUR READERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

- Sue Murray

This is a reminder to all of our contributors that submissions are due on the 25th of the month. Contributions are coming in later and later all the time, and are forcing the Beacon to come out later and later each month. Please remember! Many Thanks.

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From Regular Council Meeting #21 – October 13

Moved by Councillor Ashley and seconded by Councillor Ibey that the Transportation & Solid Waste Manager's report . . . re: Amherst Island

Night Control Working Hours be received and that the following be adopted:

That staff be authorized to amend the Amherst Island Night Patrol hours from 8 hours per shift to 10 hours per shift.

That Council authorize the additional labour costs of \$1320 for 2009 and, furthermore, that the 2010 operating budget include the additional \$4840 labour cost for additional Night Patrol hours.

Motion carried.

From Administration Meeting # 9, November 2

Moved by Councillor Ashley and seconded by Councillor Ibey that the Transportation & Solid Waste Manager's report, October 16th, 2009 re: Review of Ferry Revenue and Expenses and correspondence from MTO, October 30, 2009 re: Fuel Costs - Quinte Loyalist be received and that the following be adopted:

1. That staff be directed to maintain the current fee structure for 2010 and adjust the budget to recognize fuel savings and additional subsidy.
2. That an information letter be sent to Amherst Island ferry users regarding recent correspondence from MTO and the potential shortfall in funds.
3. That staff provide a report to Council by the end of August 2010 reviewing the financial situation of the ferry at that time.

Motion carried.

AIMS MEETING OCTOBER 17

- Hugh Jenney

Twenty men sat down to a delicious, full breakfast prepared by Eva Little & Janet Scott.

As we had no speaker, Woody started the meeting saying it would be a casual discussion covering many issues.

Paul Lauret reported that we took in \$1,883.30 from the auction and \$193.50 from Dayle's BBQ.



Thanks goes out to all our workers who made the day so successful. None of this could have happened without the Islanders' generous donations. We will hold this Thanksgiving Auction again.

Bruce Findlay reported that his tree-planting team (Marc Raymond, Doug Martin and Chris Laffin) have planted approximately sixty trees last year and this. They are now at the end of their supply. Only a few aspen left. Congratulations, men, on greening our Island!

After a long discussion it was agreed that all off-island requests must come to be passed by the membership.

A discussion followed about supporting the chairperson of fundraising, John Munro, for the Eastern Ontario Paralympics being held in Kingston in January. Please call John to volunteer, 384-0415. There are a lot of small jobs that need doing.

It was agreed that we sponsor five athletes @ \$100.

Woody reported that Sue Murray has asked AIMS to support the Island Halloween Party. It was agreed that AIMS donate \$200.

Greg Latiak following up on a suggestion by Maynard Slack suggested that we have a budget which will inform the Islanders how we spend their money. Paul Lauret reminded us that we are a subsidiary of Loyalist Township and must report annually to them about our activities which are covered by the township's insurance policy. It was agreed that this budget would appear in either the November or December Beacon.

Woody asked for volunteers to serve on next year's executive. Next year's AIMS Executive will be:

President: Donald (Woody) Woodiwiss

Vice-President: Greg Latiak

Secretary: Hugh Jenney

Treasurer: Paul Lauret

Members at Large: Brian Little and Don Pepper

This slate of officers was accepted.

Greg Latiak reported on this year's New Year's Dinner & Dance. He said that the band and caterer are all set to go. We just need a few volunteers. Any Islander may volunteer so, if you can, please give Greg a call at 384-8367. NB the Island Directory reversed the 3 and 6 so DO NOT use it for Greg's number.

Greg also said he was very pleased with his email requests for the AIMS wagon.

Both Woody and Greg emphasized the executive's willingness to consider any pet activity anybody might have as a project for AIMS. Woody has volunteered to organize a huge golf day which will cover the whole Island. Chris wants a duffers reward to be added to the prizes. Call Woody to volunteer, 384-0887

Greg will use his computer skills to link our webpage to the AI webpage. By next year any member will be able to check the AIMS calendar on our webpage. Thanks, Greg.

ART SHOW AT THE LODGE

“CHANGE” the all-Island Artists Show at The Lodge on Amherst Island wrapped up the 2009 season for Lodge owner Molly Stroyman with its opening on Saturday, October 10th.

PHOTOS BY TERRY CULBERT

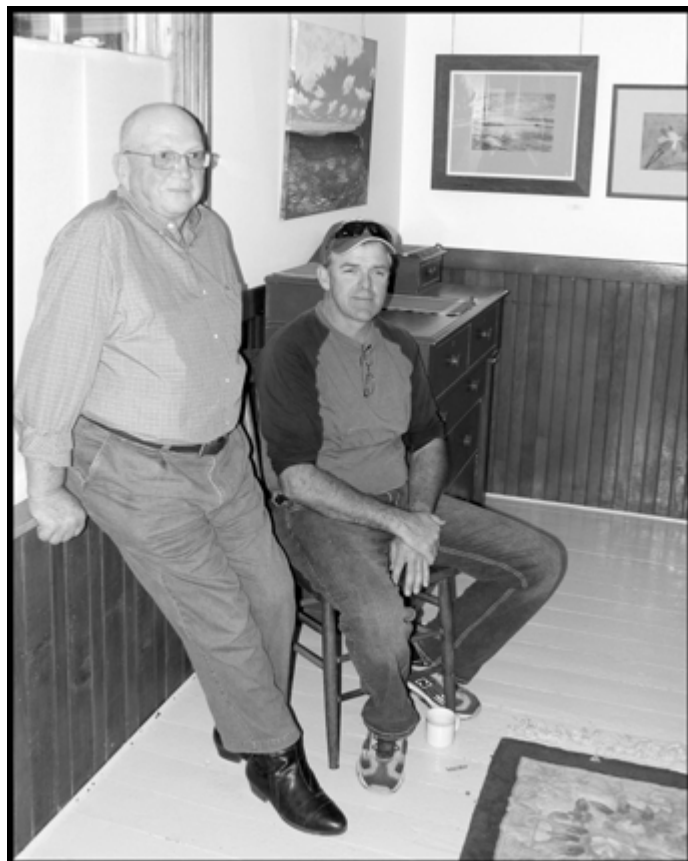


Above: Beth Forester at the keyboard added an air of class to the art show opening.

Top Right: Island artists Don Newgren, Elizabeth Barry, and Marny Raymond.

Middle Right: Art critics Keith Miller and Wayne Fleming.

Right: Karen Fleming with Alex and Debbie Scott are enjoying the paintings of artist Elizabeth Barry.



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Open Saturday and Sunday – 10am to 4pm

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE CALENDAR LAUNCH

Help the WI celebrate 110 years on Amherst Island with the purchase of their 2010 historical calendar in the 'Backroom' of the Neilson Store Museum.

Open Saturday – 10am to 4pm

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & HOT LUNCH

Free admission at the Community Centre. Bake table, crafts, silent auction, raffle, AI fleecy vests and hats. Hot lunch \$5. (children 12 and under \$3.)

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The blacksmith shop is located at the four way stop in the historic village of Stella.

Open Saturday from 10am to 4pm

THE LODGE ON AMHERST ISLAND

Visit and tour the newly renovated 1880's Lodge at 345 McDonalds Lane.

Open Saturday and Sunday – 10am to 4pm

The Lodge on Amherst Island

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Nathan Rogers

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE CALENDARS

Our special 110th anniversary calendar for 2010 is now available for sale, at \$10 each. It features wonderful photos of past days on the island. A great Christmas gift and treasure to keep! Call Jackie Sylvester at 613 389-1320 or contact any WI member.



The Amherst Island Harvest Festival Committee and the A. I. Rec Association would like to thank everyone for coming out to help make the 6th annual Harvest Festival such a success.

Up until the evening before, the weather wasn't looking good, but by mid-morning on October 3rd, the sun was coming out and it turned out to be a perfect fall day. A good crowd enjoyed a BBQ lunch, entertainment, exhibits and games.

We would like to especially thank everyone for their generous donations at the gate; our exhibitors; our amazing Island "pie makers", for their delicious entries in the Apple & Pumpkin pie contests; Ellis Wolfreys and friends from the Kingston Old Time Fiddlers, for providing hours of entertainment and "atmosphere"; the 14 teams that signed up for the bale rolling competition - a great way to end the afternoon with lots of fun & laughs; thanks to volunteers Brooke Reid, Ange Fleming & Talia Fleming, for helping wherever and whenever you were needed; to our pie judges, Rick Bedford, Mike Walhout & Jason Fleming who had a difficult (although tasty!) job picking their favorites out of all the great pies; Lois' Warehouse for fencing; Glen Mack for trucking and a special thanks to Reidview Farms for providing the perfect location. Finally to Godden Meats and Laurie Simpson, the local suppliers who helped make the BBQ a sell out!

Proceeds went towards sending local 4-H members on to the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto this month.

Thank you to everyone who came out this year to make out Halloween Masquerade such a great success. It is a wonderful thing to live in a community with such great spirit! Thanks to all of our volunteers, donors, and participants. Special thanks to our Judges Saskia Wagemans, and Lorna Willis. Hope to see you all again next year!
Sue Murray and Candace Youell

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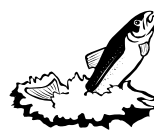
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HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY, JIM!



Jim Whitton celebrates his surprise 85th birthday at the Lodge on October 10th, with his wife Lynann and son Ben.

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