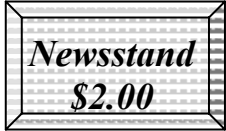


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## *Bees Behaving Badly, Island Beekeeper Houses a Captured Swarm*



*Island Beekeeper, Dave Meikle captures an errant swarm of bees. For more on the story, see "Notes from the Bumbling Beekeeper" on page 4.*

### NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Condolences to Bonnie Caughey, on the recent death of her father.

Congratulations to Don and Judy Miller on the birth of their 3rd grandson. Garson Walter was born on April 8 to son Chad and his wife Keri. A little brother for Keiran.

Congratulations to new grandparents Annette Phillips and Bill Phillips (Diane). Daughter Tori welcomed her first child, a girl, on Mother's Day weekend.

Jim and Judy Gould have just returned from a trip to Scotland.

Dick and Puddy Dodds recently returned from an educational and emotional trip to the battlefields of World War I and II at Vimy Ridge, Dieppe and Normandy (Juno Beach) in France. At Vimy they were successful in finding the name

of Ross Haines's uncle inscribed on the Memorial. He had been killed on the Ridge but his body was never found. At Dieppe, Dick stood on the very spot where his uncle was wounded by machine gun bullets and taken prisoner by the Germans during that invasion. Leaving France they travelled to Holland and joined 38 other Canadians for 10 days to

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celebrate the 65th Anniversary of the liberation of Holland. In WWII, 66,000 Canadians were killed and most are buried in war cemeteries in the countries where they died. The grief for the families had to be hear wrenching but the remembrances of those who made the ultimate sacrifice will live forever in the hearts of the people of Holland. Dick and Puddy said that "wherever they went, whatever cemetery they visited, they were painfully reminded that freedom is not free!"

Mickey and Jan Sydorko also spent some time in Holland for the Anniversary of the liberation of Holland.

A record crowd enjoyed the Rec Association's annual Spring Dance and Fish Fry over the May long weekend.

Congratulations to Terry Culbert and Barb Hogenhour on their successful art exhibit in Terry's hometown of Lucan.

The Market and Weasel and Easel opened for the season on the May long weekend. The market will run Saturday's through the fall.

We have had a warm and early Spring on the Island, with the lilacs long gone already. While early June has been cooler, we have gotten some much needed rain.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

-Mary Kay Steel

The May meeting took place at St. Paul's church hall on May 19<sup>th</sup>. New president Liz Harrison was in the chair; there were seventeen members present. Minutes and financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Various standing committee reports were presented. For the Program committee, Claire Jenney distributed for comment a draft of proposed programs for the coming year's meetings. It is hoped that we will have the program printed up for distribution shortly. Leslie Gavlas reminded us of the upcoming art tour on July 10<sup>th</sup>; we

are to make our market refreshment cart available to participants. For District business, Joyce Haines described the planned June 26<sup>th</sup> celebrations of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the district level organization. She also reported that a group of our members recently did a clean-up walk on a 2 km. section of County Road 4, from Millhaven to the Doyle Road, under the district's Adopt-a-Highway program. Judy Harrower advised us that work on the Pentland Cemetery walls will be getting underway shortly and at present volunteers are moving donated stones over to the fence location. Liz Harrison reported on the progress of our new Island Directory; it should be available for sale this Saturday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the market. We will be keeping the price at \$10. Joyce Haines reported the good news that the Township has provided us with a grant to continue our beautification work in Stella and at the ferry dock.

Plans were advanced for managing our Saturday market wagon and our four bake sales this summer. We agreed to help with refreshments at the celebration of the Glenwood Cemetery on Sunday June 13. We then adjourned our meeting and welcomed our guest speaker, Eva Ann Wagner of Kingston Physiotherapy and Spinal Rehabilitation Centre. Ms. Wagner provided several valuable information handouts, and spoke at length of the special training of the Centre's owner in rehabilitation techniques for back problems of all sorts. She provided us with many useful tips for staying strong and avoiding falls, including that old maxim to keep active with whatever exercise we enjoy, and if we don't enjoy any, get walking!! Following a question and answer period, we all enjoyed a tasty snack and social hour.

## COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, May 10<sup>th</sup>:

Employee Service Recognition,  
2009: Don Miller, 10 years; Helen Trotter, 15 years; Kim Ashley, 20 years; and, Diane Pearce, 35 years.

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The insurance premium for 2010 of \$400,658 + 8 % PST was approved. This premium is \$16 thousand more than in 2009 due to additional equipment being added.



## JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

I was going to write an article for this month's Beacon about all the fun we had and the amazing list of birds we got on this year's Baillie Bird-a-thon. Unfortunately my computer went down with rapid clicking noises and a fatal error message so I've been out of touch for awhile.

When I finally got this laptop connected to the internet there were 53 messages waiting for me to sort through and to digest. One of the messages was a thank-you from Kristen Keyes to all her supporters in the Baillie Bird-a-thon. I think she tells it much better than I and so I've attached it here:

Dear Supporter,

"I would like to take the opportunity to express my sincerest thank you for your generous donation in support of my 2010 Baillie Bird-a-thon. It is because of your support that efforts to better understand and conserve Canada's avian fauna will be healthy and strong in these ever-changing times. The McGill Bird Observatory is a student-founded and run research facility just outside of Ste. Anne-de-Bellevue, Quebec, that relies heavily upon the annual Baillie Bird-a-thon to support its operations. As well, my own project on the Short-eared Owl will receive support through this event to increase awareness and understanding of this rapidly declining, yet poorly understood species.

"To give you a very brief report on my Bird-a-thon, it was carried out for 24 hours commencing at 10 am on May 15. I was very fortunate to be accompanied by my wonderful host, Janet, and my fantastic field assistant, Chantal, for what proved to be a very fun, exciting week-end of birding! We started our Birdathon in downtown Kingston where, like clockwork at about 10:01, the resident Peregrine Falcon flew out into full view chasing down a Rock Pigeon - what a fantastic way to start our day! From there, we spent some time wandering through a very pretty park just west of the city, where we had fantastic views of several species of warbler, including the Bay-breasted, Black-and-White, and Black-throated Green. (This park was the Rideau Trail as it skirts the Cataraqui Golf Course.)

"We then decided to head off to Prince Edward County, but unfortunately our arrival on the other side of the bay was dependent on the Glenora ferry, which on that day meant waiting for over two hours! Though we made good time, once we arrived, (after a quick, but necessary stop at the Black River Cheese Factory!) and picked up a Caspian Tern and Cliff Swallows while enjoying the view at Point Traverse. Chantal also managed to spot a 'frozen' American Bittern, giving all of us a fantastic view of a normally quite shy bird, and Janet picked up the distant call of a Black-billed Cuckoo. By the time we left the county it was nearing 6 pm - time to head north for some nocturnal activity!

"In true Bird-a-thon style, we picked up a quick meal at Wendy's to take on the road, and noticed a few more birds along the way, before arriving at our destination. We had been told about a location where we might catch a glimpse of the elusive, endangered Loggerhead Shrike, but on that evening it was not to be. But in the same area we heard Grasshopper and Field Sparrows, as well as Wilson's Snipe, American Woodcock and Whip-poor-will once the sun

went down - a lovely evening! Last but not least, we headed out to the country in a last bid for some owl activity.

"By this point we were all quite tired, after focusing so hard for so long, and I suppose you could say we had reached the point of being giddy as well. So when Janet offered to imitate a Great-horned Owl out the window of my little Golf, Chantal and I were in tears of laughter! I still wonder what exactly the very kind gentleman thought who got into his car at 11 pm at

night and drove down the road to see if we were alright.

"Once back on Amherst Island, we heard the distant hooting of a Great Horned Owl, the last bird we had hoped to tally on May 15th, and decided a couple hours of sleep would be a good idea. Though it wasn't long before we were up again, with the sun, and even before I was out of bed managed to count species #81 - the neighborhood Ring-necked Pheasant having breakfast at the feeder! We spent the rest of the morning birding around Amherst Island, and with a Short-eared Owl hunting in the morning dew, a Merlin scouting his prey on top of a small tree in the Owl Woods, and an American Black Duck leading her crew of six little ducklings across South Shore Road, we had a wonderful morning! We finished up our day on the Kingston Field Naturalists' property at 'the Foot' (east end of the Island), and at about 9:50 am, with ten minutes to go, managed to tally species #100 - a Dunlin, and then #101 - a Semipalmated Plover. We had surpassed our goal of 100 species!!

"So, we wandered back home, a little bit red-eyed, and enjoyed a nice breakfast while watching a Downy Woodpecker taunt us just outside the window - one very common species that managed to elude us the entire 24 hours before! Though all in all it was a very successful event, and besides having loads of fun and many laughs, and learning more from each other about the beautiful creatures that grace our skies in Eastern Ontario, we felt quite satisfied having contributed both important data and funds to bird conservation in Canada.

"Couldn't think of a better way to spend a beautiful May weekend !

"Many thanks,

"Kristen."



## NOTES FROM THE BUMBLING BEEKEEPER

-Dave Meikle

For a beekeeper, May can be humbling. This is the month when the bees' interests and the beekeepers interests most diverge.

May is a bee colony's annual puberty.

May is the month of the swarm.

A bee colony can theoretically live forever. A queen lives for years replacing workers by the thousands as they die off. As she falters her workers will take one of her eggs and raise a new queen to replace her. So the colony continues, year after year.

This serves a beekeeper's interests well. A healthy colony here in Ontario can produce two and a half times the honey it needs for the winter. A beekeeper can harvest a hundred pounds of honey from a colony year after year potentially forever. This goose that lays the golden egg is immortal.

In the spring though, a bee colony gets that tingle to live in another way. It gets the urge to procreate. If, in early May, food is plentiful and the year promises to be bountiful a colony will split. In beekeeper's parlance, it swarms.

As the nectar and pollen wings into the hive, the queen responds by cranking out as many as 2000 eggs a day. By mid-May a colony can build to 60,000 bees. The crowding signals the workers to make a new queen. When this new queen is ready to emerge, the mature queen and half the

bees swarm out of the hive to look for a new home. The new queen either gets down to making babies or swarms herself.

This serves the bee colony well. One colony has now become two or three. This however does not serve the beekeeper well. The colony's offspring are somewhere else. The remaining colony is small and produces little extra honey. The goose of the golden egg has flown the coop.

Good beekeeping in May is all about nurturing a strong healthy colony while curbing the urge to swarm and keeping those randy teen-agers at home. By adding space as the colony grows the urge to swarm can be reduced. However adding too much space will weaken a colony. With one eye on the plants flowering and one eye on the colony's nursery a beekeeper tries to add just the right amount of

space. This year three of my eleven colonies had swarmed by the first week of May; three weeks ahead of the seasonal schedule.

For this bumbling beekeeper May can be humbling.







## ONE TWO THREE WRITE!

- Rachel & Shyanne

Our Senior Class Trip to Toronto!

We first started on our journey at the 7am ferry on Thursday June 3rd on a beautiful spring morning or so we thought. Once we got to Millhaven we met our bus driver and got on our way. After a few hours with some sleeping people and a couple card playing boys in the back we arrived in Toronto. So we drove a while longer and arrived at the Eaton Center.

Once we entered the mall we broke into our groups and split like bananas. After skidding, off we shopped and ate and shopped some more. After we were put back together with each other we went down to the subway and we just barely made it on. For many it was their first ride. Once we got off we took to the streets and walked to the Hockey Hall of Fame!

At the H.H.O.F. our class did a scavenger hunt looking for different hockey facts. One of the best parts for some of us was we were lucky enough to see, touch and have our picture taken with Sidney Crosby's Gold Medal Winning Puck from the 2010 Olympics the first day it was there. Eventually we found each other at the game room, and everyone liked that. Then we headed to the zoo to find our tents.

At the zoo after a ride on the zoo mobile we got to the camp and met one of our guides who would take us to see the African and Canadian portions of the zoo. When the other school arrived they settled in and we went to see the lions and baboons in the African part. In the African part we saw lions, baboons, laughing hyenas, ha ha and cheetahs. Then we went to have spaghetti and meatballs plus whole wheat buns that were to die for. After dinner we went to the camp to get ready for the game and camp fire. The game was a scavenger hunt with screaming grade twos from the other school. Oh my. Then at the campfire we had s'mores they told us a story and we went to bed. In our tent Rachel's cot kept collapsing and Shyanne tipped hers. The next morning they gave us a rude awakening. As soon as we were ready we set off for the Canadian part then we went to eat breakfast. After breakfast we packed up for the Ontario Science Center.

At the Ontario Science Center we went around and then saw an I-max movie about the Grand Canyon called Grand Canyon River at Risk. Then we saw more exhibits and saw a scientific demonstration where Rachel and Muranda got to hold a worm and we all got to touch a meter long Black Rat Snake. Afterwards we went to the living earth exhibit and left.

On the way home with even more sleeping people and a

few more card players we made our way to the pit stop. We ate at Harvey's and left again. Eventually we got to the dock where Alec made a seagull very mad, and as a punishment the seagull dive bombed him with some rather unpleasant things. We took the ferry home and had a good sleep. We hope.

One person liked the Eaton Center because it was big. Some people liked the H.H.O.F. because of the Golden puck or Bobby Orr's Jersey. Others liked the zoo because of the behind the scenes stuff, the animal facts and the lions roar. And two people liked the Science Center because of the quiz game and the hands on experiments.

Thank you to Mrs. Eva Little for planning this wonderful trip for us. We also would like to thank, A.I.M.S. for supporting us with paying us to cook their breakfasts, I.S.L.E. for supporting us financially, the community for coming to the African Dinner Theatre Night, Molly Stroyman for paying us to rake leaves, and the Limestone Board of Education. Thank you also to our adult leaders, Mr. Lang, Mr. Reid and Mrs. Scott.

## MINUTES OF THE AIMS MEETING MAY 8, 2010

- Bruce Findlay

Eighteen men sat down to enjoy breakfast prepared by the Amherst Island Public School. President Woody Woodiwiss opened the meeting at 0830 by thanking the school representatives for a fine meal.



Woody reported that the outcome of Valery Wolfrey's request to offset mailing costs for the Food Drive Program was a donation for same.

Sally Bowen asked AIMS members with gardens to donate extra produce and transport it to the food bank. Greg Latiak is to see that Sally's letter is attached to these minutes to inform interested gardeners who may wish to participate.

Bruce Burnett warmly thanked the Spring Roadside Clean-Up volunteers and noted only two outstanding sections. These are: (a) 14000 to 16000 Front Road and (b) 4000 to 6000 Third Concession.

A ranging discussion of AIMS' role at the summer Saturday market was presented. Dayle Gowan tabled a letter received from the Loyalist Township Transportation Committee concerning parked cars adjacent to Centennial Park as a safety hazard. Dayle will be attending a meeting with the Agricultural Society and the Neilson Museum to see if there is space available on fairground land. Such a parking area would have to be hard-surfaced by the Township applying gravel. Woody led a discussion on the purpose of

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the AIMS market cart. There was a consensus that this is not a money-maker, but rather to publicize the purpose of AIMS and promote support. Obtaining volunteers to help with the cart can be a slow process, but lessons may be learned from the successful AIMS art tour which was elaborated on by Peter Large and Terry Culbert. Planning far ahead is important, as Marc Raymond also pointed out. Specific roles and tasks need to be clearly assigned. Several members emphasized the need to oversee items which are offered on the cart, and separate out unpopular or inappropriate goods. A call was made for members to assist Bruce Burnett in the selection and transportation, if necessary, of unwanted items.

The BBQ concession will be operated by Brian Little when he is available, and it will be left to Brian to bring in assistance as he wishes.

It was agreed that AIMS purchase distinctive t-shirts to be worn by members officiating at events. This is to identify AIMS members to the public who may have questions or need assistance. The shirts will cost about \$10 each and will be royal blue in colour with a white logo.

Brian Grace introduced a new proposal for AIMS to jointly support, with other Island groups, the organizing of a foot race using Island public roads. He suggested two distances and several age groups and would be open to the public for an entry fee of about \$30. Brian estimated a possibility of 200 participants, and hoped that this might take place in May 2011. The net income would go to the School for special projects decided by a committee selected from the community. Woody will bring this proposal before the AIMS executive for consideration and report back.

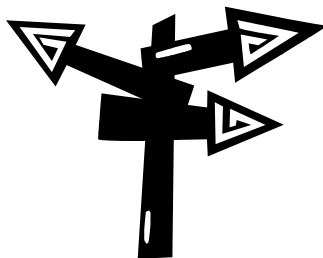
## HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

When I look around my office and see the amount of paper stacked, stored and waiting to be dealt with I think of the phrase "paperless office" – one of the promises of the computer age. A phrase that ranks up with "nuclear power will be too cheap to meter" in wisdom.

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Dave Meikle has several bee hives on Topsy land. When he offered honey for rent, we declined as we believe that our farm and gardens benefit significantly from the bees pollinating work. It is great honey and we are pleased to buy it from Dave (and to re-sell some through our Wool Shed).



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 110<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

-Mary Kay Steel

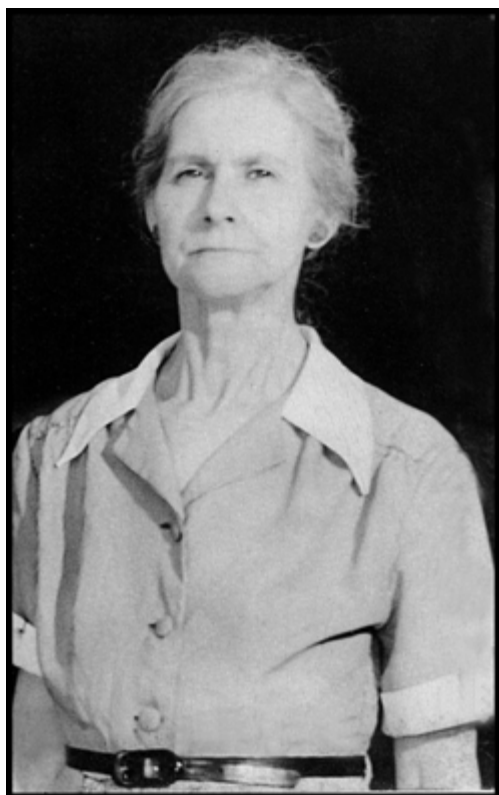
This year marks the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Amherst Island Branch of the Women's Institute. Women's Institutes began in Stoney Creek, Wentworth County, Ontario, in 1897, and are now a worldwide organization. The Amherst Island branch was the fourth (in the world we understand) to be established. In partnership with Beacon staff, we are presenting a series of articles to mark our anniversary.

### IV The Second World War and Afterwards

All too soon, the Amherst Island branch of the Women's Institute and their colleagues across Canada again faced the challenge of supporting war efforts. They knitted items to send overseas, and raised funds to send money and to support Red Cross efforts. Jams were made and sent to Britain. Books from the library the branch had established years earlier were sent abroad to servicemen. Extra efforts were made to send boxes to Amherst Island men in combat. And at home here on the Island, the women continued to help with school events, honour student accomplishments, support the 4-H club and Girl Guides, and address other needs in the community. For example, medals and later books were presented to students who excelled at the Stella Continuation School (a senior school housed at what is now The Lodge) and donations were made for hot lunches for students of Island schools.

In the 1940's the decision was taken to hold most monthly meetings in members' homes. Looking at the old minute books we learn that the branch occasionally organized a dance on the Island, for fun and to raise dollars. I found a receipt to the WI from the Amherst Islander ferry agent dated April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1947 for a "Special trip for dance" in the amount of \$10! Yes, TEN dollars. This would have covered an extra ferry run (the first Amherst Islander, which carried about 7 cars) to get the band and/or revelers back to the mainland late in the evening. The women sponsored another dance on August 1<sup>st</sup> of 1947: admission was 50 cents. A typical meeting of the period, that of June 1947, was held at the home of Mrs. David Harwood, on a Saturday afternoon at 2. Twelve members and three visitors attended. Among the items of business: a donation of \$2 to a Greek Relief fund; sending a representative to a WI meeting in Guelph; and a plan for the next month's program to address the topic of salads. The meeting closed with a reading by Mrs. Ella McMullin, and the singing of the following songs – Put on Your Old Grey Bonnet, Home Sweet Home, and The Maple Leaf Forever.

Now here is another group of our fine past presidents. (Mrs. Ella McMullin filled a second term as president over the period 1941-43; her picture was included in an earlier issue.)



1939-1941 Mary Elizabeth (Fleming) Filson

- born on the Island, to William and Sarah Fleming;
- became a schoolteacher;
- married David Filson, a veterinarian, in 1919;
- lived in Stella, and had five children;
- regarded as a wonderful singer, and sang at many events on the island.



1943-1945 Georgia (Fleming) Glenn

- born on the Island, another daughter of William and Sarah Fleming;
- married William J. Glenn;
- the couple farmed on the Third Concession and had five children;
- besides her stint as WI president, she served as the secretary-treasurer for many years;
- after William's death in 1940, she moved to Stella.



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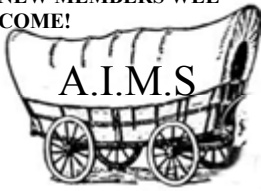
1945-1947 Genevieve (Filson) Fleming

- born on the Island to Annie and Robert Filson;
- joined the WI at the age of 15;
- married Ernest Fleming and had three children;
- they farmed at the former Fleming farm on the Third Concession;
- was an active member of the WI for over 60 years and held the position of District President as well.



## ISLAND MARKET UPDATE

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!



*The AIMS Wagon at the market is looking for new or gently used items to sell. All proceeds from the Market Wagon are put back into the community. The Island Market will be open every Saturday from 9AM—Noon.*

**Call Greg Latiak at 613-384-8367 or**



*Amy Caughey-Bermann and her sister Lori Caughey-Godden serve Margaret Maloney a barbecued Godden sausage.*



*Doug Martin and Hugh Jenney talk spring planting.*



*Barb Hogenauer with Katherine Little and Daniel Little at opening day of the Island Market on Victoria Holiday Weekend.*



*Topsy Farms' Sue Murray shows Marie Ward, the Rawleigh Products Representative, her frozen salmon.*





*Jim Gould purchases his new Women's Institute phone book from Sharen English and Liz Harrison.*



*Opening day market goes Peter Large, Bruce Burnett and Dorothy Babcock.*



*Market customers Jim Gould, Wayne Gulden, Judi Gould, Nancy Dunn, Diane Pearce and Rosemary Richmond.*



*Jack Little, Barry Richmond, Ben Cuyler and Angus Little.*



*Woody Woodiwiss tries to sell Victoria Cuyler a coffee urn from the AIMS Wagon.*

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## Weasel & Easel Open for Another Season



*Volunteer sales person Stella O'Byrne at the Weasel & Easel.*



*Brooke Reid returns as an interpreter to the Neilson Store Museum.*



*The Neilson Store Museum and the Weasel & Easel will be open until Thanksgiving Weekend.*



*Island artist Peter Large sketches in his garden.*

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## MY MOTHER'S DEATH

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On April 15, my father's birthday, my mother died in her 100th year. Her death came as a shock. We should all expect and be prepared for the death of someone that old. I was unprepared and shocked because she was doing so well.

When we flew into Nanaimo on April 13, where my mother had lived for over a year in a granny flat in my brother's home we went directly to the hospital. We found my mother in good spirits, glad to see us and hoping to get home to share time with us in her apartment. She had been hospitalized because she had experienced trouble breathing. We found her resting well. I had two good visits with her that day. The next day the doctor said she had recovered from her shortness of breath remarkably well. He reported that she had walked up ten steps with no problem. He announced he would send her home the next day. I had three visits with her; she was happy; she was mentally alert and ready to talk and reminisce about many things. Nance and I left her at about 8:30 p.m. with the promise that we'd be in to pick her up to take her home about 10 a.m. the next day.

My brother, his wife and son, woke us up at 6:30 a.m. to announce my mother had died in the hospital. Evidently she had died at 1:30 a.m. of a heart attack, but the hospital had been unable to rouse anybody by phone until five hours later. We were all shocked, shaken and saddened by the news.

We were shocked because she was doing so well and we were expecting her to come home the next day. We looked forward to good conversations and outings in the good weather.

Mother's funeral service, held in the spacious living room of my brother's house, was an informal gathering of family and friends. I led the service and many spoke words of gratitude to God for my mother's life among them. After a short time of refreshment we buried my mother's remains in a beautiful hill-side cemetery looking out onto a mountain. Following that, we all went to the local Dairy Queen and had soft ice cream cones dipped in chocolate - my mother's favourite treat and paid for by her.

When I phoned the news of my mother's death to various people they almost all remarked how good it was that I had been able to be with her, hold her hand and kiss her before she died. Some even opined that she had been awaiting my arrival and after sharing some quality time with me and Nance she felt free to go.

I cannot speak with certainty about any of those things. But I can share with you my feelings.

First, I was disappointed. I had looked forward to being with my mother and helping her plan her 100th birthday party. I was disappointed that she was no longer going to be part of my life. No more letters or phone calls or cards.

I used to send my mother copies of my sermons along with the church newsletter, St. Paul's Epistle, which she said she enjoyed reading. Last year when I was out to visit I found her with one of my sermons in her lap and she was sound asleep. From then on, I teased her that if she ever needed a rest she should read two of my sermons and call me in the morning.

Second, I was saddened by her death. I had more to say to her and to hear from her. I was looking forward to making her laugh and sharing a cup of tea with her. I knew she would want to tell me about my brother and his family and how much she enjoyed them all.

Third, I was relieved. I was pleased that her death had come as a release from a slow debilitation and that she had not suffered or lingered. She did not want to be a problem for anybody and wanted to exit this life as quietly and quickly as possible. She got her wish. And we didn't have to watch her suffer and decrease.

Fourth, I grieved - when I realized she would no longer be there for me, when I understood she would no longer laugh at my jokes, when it dawned on me that she would no longer support my interests and concerns. My mother had always been a strong support for me and I appreciated her affection, her phone calls, her pleasure at seeing me whenever I went to visit. I miss her. I feel sorry for my brother, my sister and for myself because a big part of our lives has been removed. But I don't feel sorry for my mother. I believe she is safe within God's care. Because I know God is love, I trust my mother is at home surrounded by the loving care she needs. I have since come to realize how fortunate I have been to have had my mother for so many years. I hope and pray that others will be able to enjoy such a lengthy relationship with the ones they love, and when the time comes for the end of life, that death will come as a friend.

Finally, I have been moved by all the cards (no two were the same), letters, phone calls, e-mails and flowers I have received to express condolences and support. They all helped me and humbled me to know that there are so many people out there who care for me and my mother. How fortunate I am to have so many loving friends. As I thank God for my mother, I thank God for the friends she gained and the friends who have supported me.

# Spring Dance and Fish Fry Another Great Success!



*This is the view looking out the window of the Community Centre just before six on Saturday, May 22nd.*



*200 Islanders and mainlanders enjoyed the Fish Fry and Dance.*



*Loyalist Township Councillor and Island resident Duncan Ashley sings the praises of the Rec Committee as Lynn Fleming looks on.*



*Above: Dorothy Babcock and Caroline Ackerman stand between Arthur Hitchins and his mother Anna at the Fish Fry and Dance.*

*Left: Honoured for their years and years of volunteering are Rick Bedford, Larry and Lyn Fleming of the Amherst Island Rec. Committee.*





*Dorothy McGinn hugs her daughter Karen Miller wishing her a happy 50th birthday.*



*Karen was surprised that her daughter Candace McIver of Oshawa was at the Fish Fry.*



*One hundred pounds of New Zealand Red Cod for 200-people was prepared by the Blue Bus Fish Company of Sandhurst. Left to right: Brian Fransch, and owners Diane and Rodney Lloyd. The Lloyd's have been deep-frying fish for over thirty years.*



*Amherst Island Rec Committee's Rick Bedford, Jason Fleming and his father Larry were the Fish Fry Bar Staff.*

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Amherst Island Men's Society presents

# OPEN STUDIO ART TOUR 2010

**SATURDAY, JULY 10th**

**11am to 4:30pm**

**A fundraiser for the Neilson Store  
Museum & Cultural Centre**

Make your first stop the Neilson Store Museum at 5220 Front Road in the Village of Stella. Pick up a tour map, detailing the location of thirty participating artists. Each artist has donated an original piece of work ranging in price from sixty to one hundred dollars, which can be purchased at the Museum location. Proceeds will go to the Museum.

With map in hand, discover twelve venues on your leisurely drive around our historic Island. Watercolour, oil, acrylic, pen & ink, pottery, photography, and fibre art are represented.

The Amherst Island Men's Society is operating a barbeque on the west lawn of the Museum throughout tour hours and the Amherst Island Women's Institute will sell coffee, water and soft drinks.

Mainlanders can catch the Frontenac II at the Millhaven Dock every hour on the half hour.

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Our volunteers look forward to welcoming you to the store at 5220 Front Road. Our telephone number is 613 634 9512 during business hours. If you would like further information, please contact Sherrill Wright at 613 634 7038 (sherrillwrightfl@gmail.com) or Linda Joll at 613 634 8213 (thejolls@kos.net)

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Waterfront House for rent - 10900 Front Rd. 2 bedrooms, finished basement, new oil furnace, well insulated, beautiful view, \$1200/month first and last no lease required. Tenant responsible for utilities, lawn care and snow removal. call Judy Roberts 613-542-7445 anytime leave message.

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**WATER SAMPLE COLLECTIONS**

Due to the great response from homeowners, water sample bottles will be collected on the following dates in 2010. MAKE SURE you have filled the form out correctly and answer all the questions.

July 26 November 29

Put these dates on your new calendar now and leave your sample bottles in the screened porch area of the General Store by 10:30 a.m. on the morning of the above dates.



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Saturday Disposal Days

10 a.m. to 12 noon

Sept: Saturday September 11

Nov: Saturday November 2

**HUGE LAWN SALE - SATURDAY  
JULY 3RD**

(rain date Sunday July 4th)

8am - 4pm

11100 Front Road

Includes paddle boat, antique bedstead, hurricane lamps, antique lanterns, patio tables, set of 6 patio chairs, carpets, prints, light fixtures, collectables and much more!!

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Saturday, July 3



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**Then, join us for the sale**  
**July 3, 2010 – 10a-2p**

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