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MARY ELLEN GIBSON

Mary Ellen was born on Amherst Island on May 20, 1927 and died in Coburg on January 2, 2012.

She was predeceased by her husband Donald Edward McGinn, her son Mark, her sisters Jenny and Julia, and brothers Thomas, Andrew, William, Robert and Frederick. She is survived by her sisters Susan, Cora, Hazel and Marion, and by her brother Wade. She is also survived by her children Charles, Wayne, Earl,

Miles, Cathy and their children and grandchildren.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Get Well wishes to Elaine Wolfreys, Jean Tugwell, Gail McGinn, and continued get well wishes to Linda Welbanks,

Condolences to Hazel deHaan, Cora McGinn, Susan McGinn and Wade Gibson and families following the passing of their sister, Mary.

Happy 40th Anniversary to David and Betty Wemp.

Yoga classes continue on Tuesday evenings at the community centre, with adult, coed volleyball continuing at the community centre on Wednesday

evenings.

AIMS hosted the annual New Year's Eve dinner/dance again this year.

The Lodge hosted a 70's themed Pub Night on the last Saturday of January. Lots of interesting hair styles and clothing! And to think we all thought we were so stylish and cool in the 70's!!

Winter has kind of been a "no show" here this year. We have had a couple of snowfalls (with a couple of mini-blizzards), but it all disappears a day or two later when the rain returns. While the ice storm, mid-

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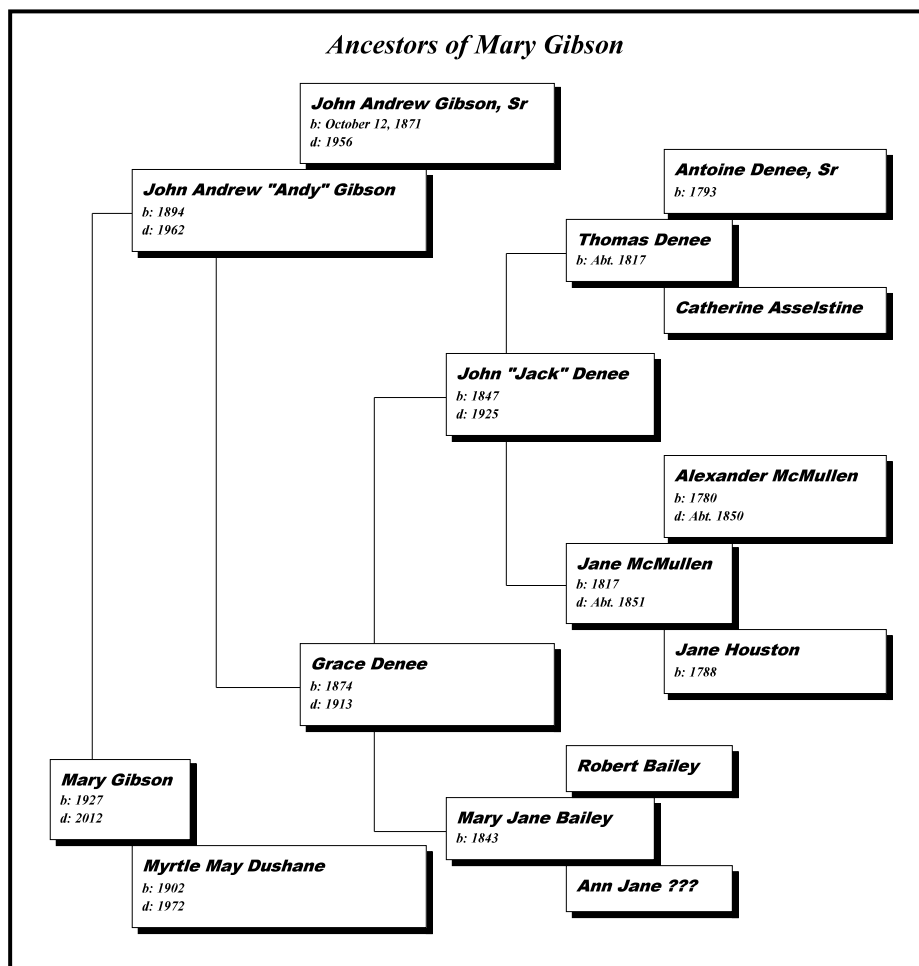
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January, wasn't as bad as the "big one" in 1998, we did do without hydro, off & on, for a couple of days, and there were a lot of trees with limbs down etc. from the weight of the ice and the wind that followed.



Ice storm birder – Inside this issue, a feature on ‘Christmas Bird Count Novices’. This photograph by Terry Culbert was taken January 13th after the ice storm.

WOMEN’S INSTITUTE

- Mary Kay Steel

Our January meeting, the afternoon of the 18th at Kirsten Bennick’s home, took place in the midst of what many would term the doldrums of winter. But our gathering was made bright by the bright winter sun and the warm personalities of guest speakers Barb Hoegenauer and Terry Culbert. They had agreed to share with us their experience in creating art on the island, and how the Island serves as their Muse. Since retiring to our Island a few years ago, they have both developed a strong interest in painting, which they practice every day in their Studio on the Bay, a large room set aside in their home. Each had brought a few samples of their work, and spoke of how the Island and its inhabitants, animal and human, inspire their work. Both enjoy walking on the Island, and Terry said after a walk he rushes home to note down his ideas for new art work. At the close of a day, they enjoy a glass of wine in the studio, look at each other’s work, and, according to Terry, Barb gives her daily critique of his work. We all enjoyed their visit with us, including the social hour with our usual fine refreshments.

The meeting proper was chaired by our president, Liz Harrison. In all, eleven of us were present, and we

answered the roll call with a brief account of a favorite art gallery visit; locations for these experiences covered world geography, with downtown Stella spoken of fondly as well.

We dealt with a number of business items, before heading home just before 5pm. Among these items: - our Monday indoor walking program is drawing a good number of participants with a reminder that it’s open to all and free. We decided to give a generous donation to a library and resource center in Zimbabwe, where women receive vocational training, and other assistance. We made plans to develop a list of nominations for next year’s executive and committee heads; our year-end is the close of March, and with many members away in warmer climes, we felt it was time to get this task underway. Kirsten Bennick and Joyce Haines will lead the task. Joyce Haines brought us up-to-date on district, area, and national upcoming meetings. A few other issues were addressed, then the meeting was adjourned. We were reminded that our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 15th, and will include a trip to the movies (matinee) in Kingston and supper in a restaurant

afterward.

A.I.P.S.

- Janet Scott

Heritage Fair, February 21.

Once again the students of Amherst Island Public School invite the community to view the projects created by the Senior Class to celebrate our local and Canadian Heritage. Viewing will be from 1 pm to 2:30 pm. During the morning the students will cook our Stone Soup, never the same twice, apple crisp and tea biscuits. They will be entertained by Ellis Wolfreys and Friends.

JANET’S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

It has been a very busy month in the bird world here on Amherst Island. Perhaps it has been due to the strange and unusually mild winter so far. As I write we are beginning the last week of January and still except for the few bitterly cold days and the ice storm that took down so many trees and branches, we have had a relatively benign winter.

On most Christmas Bird Counts we usually get a few

Robins as some winter over, eating sumac berries and other fruits found in the cedar woods. This year one group counting species on the Third Conc. came upon a flock of seventy Robins. Birders staying at the Sandy Bay Bed and Breakfast noted a Kingfisher near the Stella Dock on the January 21st weekend. Bonnie Livingstone has two Song Sparrows hanging out at her feeder. These are all birds that are usually down south by this time of year.

There are still a large flock of Tundra Swans, numbering about 100, that are hanging out at the East end of the Island and spending an equal amount of time over at Wolfe Island or in Kingston at Elevator Bay depending on the direction of the wind. They are feeding on vegetation on the bottom of shallow bays where they can tip up and graze.

Last Tuesday I was entertained by a small American Coot bobbing and bouncing on the waves at the Millhaven dock. Coots are duck-like birds with lobed toes that give them their bobbing swimming motion. They feed on submerged aquatic plants. They are black with some white at the stern and a white beak.

Owls are still the number one show on Amherst Island. About six Snowy Owls are showing off at various localities on the Island. Two on the South Shore, two on the Kingston Field Naturalists' property at the East end of the Island, one towards Long Point and one in the area of the Roads' Garage. This last Owl co-operated beautifully when a supply teacher filled in at Amherst Island Public School. She had asked me where she might see a Snowy Owl if she drove around the Island after school. By Noon Hour she had her answer when Lucie came in to report that a Snowy Owl was sitting on a fence post by the school. Instant gratification! He was still perching just west of the school when I did the bus route. Lyn and her busload had an encounter earlier this



Photo courtesy of Ian Murray
This photo appeared sometime
in our possession... does anyone
know anything about it? The
back of the photo is below.

week when one flew up and then flew along side of the bus. Short-eared Owls have been putting on a show on Front Road just east of Stella. They even chased a Raven and three Northern Harriers out of their fields. On my bus route we see Short-eared Owls on the Second Concession near Robbie Wemp's house, sometimes on the south side but also roosting on trees along the north side. Gordie Forbes reports that a Great Horned Owl can be seen on the north side of the Long Point Road, west of Eves' farm but east of the "S" turn. He was spotted by several other birders in the same area at the time of the Bird Count. Great Horned Owls are nesting by now. They use an older nest of a Red-tailed Hawk or a broken stub to lay their eggs. They don't build their own nests. Father owl will be hunting for both owls and soon for the owlets as well, since mother cannot leave the nest. There aren't many reports of the little owls roosting in the Owl Woods

this winter, or no Hawk Owl has shown up to excite the visitors but our birds continue to thrill those who travel long distances to visit Amherst Island, the place we call HOME!

Enjoy our feathered friends.

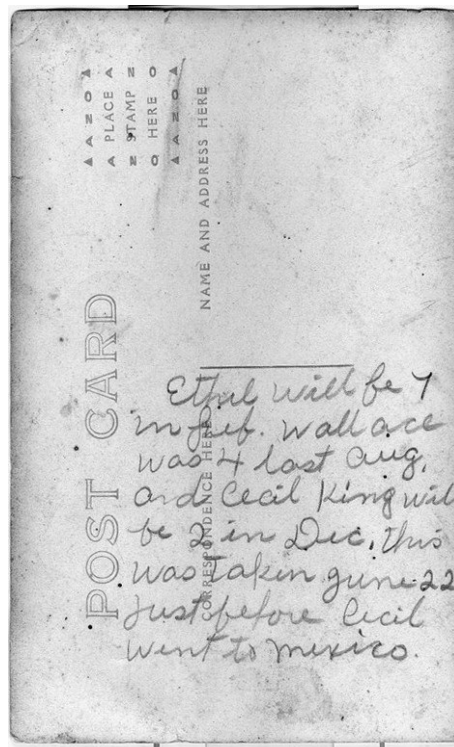
COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From the 24th Session of Council,
 December 12, 2011

Council confirmed its "intent to maintain a Library branch on Amherst Island" and instructed staff to "engage the services of a structural engineering firm to inspect the roof rafters and walls and provide a condition report, a load analysis and report on the Stella Library building, 5555 Front Road".

"Councillor Ashley advised that there were two public meetings regarding the wind turbine issue. He attended the one held on Amherst Island and he noted that there were several representatives from the



proponent available to answer questions.

“Councillor Ashley also advised that he had received a request from an Amherst Island resident for a copy of the legal opinion regarding the wind turbine project on the island. He enquired as to what the Township’s rights and obligations are and can this information be released to the public.” The C.A.O. was then directed to “prepare a subsequent open session report that summarizes the content of the legal opinions provided by both Cunningham, Swan and Algonquin Energy”.

Moved by Councillor Ashley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bresee that staff be directed to await Algonquin Energy’s next contact through the C.A.O.’s office and request a proposal from Algonquin to begin discussions with Township staff to outline the company’s requirements for the use of roads and road allowances and the proposed compensation to the municipality. Motion carried.

From the 1st Session of Council, January 9, 2012

John Harrison, representing The Association to Protect Amherst Island, introduced Carmen Krogh, Health Consultant re: Adverse Health Effects of Wind Turbines. Those interested in the presentation can refer to the Loyalist site.

The C.A.O., Ms. Pearce advised that she had forwarded an e-mail to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing enquiring if the noise generated by wind turbines can be controlled through the Township’s Noise By-law.

Mr. Beckel advised that it was a record year for construction activity in the municipality. He noted that \$57 million in construction activity was generated and \$34 million was budgeted. He noted that the Millhaven/Bath Penitentiary expansion was valued at \$18 million.

From the 2nd Session of Council January 23, 2012

It’s municipal budget time again. As I have said before, I found the Township of Amherst Island’s budget process complicated and difficult to understand. The Loyalist Township budget process takes my incomprehension to a new level. I read through “2012 General Rate Pressures” report twice and the only thing I can do is to invite interested rate-payers to read it for themselves. There are 5 budget meetings scheduled for the next month – an indication of the importance that Council gives to the budgeting process.

(I am currently spending a lot of time processing our farm’s year end data and, eventually, preparing

a budget for 2012. It is a struggle but it is a molehill compared to the Loyalist year end and budget mountain. And provincial and federal fiscal matters are, I suppose, beyond the true understanding of anyone.)

From a report to Council by Murray Beckel, Township Planner: “The current \$7,000 tree planting allotment is rarely used with \$800 expended in 2011. The writer suggests that, as part of the annual budget process, tree planting priority areas be identified for Council to consider.”

A REQUEST FROM WOLFE ISLAND

-Brian MacDonald – Wolfe Island Historical Society

Can anyone on Amherst identify the people in the attached photo? It is supposed to be members of the family of William Stevenson and Ann Reid, who came to Wolfe Island from Amherst Island in the late 1800's. Children's names I have are:

Alexander b. 11 Mar 1845 Amherst Is (md Mary Gormley)

David b. 25 Mar 1847 Amherst Is

Andrew C. b. 1848 Amherst Is (md Elizabeth Donnelly)

Elizabeth Jane b. 4 Aug 1852 Amherst Is (md. James Russell)

William Stevenson b. 1857

Any assistance would be appreciated.

[Brian can be contacted at “macdobb@kos.net”,]



Photo courtesy of Brian MacDonald

AIMS

- Anders Bennick

Breakfast: Prepared by AIPS –thank you.

Present: 16 members

Chair: Brian Little, President

Speaker: Bruce Caughey

Title: Farming on Amherst Island.

Bruce gave a lively and interesting description of farming on the Island going back to the middle of 19th century when the population of the Island was about 1300 people. While early farming on the Island emphasized growing of barley there was a switch to dairy and mixed farming in the latter half of the 19th century. The first Cheese factory was established in 1864 and the last one was closed by 1975. The milk marketing board which regulates dairy farming has been very successful for farmers. Currently it costs \$25000 for the right to milk one cow. Such quota can be sold or bought thus making it possible build up a herd or cashing in the milking rights.

Bruce has also been involved in cattle breeding, indeed in 2010 he received a Master Breeding Shield award for his efforts. For growing crops he emphasized the need for good drainage and the problem there has been in establishing good drainage. Beside conventional crops he has grown hemp for biofuel. Hemp is easy to grow, but requires special equipment for harvesting and currently it is difficult to get the equipment on the ferry. Other new crops include soybeans which gave a yield about double the Ontario average.

With good drainage the soil on the Island is well suited for crop growing and farmers on the mainland have expressed interest in renting land on the Island. Unfortunately the current side-loading ferry makes it difficult to get the farming equipment across, thus an end-loading ferry is a key to the future development of agriculture on the Island. Another important factor would be the establishment of an agricultural committee by the Township that could encourage and support farming.

Agenda

1. Minutes of last meeting – approved.

2. Treasurer's report.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$3299.38

3. New Years Dinner and Dance.

There has been positive feedback from participants both with regard to the quality of the dinner and the band. Both the caterer and the band are interested in coming back next year.

This is a big event to organize and there was a

discussion of involving other groups on the Island or having another organization taking over the event. It was suggested that AIMS could act as an umbrella organization since it has insurance in place through the township.

It was agreed that the president of AIMS would send out an all-island flyer asking for input and participation by individuals and organizations. On the basis of this a committee could be organized to plan next year's New Years dance.

4. Charitable Donations. The following distribution of funds for 2012 was agreed upon:

Museum. Revenue from the art show will be given to the museum.

Ameriks fund will receive \$500.

CJAI will be given \$200.

The Tree Planting Committee is self-sufficient.

School. The AIMS award is now called the J Whitton award and will be given \$500.

Flower baskets. \$500 will be set aside to cover the cost of the flower baskets in the village.

5. Other Business.

There was no other business.

6. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

Issue 24, January 15, 1980

NEW YEAR USHERED IN WITH GOOD WILL

The ageing and bearded 1979 bowed out and gave place to the newborn and bouncing 1980 on Monday at midnight. To a great many Amherst Island folks and their many relatives and friends from a far-flung area, the ushering out of the old and the entrance of the new was a very pleasant occasion.

This year saw the return, after an absence of many years, of the New Years' Eve Dance or Community Party which has been a part of the Island New Year for innumerable years. New Years' Dances have been under the sponsorship of various organizations down through the years and doubtlessly we have never really fully appreciated the work and efforts of those who have arranged these events.

With the availability of the increased capacity of our new community hall, many months ago, eight members of the Amherst Island Horsemen's Association set about planning of a New Years' Eve Party. First of all, the booking of an orchestra was a prime consideration as orchestras are in strong demand for New Years, and a
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CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT NOVICES

-Terry Culbert

Monday, January 2nd was a cold, blustery day in this part of Eastern Ontario. January 2nd was also the day of the 112th Annual Christmas Bird Count across North America. If you were a 'professional birder', you knew what was in store and how to dress for the occasion. Not so for our two volunteer novices, Island Radio morning hosts Steve Kennedy and me, Terry Culbert. It all began at 07:50 with coffee, homemade muffins and juice at the Public School in Stella, supplied by Janet Scott, the Bird Lady of Amherst Island, and her good friend and avid birder Bonnie Livingstone. After breakfast, the volunteers were divided into groups, supplied with route maps and sent on their way. Steve and I were introduced to our experienced Kingston-based birders Janis Grant, Kathy Innes and Hugh Evans.

Following behind Ms. Grant's Subaru station wagon in my old Ford pickup truck, we made a number of stops between Front Road and the Second Concession Road getting out and peering across the horizon searching for our feathered friends. Steve sported a note pad, pen and borrowed binoculars from Bonnie Livingstone. I had my camera equipped with a new telephoto lens, which I was anxious to try out. We actually looked the part of genuine birders.

Heading west on Second Concession, we stopped by a small forest of trees. It was here that Steve Kennedy made this observation: An amateur bird watcher

approaches a likely birding spot and cleverly says: "Hey! You Birds! Get up and get out of there so I can see you!"... whereas true birders just purse their lips and say "PISH... PISH... PISH... PISH!" Steve went on to say: "It is evident that one is an amateur bird watcher when one spends breathless minutes staring through binoculars at a Snowy Owl, only to have the excitement dashed by an expert birder's revelation that the 'bird' is a wind-weathered tree stump."

Our map led us along the full length of Second Concession Road, the Art McGinn Road and eventually to the Back Beach. Chilblain was setting in as the south-west wind howled across Lake Ontario. Steve and I looked at each other, checked our watches and asked the Grant-Innes-Evans trio if this was the end of the line. We think they nodded yes, although we're not quite sure. Into the truck, heater on high, we raced back to the school to enjoy homemade chilli, soup, bread and mincemeat

tarts made by Janet and Bonnie. A well-deserved treat after our bird counting foray. 30-minutes later our birding partners arrived regaling us with stories of what we'd missed. Steve leaned across the table and quietly said to me: "Don't quit the Christmas Bird Count early or you'll forever be labeled "those two softies who couldn't handle a little chilly wind." Asked by organizers Janet and Bonnie if we were on their list for next year, we both responded with an enthusiastic 'yes'.... wouldn't miss it for the world.



Photo by Terry Culbert
A Rough-legged Hawk in flight along the Second Concession Road.



Photo by Terry Culbert *****
Birds at feeders were counted as well.



Photo by Steve Kennedy
Novice bird counter and host of the Friday Morning Show, Terry Culbert, searching for birds at the Back Beach



Photo by Terry Culbert
Janis Grant and Hugh Evans use their powerful scopes to record the number of ducks on O'Drains Bay at the head of Amherst Island.



Photo by Terry Culbert
Bird counters Janis Grant, Hugh Evans, Kathy Innes and Steve Kennedy near the Quinte Pasture on Second Concession Road.



Photo by Terry Culbert
Kingston birders Janis Grant and Hugh Evans on the Stella 40 Foot Road.



Photo by Terry Culbert
Novice Steve Kennedy, Island Radio host of Up Steve's Sleeves.



Photo by Terry Culbert
"Steve... turn around, the birds are over here!"

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contract was entered into with the well-known local group, "The Wildwoods" of whom the leader is Ernie Smith on drums, along with Ted Young, Wayne Vandebogart and Keith McDonald.

The sale of tickets was next of importance and it was decided to sell 200 tickets which was felt to be the capacity of the building. This was strictly adhered to and each member was apportioned a share of the tickets to dispose of. The tickets had been sold many weeks ago and the only availability of tickets for late comers was through cancellations by those who at the last minute found it impossible to make it.

Provision of food was another important part of the arrangements and the determining of the amounts which would be consumed during the evening. Some 80 to 90 lb. of prime boneless beef, along with 6 or 8 boneless hams were purchased from "Hind Quarter" (Ed. Scrannage), Kingston. These were cooked by the wives of the association members, and Les and Irene Glenn of Glenn's Store very kindly carried out the slicing with their new electric slicer. Four varieties of salads were prepared by "Mom's Restaurant", Napanee and dozens of freshly baked dinner rolls came from "Carload Market", Napanee. This along with hors d'oeuvres provided the sumptuous repast which was enjoyed by everyone, commencing at 8 p.m. Dancing followed, with the floor being completely filled with dancers at all times who were enjoying themselves to the full. As midnight approached, hats and horns were distributed to all and the tumultuous roar that greeted 1980 would have done credit to the New Years' Eve Times Square assembly. Joining hands in the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" several times over was followed by a round of "well wishing", when one became aware of the high degree of fellowship that was being enjoyed by all as well as the realization of the tremendous community spirit which was so evident among this group of well-dressed, well-behaved people who were enjoying themselves along with friends who came from so widely scattered points - Adolphustown, Odessa, Napanee, Kingston, Ottawa, Toronto, Markham, St. Catharines and Buffalo, N.Y. to mention a few.

Food was available throughout the evening in buffet style along with the usual beverages, and it was with the regrets of all that the clock indicated 2 a.m. and the enjoyment had to come to an end. The Amherst Islander made a special trip to return all those friends who found it necessary to go home at 2 a.m. when the crew, under Capt. Wm. Bulch, donated their usual over-time

pay in the interests of providing a successful community evening.

On behalf of those who unanimously voted this a gala evening, we must express our sincere appreciation to that small group of Horsemen and their wives who worked so hard in making this possible, and who demonstrated through their efforts an excellence of planning. This was never planned as a money-making project and throughout there was every evidence of the generous contributions made by so few in the carrying out of the various assigned duties. The expressed opinions that "this has to be continued as an annual affair" was certainly evidence of the tremendous enjoyment of all present, and already plans are in the making, with the Wildwoods promising "first chance" in the engaging of an orchestra.

One was left with a great feeling of admiration for this large group of people who conducted themselves in such a well-behaved manner and by doing so left the desire to have "repeats in succeeding years.

During the evening recognition was made of two birthdays - - H.E. (Bert) Glenn, who now joins the ranks of the "Senior Citizens" and Raymond Wemp. Both men are crewmen on the M.S. Amherst Islander, Bert being purser on one of the crews, while Raymond serves as mate on another crew.

[Editor: I'd appreciate some feedback on these archival inclusions. Are they of interest to those who weren't here at the time? Do those who were here at the time, bother reading them again?]

THE FRAILTY OF LIFE

-Zander of DUNN INN

It wasn't until mid-January that we were afflicted by the arrival of winter. The temperature fell. The winds blew. The rain froze on our trees and broke their branches which probably fell on the hydro lines. I presume that is what disrupted our electricity on two separate occasions - for eight hours one day and for four hours the next.

I was annoyed by the lack of electricity. Our house is entirely electric so everything was off - the heat, the phones, the water, the computer - everything. As I did the only thing I could do - as I read some books - I paused frequently to reflect on the frailty of life. I figured the hydro would be off for only a few hours, not for days or weeks. But then I wondered what it would be like to be without electricity for months. It would be hell; or a form of hell. Certainly it would not be fun. Those who lived through the ice storm of 1998 know all

about that.

I got to thinking about how dependent we are upon electricity and how helpless we are without it. It is all rather humbling to think that I can be stopped in so many different ways simply because there is no electricity. We are always only seconds away from a breakdown. We can't function properly without electricity.

It was during this time that I received word that a minister friend of mine who was only a couple of years ahead of me - I was in the class of 1962 at Knox Theological college - had died in his sleep. For him the lights went out permanently.

There was no hint of ill health. He had not suffered any physical accident. He was doing the work he loved: he was teaching English at the theological college in Taiwan where he had worked for 25 years. All of a sudden, without warning, he died in his sleep.

We are all that frail; we are always that close to death; it doesn't take much to disrupt or end our lives. My friend's death was a shock to me and has saddened me deeply.

I don't want to sound morbid about this. Death will come to all of us. To some it will come suddenly, with no warning. To others death will come slowly, wearing down their defenses.

In one sense there is not much we can do to prepare for death. In another sense we can remind ourselves daily that death awaits us. King Philip of Macedon, the father of Alexander the Great, had a servant whose task it was to remind him every day that he, The King, would die. That should not depress us or discourage us because death is not the end.

There is more beyond this life. The resurrection reminds us of that. Many people of various religious persuasions are convinced that people as valuable as our loved ones, as our learned ones, as our compassionate ones, as our relatives, cannot simply be ended. Their lives are too significant. They cannot simply stop and all that was invested in them be lost. And those who died before they could achieve their potential - surely they deserve more time to grow and mature. Surely this life is not all there is.

But, from this side of death we can't know what lies in store for us. I think, because I believe God is love and is far greater than we can imagine, we can leave all that is beyond death with God, trusting in God's tender mercy and care. That mercy and care are not only for Christians or religious people or even good people. That mercy and care are for all of us. All of us are children of God.

But we need to be open to death. As I said we cannot be prepared for death, although we can do many things in this life that are loving and helpful and good. We can have up-to-date wills, organized records, executors appointed with powers of attorney.

Above all, we can admit our frailty. That will put us in our places. That will remind us that we have no power over life. Things beyond us can instantly stop us from living.

Why doesn't God reach down and save us? Why doesn't God stop that branch from falling on the hydro line and disrupting the flow of electricity to my house? Why doesn't God stop me from expiring in my sleep? God doesn't work that way. God doesn't intervene. God allows me to discern how helpless I am, how close to death I am, how frail my life is. All that causes me to pause, to reflect, to wonder. I am reminded that I am not in control. Powers greater than I are in control. God is in control.

What does that mean for my life? For your life?

HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

It is now 200 years ago that the United States and the British Empire began the war of 1812. This anniversary has created some interest in the cannon battery that was located on the bluffs at the west end of the Island that we have owned for almost 40 years.

In December, I went with Laurie Kilpatrick, John Moolenbeek and Dieter Eberhardt. Dieter, an Ontario Land Surveyor, brought out his metal detector to see if the cannon that many Islanders believe to be buried on the bluffs could be found. We had no luck finding cannon. John suggested that they could have been buried inland so that the Americans couldn't find them.

In January, I went again to the bluffs to consider cannon. This time, David Smith, Ken Taylor and Jonathan Bradshaw who are very engaged in 1812 re-enactment activities. They propose to bring cannon to the bluffs and fire them off on the July 1st weekend. Parks Canada is involved and are covering the liability aspects of such an event.

I didn't know that the cannons on the bluffs had actually fired upon the American vessels chasing the Royal George and that the Americans briefly occupied Bath (then called Ernestown). David and his friends exude excitement when they talk about the pursuit of the Royal George.

There will be more information on the re-enactors plans in future Beacon issues. *****

THANK YOU NOTES

I wish to thank “everyone” for their prayers, best wishes, phone calls, cards and the delicious food brought to my door following my recent health problem and surgery.

Thank you so much for your kindness and concern.

Elaine Wolfreys

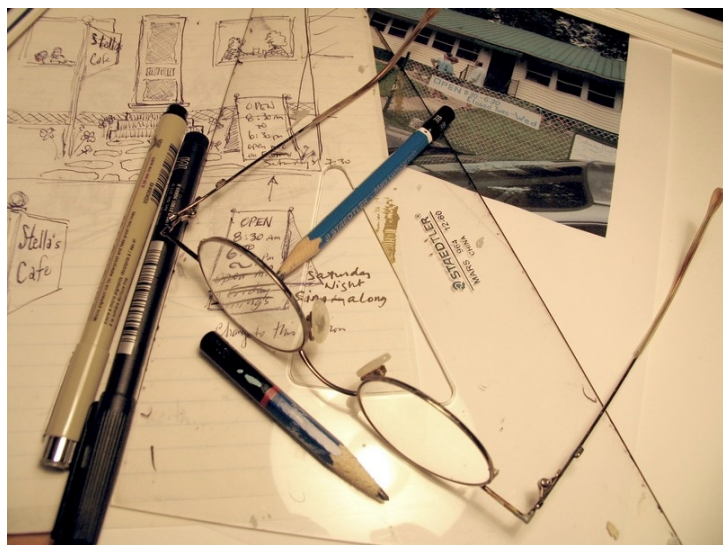


Photo by Terry Culbert

CALLING ALL ISLAND ARTISTS

2012 is the year of the Amherst Island OPEN STUDIO TOUR, a fundraiser for the Neilson Store Museum & Cultural Centre. It will take place on Saturday, July 14th from 11am to 4:30pm. As in the past, we are asking all participating artists and photographers to donate an 8x8-inch original piece of work. For additional information, contact the Open Studio Tour organizers: Peter Large @ 613-384-7925 or Terry Culbert @ 613-634-8217 for more details.

ISLAND RADIO NEWS

– Dayle Gowan & Terry Culbert

WIN A PAIR OF HOCKEY TICKETS

Toronto Maple Leafs / New York Rangers in Toronto
Saturday, March 24, 2012 – Red Section 121, Row 6,
Seats 9 & 10

Tickets valued @ \$223.50 each plus \$50. in cash
towards dinner or snacks at the game

Total prize value: \$497.00

Fund raiser for Amherst Island Public Radio – Lottery
Licence # M679049

200 tickets printed - \$5. each or 5 tickets for \$20.

Draw will take place on the Friday Morning Show,
March 16th @ 8:45am

Winner will be notified by phone or check www.cjai.ca



Photo by Terry Culbert
Host of The Afternoon Delight, Nic Rossetti.

NEW LIVE SATURDAY SHOW –

THE AFTERNOON DELIGHT show began in December 2011 hosted by Nic Rossetti live from 4 to 6pm. The show is now repeated Monday evenings between 8 and 10pm. After graduating in 2009 from the Radio Broadcasting Program at Loyalist College in Belleville, the Westport native now resides in Kingston. Nic's focus is on timeless hits, with a little contemporary thrown in. It's a great show... check it out. Nic takes requests as well. Call 613-384-8282.

UDDER MORNING SHOW –

Congratulations to Susan Filson for getting up before the birds every Monday morning and being Dayle Gowan's co-host for more than a year on the UDDER MORNING SHOW. They are LIVE from 6 to 9am and in repeat between 3 and 5pm.



Photo by Terry Culbert
Susan Filson and Dayle Gowan, co-hosts
of the Udder Morning Show.

FERRY SHUT DOWN

If the ferry is shut down for reasons such as wind etc. there is a recorded message on the ferry office phone 613-389-3393.

The message is updated when the ferry is back in service.

WANTED: A BUS DRIVER AND A SPARE

-Janet Scott

I would like to retire from school bus driving, definitely in June or sooner if Stock can find a driver. Have you ever considered such a job? We also need a spare driver as well.

As a school bus driver you get to meet the best kids you've ever met, drive 80 to 100 kilometres daily on the scenic roads of Amherst Island with fuel paid for by the company.

Stock will train you free of charge and assist you in obtaining a class B license. On my route I get paid about \$450 to \$500 every two weeks. The job starts at 6:30 am and finishes at 8:30. In the afternoon you meet the 2:30 ferry at about 2:50 drive to the school and take home the Elementary students. I usually finish around 3:30 to 4:00 pm.

The job is part time but can fit with another part time job on the Island. There are down sides to the job like bad weather once in awhile but because you're carrying such a priceless treasure the Road Crew watches out for you as do other Islanders.

Give Stock a call at 613-384-0770.

Think about it!

BEACON ADS ISLAND YOGA

Call Taggett for more information 613 888-5156

REMEMBER

The W.I. Indoor Walking programme.

A.I.P.S Mondays 4-5 p.m. continuing weekly through until March break.

For info call 389-5176

HELP STILL NEEDED. We need the following items for the Lennox and Addington S.P.C.A.. Used towels and linens, paper towels and cleaning supplies, pet food, kitty litter, dog and cat toys are always in demand as are used stamps (any kind), Canadian Tire coupons and pop cans. There is a large container in my porch for the pop cans and any other items can be left in my porch as well.

Thank you for helping to support our animal shelter.

Further information needed? Call Freda Youell - 613 384-4135.

FOR SALE

A working "Viking" chest freezer. Outside measurement (feet) L 4.5' H 3' D 2.5.'

Best offer call Ann or John 613 634 8946

AMHERST ISLAND CHIROPRACTIC

10650 Front Rd.

Office hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

For appointments call 613 328-8892

AMHERST ISLAND STORE

Monday - Friday: 9am - 11:30am; 2:30pm - 5pm

Saturday: 9am - 1pm (Post Office closes at noon)

Sunday: closed

BETTY'S HOME COOKING

My Market Goodies are available!

Plus if you want a full meal to go... a few days notice and your cooking for company is over.

Call Betty 389-7907

Dave Meikle's

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Raw honey is honey the way the bees made it with all of its flavour, nutrients and bioactive substances. Bees pack honey with anti-bacterial, anti-viral and anti-fungal agents. Raw honey is a pro-biotic, enhancing digestive function. The pollen in raw honey tunes your immune system to the local environment.

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SAND BAY FARM BED & BREAKFAST AND PERCHERON HORSE DRAWN WAGON AND SLEIGH

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Open weekends and most weekday mornings.



FOOT NOTE: Unfortunately both our Beacon staff photographers, Terry Culbert and Brian Little were unable to attend the New Years Eve Dinner-Dance, so this is Terry's interpretation of it.