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## NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Get Well wishes to Dorothy McGinn, Don Pepper, Deanne Mayall, Larry Fleming, and Bill Harris.

Condolences to Jeanne Visitin, following the passing of her husband Guido. Our sympathy also to his daughter Angie, daughter-in-law Maria and granddaughters Ali and Katie.

Duncan and Kim Ashley visited Duncan's parents in Alabama over the March Break.

Alex and Debbie Scott and family spent March Break in Myrtle Beach.

Congratulations to Angela Fleming (daughter of David Fleming), who married Andy Williams earlier in March.

Congratulations to Nathan Murray, who was undefeated in the Western Area Chess Tournament held recently at Odessa P.S. Nathan won the gold medal for grade one students and will go on to the Eastern Ontario Chess Challenge in April.

We had a couple of down-right balmy weeks in mid-March. Birds are singing, snowbirds are returning, spring bulbs are popping up and there are even a few early lambs and calves showing up in the fields. Unfortunately, the last week of March has returned to more seasonable temperatures, although the sun is keeping things bright.  
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## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Mary Kay Steel

The March meeting took place on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month at Nancy Dunn's home, starting at 7pm. Ten of us gathered on a sunny evening to welcome Allie MacKeen of Front Road in the village, an accomplished and avid gardener, to our

midst. (Our attendance number was low due to many of our members spending time in warmer climes.) The evening began with a presentation by Allie detailing her experience with gardening on the Island, drawing on her longtime love affair with bringing treasures from the soil. There were many questions and comments coming from her devoted audience, all of which made for a very informative and fun hour. As a non-gardener, I was fascinated to learn of companion gardening, of picking off slugs and other critters, and of making and serving manure "tea" to the plants over the season. Much food for thought was provided. Then we had our social hour with the usual tasty refreshments.

Liz Harrison, president, opened our business meeting with a request to members to tell a funny gardening story from their own experience. And many and varied they were, including husbands cleaning and throwing out in the process, carefully saved bulbs, and neophyte gardeners tying up veggie plants that shouldn't be. Of course, there is always the tale of someone planting all their bulbs upside down! We then went through our usual committee reports, learned from Joyce Haines what is happening at district, area and provincial levels of the WI. This year's District Annual meeting will take place in May in Wilton and Joyce reminded us that in May of 2013 it will be the turn of our branch to host this event. (Each branch in the district takes a turn at hosting.) It was sad to hear that the Hawley branch has had to close, due to lack of membership.

In other business, we voted to give a donation to our school for the upcoming senior class trip, this time to Montreal. We planned an initiative to honour annually an

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A.I.P.S. student who excels in history studies. We noted correspondence from the Cherry Valley (P.E. County) branch president seeking to share experiences and perhaps to come and visit this summer. And finally, as the hour was late, we closed the meeting with a reminder that our April meeting, to be held at Leslie Gavlas' home on the evening of the 18th, will feature the election of an executive for the coming fiscal year and renewal of our memberships.

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Photo by Terry Culbert

**Short-eared Owl on the Emerald 40-Foot Road.**

## JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

The weather this winter has been something everyone has been talking about. We never really had snow and although the buses didn't run three days this past winter, it was due to ice not heavy snow. The roads are drying up rapidly and that means we get to complain about the clouds of dust, but one thing we can't complain about was the beautiful March weather we experienced. It was warm, coatless, bootless weather that had us out walking, jogging and even raking far earlier than usual. Like the children feeling the release of winter and joyfully running free, the animal life awakened and returned sooner than usual by about two weeks.

I don't think I've ever heard the Spring Peepers, Chorus Frogs and American Toads greeting the return of Spring so early in the season.

Dayle and Elly Gowan even had a Bullfrog serenading them from their pond. You might call that romantic, perhaps not lyrical like a Nightingale of poet's fame but certainly music to a naturalist's ears.

The Spring Chorus of birds has begun with the Red-winged Blackbirds return and after a few days of rest they began to join the resident Robins with all the chirps and hallelujahs of a joyful morning. Both night and day, Wilson's Snipes are making their peculiar

winnowing sounds in our marshy areas, and Meadowlarks are filling the afternoon fields with their minor descants. Larger than the Snipe, but similar in colouring, the American Woodcock adds its distinctive chirps and peets to the evening chorus. The European Starlings, a relative of the Myna Bird are copying every bird that they hear so that your backyard Maple may erupt with the sounds of a loon or a persistent warbler and neither bird is in sight. The Peace and Quiet of the country is a myth but a much more enjoyable

cacophony than sirens or constant traffic. We walk with a lighter step and may even be heard to whistle as we humans too appreciate the rejuvenation of our natural world.

It is only March but Mark Ritchie spotted Tree Swallows in the fields and along the Lower Forty Foot. They are setting up housekeeping in the boxes at the Kingston Field Naturalists' property. When the Tree Swallows start nest building they love to add white feathers and you will see them diving after a floating white feather as it dances and tumbles across the yard carried by a spring breeze. Lyn Fleming experienced their antics when she used

to comb their yellow lab and the swallows would dive for the floating, blond tufts of hair. The first Spring that Alex and I lived on the Island we put up 40 Bluebird boxes with the hope that at least one pair might stay. Instead we got 39 boxes with Tree Swallow nests and one was used by a Wren but both birds are useful in getting rid of insect pests and are a joyful addition to your yard.

"What is this life if full of care, we do not have the time to stare".

That's from the poem "Leisure" which some of us old folks learned back in the ancient days when we were in school and still memorized poetry.

I hope you've allowed a little time in your busy schedules to get out there and just listen to the choirs of Spring!

[Editor: Thanks, Janet, for mentioning one of my favourite poems – one whose advice I all too often ignore:

LEISURE – W. H. Davies

What is this life if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare?

No time to stand beneath the boughs,  
And stare as long as sheep and cows:

No time to see, when woods we pass,  
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass:

No time to see, in broad daylight,  
Streams full of stars, like skies at night:

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,  
And watch her feet, how they can dance:

No time to wait till her mouth can  
Enrich that smile her eyes began?

A poor life this if, full of care  
We have no time to stand and stare.]  
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## COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

6<sup>th</sup> Session of Council, March 12

Heritage Committee: "The committee discussed the Amherst Island stone fences. There is a desire to move ahead quickly to assemble the history and locations of the stone fences and investigate the possibility of placing a heritage designation on the fences. The members of the committee from the Island have volunteered to assemble the required information. The committee has scheduled the next meeting on March 8, 2012 to move this issue forward."

[Editor: this meeting happened and progress is being made.]

John Harrison requested that vibration be included in the Township's noise by-law.

There were 3 budget meetings in February – eye glazing reading – boring but important.

There were 3 letters from Peter Large regarding wind turbines on the Island.

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7<sup>th</sup> Session of Council, March 26

Emergency Response: calls per station in 2011 (2010): Amherst Island, 33 (28); Amherstview, 106 (106); Bath, 68 (79); and, Odessa, 130 (141). Medical calls were 36% of total calls and false alarms were 22%.

There were also 3 letters regarding wind turbines.  
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## COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVED THE FOLLOWING MOTION

March 14, 2012:

"Whereas the Council of the County of Lennox and

Addington has concerns over the Green Energy Act in relation to its application to industrial wind turbines;

"And Whereas the Council of the County of Lennox and Addington is dissatisfied with regulations imposed by the Province of Ontario on the erection and operation of industrial wind turbines with respect to land use planning and the impact on our communities;

"And Whereas the Council of County of Lennox and Addington is concerned with the conflicting information regarding the health effects of industrial wind turbines on citizens living in close proximity to these structures;

"And Whereas the potential health effects is proven to be destructive and divisive to the social and cultural fabric of our rural urban communities;

"Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of Lennox and Addington requests the Ontario Provincial Government to implement a moratorium on industrial wind turbines until independent health studies have been completed and a full environmental study be done to determine the possible impact, and all related potential costs be borne by the Provincial Government;

"And further, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Dalton McGuinty, Hon. Chris Bentley, Minister of Energy, M.P.P. Randy Hillier, and M.P. Scott Reid."

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## AIMS MEETING

**March 10, 8a.m.**

-Anders Bennick

**Breakfast:** Prepared by Tagget Bonham-Carter and friends –thank you.

**Present:** 10 members

**Chair:** Greg Latiak, Past President

**Agenda:**

***1. New Year's party, 2012***

There was a discussion of a draft flyer prepared by the President for Island distribution concerning preparations for the upcoming New Year's party. Given the attendance at last year's party it is clear that it is an Island tradition that should be continued. While most preparations can wait until fall, a longer lead-time is needed for the band. It was decided that Bruce Burnett would contact last year's band (The Runnin' Kind) about coming back for the next New Year's dance. Alternately Kevin Archibald will identify some other potential bands. Last year's caterer has expressed interest in coming back as well. Bruce Burnett will contact him. The possibility of having an AIMS committee, rather than a single AIMS member in



charge of the event was discussed. It was also suggested that we could hire a person to oversee the event. Bruce Burnett will look into this. The rest of the organization of the New Year's party will be settled at an AIMS meeting early in the fall.

## **2. Art Tour.**

Peter Large gave an update on this year's art tour. Since the museum is the beneficiary of the revenue, it will now run this event.

### **Open forum**

Greg Latiak gave a brief description of the model railway he is building, based in part on the now defunct Bay of Quinte Railway.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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## **OLD ROAD**

- Sally Bowen

This is the former road or carriage way on the west end of the Front Road, that used to connect Harvey Eves place to the Morrow Farm. (Translation to newer Islanders: just past the white derelict house and small barn between McMullen's and the end of the road, heading towards John Mayman's and the Finlay's.)

Does anyone remember driving this maple-lined road? Please call us at 613 389-3444 with your memories.

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## **LYME TIME**

-Sally Bowen

That wonderful burst of warm weather in March stimulated grass growing, frogs singing, kids fishing ... and black-legged deer ticks seeking warm flesh.

One found my shoulder, just a couple of days after I'd taken off my winter snow-suit. Ian discovered it at bedtime, nicely embedded. He used our handy tick lifter to remove it, and carefully saved the tick in a pill bottle to take for testing.

No household should be without this inexpensive tick lifter which enables you to remove the tick without squeezing the mouth parts, hopefully reducing the probability of bacterial transfer. We got ours from our

veterinarian.

I had a hot, red ring around the tick hole, about the size of a nickel.

We went on the 7 a.m. boat to Napanee to the hospital emergency, and were treated with care and dispatch. When the tick is very recent, a person can be treated with a single oral large dose of antibiotics. Otherwise, they prescribe a 2 week course, if you have responded quickly. Speed of treatment is vital, before the Lyme disease bacteria can travel throughout a person's system. Since it takes about 2 weeks to test the tick, do not wait. Take the medicine, just in case.

What a difference in my experience from 1996, when it took 8 years before I was first tested for Lyme, and met a lot of medical disparagement along the way.

They now have a detailed questionnaire about the Black-Legged Ticks:

1. Where do you live?
2. Did you travel?
3. Are you human or animal?

I guess it covered the basics. I'm glad the medical systems are starting to gather data.

WARNING: This is 'deer tick' season. They are in long grasses, on family pets, carried by birds - they are everywhere. Wear socks over pants in the fields. Wear long sleeves and hats in the woods. Check your body and your family's. Get a tick lifter.

They are tiny and easy to miss.

If you find one, don't panic - they don't all carry the Lyme bacteria. But act. FAST.

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Photo by Vicki Keith

The old Front road west of Harvey Eves' old house.

## **FROM THE ARCHIVES:**

Island Beacon: April 15, 1982 , Issue 51

### **MEMORIES OF THE PAST**

(re-printed from the original newspaper article)  
1954?

### **REMOVES 2 STRETCHER PATIENTS**

By Kay Porter Staff Correspondent, Stella, Amherst Island -

We arrived here at 10.30 a.m., Tuesday, on the first trip made by the tug Salvage Prince after it had sailed here direct from Kingston and rushed two patients to a

waiting Reid ambulance at the Millhaven dock, en route to Kingston General Hospital.

The patients were Mrs. John Filson, 71, who has a bronchial condition and an ailing heart and an Amherst Island girl, Jill Glenn, 10, who injured her arm quite seriously when she was jammed against a barn door on her father's farm by a fractious horse.

With Dave Phippen, who also left school to take some pictures for *The Whig-Standard*, we boarded the *Salvage Prince* at Millhaven, but the bus we travelled on from Napanee was a bit late (for us) and we just missed the unloading of the boat.

In fact, the ambulance was just pulling away as we climbed hurriedly from the bus. The ambulance was a bit too fast for us.

The situation here on the Island has improved greatly with the arrival of the tug, although there are problems and discomforts still to solve. The tug can bring some supplies, but it can't carry vehicles or take the farm produce to market.

The parts needed to repair the ferry *Amherst Islander* will not arrive, it was said, until the end of the week. The food supply on the island was one of the big questions and to make the situation worse one of the largest grocery stores was burnt out a week ago. Although there was little more than smoke damage all the food supplies were unfit for use afterwards. Fred Neilson, joint owner of the store said that the fire had broken out at 7:30 o'clock in the morning and was caused by defective wiring. His son, Jimmy had noticed the smoke in the back of the store. He estimated the stock damage at \$7,000.

The Islanders feel that a great deal of credit goes to Mrs. Clifford Glenn who is a nurse and is "doing wonders" for the Islanders. Mr. H. C. Burleigh has on several occasions gone to the Island to help the sick. Mrs. Leslie Glenn, another general store owner, said that "now the ice is gone we don't feel so hemmed in, and as soon as the ferry is fixed we hope everything will be all right."

Another difficulty with not having the ferry operating, is that gasoline supplies are getting low because the *Salvage Prince* is unable to bring this supply to the island.

The population of the Island is approximately 450 in number and the Island is 12 miles long, 3 miles wide. They have been without ferry service for a week. The opinion of the Islanders on the whole situation was well described by one Islander who said, "We're pretty angry right now, we've got a wonderful boat and nothing to run her."

The ferry broke down a week ago when it had been out breaking ice for about an hour. It is quite certain that the boat could have made the crossing had it not been for the transmission and reduction gear breaking down.

Alex Glenn, the engineer of the *Amherst Islander*, of which William Cochrane is captain, said the parts to fix the ferry must come from Vancouver.

In the meantime the *Salvage Prince* will make three crossings a day, which will enable food supplies to be brought in. However, this will not help the farmers to get their produce to market as this boat is not large enough to accommodate livestock.

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## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING APR 6. 1982**

- Jacqueline Sylvester

A delegation of Mrs. Jessie DeMaine and Mrs. Gwen Smith from Bath came to invite our community to participate in the United Empire Loyalists Bicentennial celebrations that are being planned for 1984 to 1992 in the Bay of Quinte region. Suggestions were made that we could write a history of the Island, or of the first settlers. We could look up the original Crown Deeds given on the Island. Some communities are hoping to plan a costumed celebration, possibly arranging a re-enactment of the landing of the Loyalists. A central committee is being formed to co-ordinate activities and to distribute funds in the area.

Our Building Inspector expressed concern over the number of on-going building permits - one from 1978, three from 1979, twelve from 1980 - particularly since our municipality has had difficulty in getting the county assessor over to have assessments made, based on the percentage of completion, for tax purposes. Three new building permits were issued, two for new homes, and one for a renovation.

The finance committee estimates our 1982 budget will be very similar in its total to last year's budget.

A committee of adjustment is to be formed to deal with applications for a minor variance from the provisions of our zoning by-law, providing that the general intent and purpose of the by-law are maintained.

A licence to raffle a quilt has been issued to the Women's Institute.

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[The Archives will continue on page 8]



# BIRDS OF MARCH ON AMHERST ISLAND

By Terry Culbert

After receiving a 55-250mm telephoto lens for Christmas, the Beacon's foreign correspondent, Terry Culbert has fallen in love with capturing birds and wildlife with his Canon Rebel T1i digital camera. The pictures shown here were all shot in the month of March 2012 on Amherst Island.



Photo by Terry Culbert  
Bald Eagle flying over the Stella ferry dock.



Photo by Terry Culbert  
A pair of Canada Geese take off from O'Drains Bay.



Photo by Terry Culbert  
Another pair of Robins dancing in the photographer's yard.



Photo by Terry Culbert  
Frisky Robins doing a mating dance.





**Photo by Terry Culbert**  
**Stand-off between Ms. Dove and Liam the**  
**Chipmunk. Ms. Dove won.**



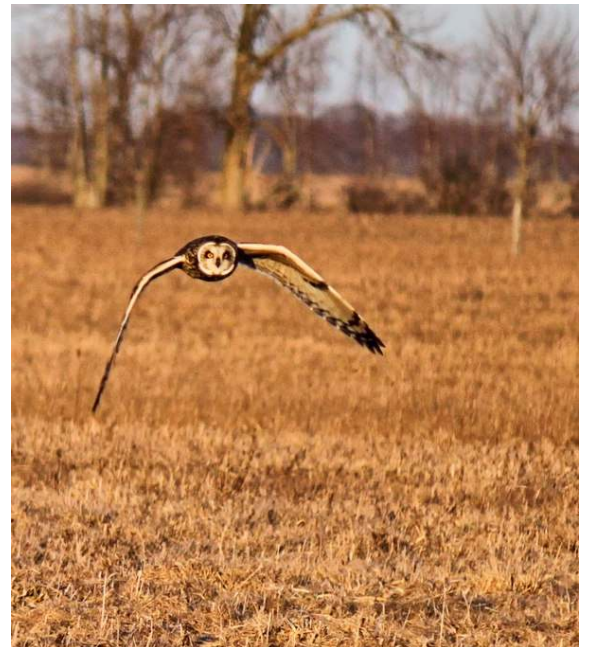
**Photo by Terry Culbert**  
**Red-tailed Hawk along the Second Concession Road.**



**Photo by Terry Culbert**  
**Long-tailed Duck heading east on**  
**O'Drains Bay.**



**Photo by Terry Culbert**  
**Four Blue Jays in the tulip tree.**



**Photo by Terry Culbert**  
**Short-eared Owl behind the Hitchins barn on the**  
**Emerald 40-Foot Road.**



## **HUMOUR**

*Monday's Ad:*

*The Reverend A.J. Garven has one TV set for sale. Telephone 432-5771 after 7 pm and ask for Mrs. Donnelly who lives with him cheap.*

*Tuesday's Ad:*

*We regret any embarrassment to Reverend A.J. Garven caused by a typographical error in yesterday's paper. The ad should have read:*

*The Reverend A.J. Garven has one TV set for sale cheap. Telephone 432-5771 and ask for Mrs. Donnelly who lives with him after 7 pm.*

*Wednesday's Ad:*

*Reverend A.J. Garven informs us that he has received several annoying telephone calls because of an incorrect ad in yesterday's paper. It should have read:*

*The Reverend A.J. Garven has one TV set for sale cheap. Telephone 432-5771 after 7 pm and ask for Mrs. Donnelly who loves with him.*

*Thursday's Ad:*

*Please take note that I, Reverent A.J. Garven, have no TV set for sale. I have smashed it. Don't call 432-5771 anymore. I have not been carrying on with Mrs. Donnelly and until yesterday. Mrs. Donnelly was my housekeeper.*

*Friday's Ad:*

*Wanted, a housekeeper, usual housekeeping duties. Good pay. Love in. Contact Reverend A.J. Garven, telephone 432-5771.*

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## **AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

*- Thelma Howard*

*The March meeting of the Institute met at the home of Mrs. Phyllis Strain on Wed. March 17 at 8 p.m. and was also a St. Patrick's party as each one exchanged a homemade corsage or a homemade card and everyone brought a green lunch.*

*The meeting opened in the usual manner with Mrs. Irene Glenn the president and had the opening Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and O Canada. The secretary treasurer, Mrs. Diane Gavlas gave the minutes and financial statement and read the correspondence.*

*Three ladies from the County Museum in Napanee visited our branch and discussed with us about putting an antique display of Island things in the Museum and hoped to have it ready for September and would hopefully remain there for one year. If anyone has any antiques they wish to display we would appreciate it very much to make our Island display a success. They also told us they would be insured. One of the ladies Mrs. Poole spoke about the historical society and would be glad to get any history of the Island and famous people. She is trying to follow up some of the late Dr. Burleigh's history and hopes people will get in touch with her in Napanee.*

*The space for the display in the Museum is to be 15 feet by 30 feet and must tell the history of the area, so the articles will not be extra large articles.*

*The Institute ladies are taking a bus trip Thursday April 15 to the Erland Lee*

*Home and will be taking articles which have been made by our members to be sold which will all help aid repairs to the home. They will also be going to the Adelaide Hoodless Home. The bus leaves the Wayfare Restaurant, Napanee at 8 a.m. We also had a letter from the ISLE committee wanting the ladies to put on something for their talent night show to be held April 29 at the school. Tickets will be ready shortly to be sold on*

*the quilt for a dollar or fifty cents a ticket and the draw will be June 16 at the meeting.*

*There will be a benefit euchre held on Saturday April 17th at 8 p.m. in the Amherst Island School in aid of the Canadian Cancer Society. The program convenor of Consumer Affairs Mrs. Georgie Allison gave us the story of the Strathcona paper mill. It started operating in 1922. They use a lot of re-cycled paper. The meeting closed with the Grace and God Save the Queen after which everyone enjoyed the green lunch for St. Patricks. The next meeting will be held on April 21 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Irene Glenn. All reports for the year will be read and election of officers will take place. The Institute are also hoping for some new members this year.*

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Photo courtesy of Dave Willard

**"Are Ewe Talking To Me?!"**

**'Grumpy' is one of the reasons people need to beware when visiting 600 South Shore Road.**



## Cards of Thanks

*I wish to thank all my Island friends and neighbours for their kindness during my brief stay in hospital in March. Also the P.C.W. and A.C.W. for their visits.*

*Thanks again*

*Phyllis Welton*

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*We would like to say thank-you to all our friends and neighbours for the cards and acts of sympathy after the loss of a dear father and grandfather.*

*Your kindness is very much appreciated so again, thank-you.*

*Sincerely*

*Phil, Liz, Jason & Jamie*

*Silver*

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*I would like to thank all my relatives, friends and neighbours for cards, gifts and visits while I was in the hospital and since my return home. I would also like to thank the ladies of St. Paul's P.C.W and St. Alban's A.C.W. for the visits and gifts. They were all much appreciated.*

*Sincerely*

*Ralph Wemp*

**[end of The Archives]**

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## DAMNED NATIONS

- Zander of DUNN INN

I recently read an important, powerful and interesting book entitled, "Damned Nations: Greed, Guns, Armies and AID" by Samantha Nutt, a medical doctor and founder of "War Child," which she describes as "an international charity working tirelessly to foster hope and dignity in the lives of children overcoming conflict in some of the most challenging humanitarian environments."

This excellent book is highly praised by Stephen Lewis, Romeo Dallaire, David Suzuki and Lewis Lapham, to name only a few. It is a shocking book, written by a woman who has been in the centre of the action in developing countries and who knows the score.

In her introduction, Dr. Nutt declares that war and the pursuit of war, destroys us. "It turns teenagers into killers, neighbours into genocidaires, and politicians into executioners." She states flatly that "all wars are

only one thing: people killing people."

Here are three statements about war which she supports in her book: "war is never as far away as we believe it to be; war changes everyone and everything it touches; war is not so entrenched that it cannot be undone."

The author also expands on her statement, "War profits from our disinterest." Because it is so difficult for the ordinary person to discover the financial facts and the statistics about war she gives us some to



Photo by Island visitor Roger Tumminigeri  
A fox sits on Harry Westwood's old summer place on the Front Road.

consider. She tells us that the sale of arms in the world has soared to over \$400 billion a year - a 59 percent increase since 2002. Every year 8 million rocket launchers, shoulder-fired missiles, assault rifles, grenades and machine guns are added to the 900 million already in circulation. It is sad to read that among the world's poorest countries, education expenditures are lower than military expenditures.

But before we start feeling superior, let's face the fact that Canada is among the top

10 arms producing countries in the world. What is even more shocking is that all but two provincial teachers' pension funds (Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan) are invested in one or more of the world's top one hundred arms producers. The Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, representing 284,000 of Ontario's active and retired school teachers held, in 2010, over \$90 million in investments in Lockheed Martin, the world's largest military producer. But we are no better than the teachers because The Canada Pension Plan, to which every Canadian earning a pay cheque must contribute, holds more than \$200 million in investments in 24 of the world's top one hundred arms-producing companies. Canada signed the international convention banning cluster munitions, yet we have not, like New Zealand, Ireland and Norway, divested ourselves from land mine and cluster bomb producers. We Canadians are producers and consumers of war. We pay for the sale and transfer of weapons which are used to kill other people in wars.

Dr. Samantha Nutt then leads us to consider how to get involved in the alternative to war, which is Aid. She

tells compelling stories about her experiences trying to bring aid to war-torn countries. There are successes and failures. The most disturbing aspect of all this is the suffering of the women. Women are not simply discriminated against, put down, mocked and derided; they are raped, tortured and murdered by men who consider them to be property, not people.

Samantha Nutt ends her book with a guide to help you decide what organizations to support financially in developing countries. She recommends you give regularly (monthly) to support the organization in the long term, not simply the short term, one time gift. Don't earmark your donations - let the organization's leaders decide how best to spend the funds. (She even suggests that better than paying for a goat or chickens, in some cases, is paying for a lawyer to help get bills through the courts for the good of the people). Big organizations are not always best; sometimes the smaller groups are closer to the issues at the local level. Don't try to send things such as clothing and food to needy countries. Your money can probably purchase what is needed in the country at lower prices than you would pay for them in Canada. Ask how much money is spent on advertising annually. For your donation to be effective, fundraising expenses (including advertising) plus overhead should add up to less than 25 percent of an organization's budget.

Where is God in all this? Dr. Nutt doesn't say. She is not writing theology; she is writing history and suggesting helpful policies. That's where God is - with Dr. Nutt as she offers better ways for us to relate to one another than through war. God is also with the people who have suffered and died to make this book. God is always on the side of the poor, the maligned and the forgotten. God is also with us as we try to figure out what is right, fair, just and good in our relations with the developing nations. I hope that what this book is telling us will turn us from war to aid, from violence to love, from rejection to acceptance of all of God's people.

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**Amherst Island Public Radio photographed from the hill at the Township Garage**

Photo by Terry Culbert

## ISLAND RADIO - ON AIR FOR SIX YEARS

- Terry Culbert

April 1, 2006 was a cold, windy and rain soaked day. At exactly 06:00am, inside a converted milk house near the Stella Dock, history was made. Sitting behind the microphone, Island electrician Tom Richmond, turned the toggle-switch to

the left and announced: "Good morning, you're listening to CJA 93.7FM Amherst Island Public Radio." We were on the air!

From that early beginning, broadcasting at 5-watts, we grew and are now transmitting at 250-watts. A few years ago our frequency was changed to 92.1FM and we can be heard all over the world at [www.cjai.ca](http://www.cjai.ca). Broken down mathematically, ISLAND RADIO has been on the air 312 weeks or 2,190 days solely run by volunteers. Well done everyone!

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Photo by Terry Culbert

**Tom Richmond's voice was the first to be heard on the airwaves April 1, 2006. ( photo**



## ISLAND RADIO NEWS

– Dayle Gowan & Terry Culbert

Prolific music donator: Steve Schaenfield of Kingston has been a listener and a member of CJAI since we went on the air six years ago. In 2008, after meeting Jim Gould (jazz) and Ross Haines (big bands), Steve began donating music from his vast home-library. A lifelong music lover, Steve has close to 4,400 CD's. Jazz and blues makes up 2/3 of his collection, the other 1/3 in rock& roll, pop, classical and comedy. Steve has donated 56,000 tracks to Island Radio in the past four years. In March Steve met with Station Manager Dayle Gowan to donate even more music for the CJAI's ever increasing music library.

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Photo by Terry Culbert

Steve Schaenfield gives Island Radio station manager Dayle Gowan a memory stick with hundreds of songs from his collection on March 23.

### Friday Morning Show's 300<sup>th</sup>

**Edition:** Friday, March 9, was celebration time for the longest running show on Island Radio, the Friday Morning Show. Brian Little and Terry Culbert came up with the show idea in June of 2006, two months after CJAI went to air. For the next four years the dynamic duo filled the airwaves with chat, music, guest interviews and their personal rants. 2010, the boys could see the need for another morning show and Brian created: Breakfast with Brian. On March 9<sup>th</sup>, while Terry interviewed Island celebrity Doctor Luv (Keith Miller), surprise guests bearing bubbly and home-made desserts entered the



Photo by Steve Kennedy  
Terry Culbert, host of the Friday Morning Show celebrates his 300<sup>th</sup> show with Keith Miller, Susan Filson and Dayle Gowan, co-hosts of the Udder Morning Show.

studio. Susan Filson and Dayle Gowan, co-hosts of the Udder Morning Show dropped by with best wishes.

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Photo by Terry Culbert

### Lucky winner:

Station Manager

Dayle Gowan presents Dee McNeil of Kingston with a pair of NHL hockey tickets to see Toronto Maple Leafs play New York Rangers on March 24 at the Air Canada Centre. Her friend Kris Abbot joined her.

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Dayle Gowan presents Dee McNeil with her prize... she was accompanied by her friend Kris Abbot.



Photo by Bonnie Livingstone)

Terry and Jan Stick

**Yukon visitor:** on March 2, Jan Stick, MLA for the Yukon Legislative Assembly and a member of the Yukon New Democratic Party joined Terry Culbert on the Friday Morning Show. Sister of Amherst Islander Bonnie Livingstone, this was Ms. Stick's second time on the show in the past two years.

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Photo by Erin Merry

Sebastian and Eric Tremblay...

Check Out The New And Improved Island Radio Website At [www.cjai.ca](http://www.cjai.ca)

**Eric Tremblay**, host of Eric's Friday Night Radio Show volunteered to update our Island Radio website and is doing a magnificent job. In this photo, Eric is being assisted by his youngest son Sebastian.

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## MONARCH BUTTERFLIES

- Sally Bowen

Our farm is designated as an 'Official Monarch Butterfly Way Station' by the folks at the University of Kansas. I receive quarterly newsletters from them. Here is an excerpt from their spring message:

'We know many of you are anxious to hear how the Monarchs fared over the winter in Mexico (we've been anxious too!). We have a number of other projects going right now and we will be posting a lot of new information via our blog (<http://monarchwatch.org>) in the coming months so be sure to check in.

The size of the overwintering Monarch population in Mexico is usually released in late January or February. Unfortunately this report wasn't released to the press until the 15th of March - at the end of the season and a week after the first Monarchs from Mexico had made their appearance in Texas.

The total for all colonies, as reported to the press, is 2.89 hectares. There is good news and bad news in this number. The good news is that the population was larger, by almost a hectare, than we expected. The bad news is that this number represents the 4th lowest total

for the Monarch colonies recorded since the winter of 1994-1995. Further, this population represents a continuation of a trend - the 8th consecutive population below the long term average.

For those interested, we have posted further discussion (with much more detail) via our blog at <http://monarchwatch.org/blog>

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## HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

June is shaping up to be an interesting month at the Head of the Island with the BioBlitz coming to Lot 64 – see below – and the canons on the Bluffs on June 30. All that and haying too!

Saw a commercial fishing boat in front of our house this morning – March 29<sup>th</sup>. I find it depressing that that way of life has gone down as fast as small scale farming.

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## THANK YOU NOTES

Thank You

Many thanks to our island friends for your cards, calls and concern during my recent hospital stay. It was most appreciated.

Doug Martin

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## 2012 GREAT CANADIAN BioBlitz

- Anne Robertson, Kingston Field Naturalists

This will be our 14<sup>th</sup> in the Kingston area! We would like to record over 400 species in 24 hours and hope that everyone, including our volunteers, will find it a fun and educational event.

The idea for the BioBlitz comes from the Canadian Biodiversity Institute. It's an inventory of as many living things as can be identified within a 24 hour period. Specialists and experts from a diverse set of disciplines will be grouped with interested volunteers to explore the area under investigation. The inventory and interaction of volunteers with the public are integral goals of this event.

The BioBlitz takes place from 3 p.m. on Friday, 15 June to 3 p.m. on Saturday, 16 June.

The event will run, rain or shine.

We are delighted for the opportunity to hold this BioBlitz on the property of Amy Caughey and Marcus Bermann and their neighbours. The 56 hectare property is located at the west end of Amherst Island and



includes a variety of habitats including woodlands, ponds, a marsh, a small creek, some open areas and 100M Lake Ontario shoreline.

For more information contact Anne Robertson,  
Coordinator

n8ture.anne@sympatico.ca

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## OPEN STUDIO ART TOUR

### - JULY 14

Write it on your Milk calendar...because the Neilson Store Museum & Cultural Centre presents the 2012 OPEN STUDIO ART TOUR, Saturday, July 14 from 11am to 4:30pm. This is a Museum fund raiser held every second year. For additional information, contact organizers: Peter Large @ 613-384-7925 or Terry Culbert @ 613-634-8217.

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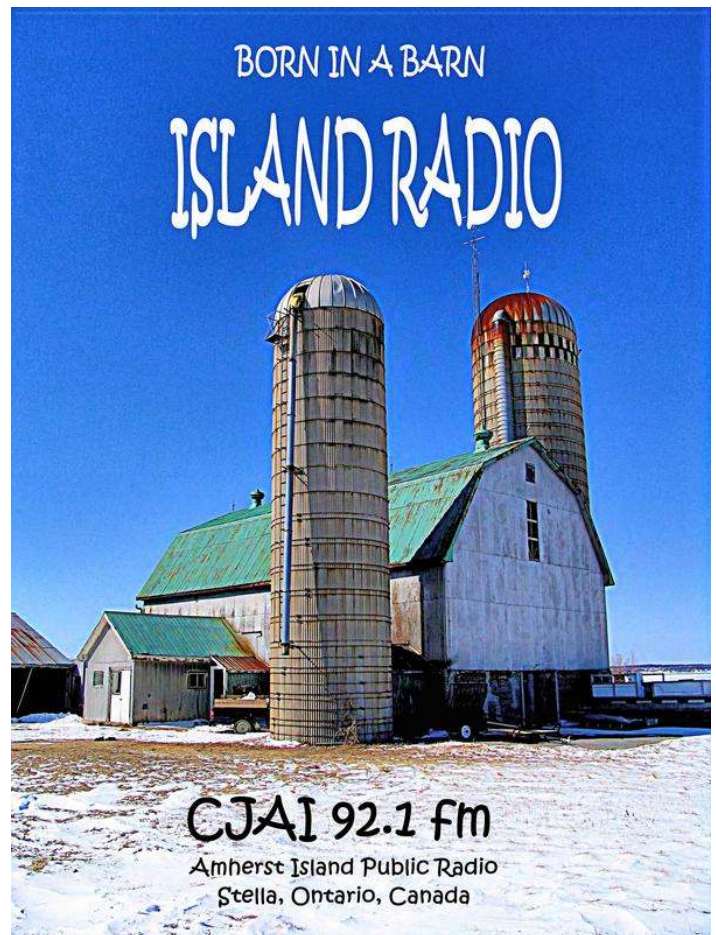


Photo by Terry Culbert

**Chris Laffin attaches a directional studio sign to a post during the 2010. Open Studio Art Tour. (photo: Terry Culbert)**

## RADIO FUND DRIVE IS JUST DAYS AWAY

On Monday, April 23 at seven in the morning, the Annual Island Radio Fund Drive will begin on the Udder Morning Show. Co-hosts Dayle Gowan and Susan Filson, along with CJAI's good friend Paul Lauret answering the pledge phone, will begin the five day drive. We are still looking for volunteers to bake cookies and muffins or to take telephone donations. Please feel free to drop into the station for a cup of coffee enroute to the ferry or just driving around the Island. The fund drive will run until the end of Eric's Friday Night Radio Show at 9pm on Friday, April 27th.



**Island Radio poster by Terry Culbert**

# BEACON ADS

## AMHERST ISLAND CHIROPRACTIC

10650 Front Rd.

Office hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

For appointments call 613 328-8892

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## AMHERST ISLAND STORE

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

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

Sunday: closed

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## 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

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## Dave Meikle's

### AMHERST ISLAND RAW WILDFLOWER HONEY

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.

Our honey is extracted in small batches to retain the unique flavour and aroma each bee colony produces.

Available at Topsy Farms, 613 389-3444, or call direct, at 613 328-8892.

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## FOOTFLATS FARM ACCOMODATION:

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Goodman House (waterfront)

- 4 bedrooms, 3 baths

- available year round

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- 3 bedrooms, 1 bath

- May to October

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## Hartin's Pumping Service:

Septic Pumping & Inspection

613-379-5672

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**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.

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## ISLAND YOGA

Call Taggett for more information 613 888-5156

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

**RIDES** by your hosts Garry and Susan Filson at 2 Front Rd., here on beautiful Amherst Island. Call 613 384-7866 or email [redandgarry@aol.com](mailto:redandgarry@aol.com) for bookings or more information. Located on the very northeast end of the island with waterfront views from every window, very private and backs onto the Kingston Field Naturalists bird sanctuary. Open year round.

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## STUDIO ON THE BAY

8750 Second Concession Road

Acrylic works of Barb Hogenauer & Terry Culbert

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2012 Calendars and individual photos by Don Tubb.

Also Island honey and Topsy's frozen lamb cuts.

Open weekends and most weekday mornings.

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**TOPSY FARMS** now has an extensive supply of freshly frozen lamb cuts for sale in the Wool Shed. We should have any roast or chop or shank or stew or ground lamb you desire.

We also have lamb patties, and our own sausage for sale. For those who enjoy organ meat, we have kidneys and liver available also.

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## Feeding: A Story In Four Pictures

So, having a bit of space to fill (the Beacon prints in 4 page intervals), I thought (fairly desperately) that I would show you morning feeding of the ewes. I give them 4 large round bales of hay first thing in the morning and then Chris comes up and gives them some grain. So, picture 1 shows all is calm with the ewes contentedly eating their hay... that is until Chris shows up (picture 2) when there is a general movement of the flock towards the ATV. This escalates to a general swarming of 800+ ewes encasing it - loudly demanding their ration (picture 3). The end result (picture 4) is a long line of ewes munching pretty noisily on their grain - no more calling... just molars crunching corn and soya beans. The 5 dogs in the field have learned (the hard way) to keep well clear of the flock during this operation or they will be mercilessly trampled. At any other time, the dogs hold pre-eminence... dog wants to drink, the ewes gives it room... the dog wants to lie on this hay, the ewes eat somewhere else - not so with grain.



Photo by Don Tubb

All is peace and light until the grain shows up.



Photo by Don Tubb

The grain hunger reveals itself.



Photo by Don Tubb

The full force of the ewes demanding their grain.



Photo by Don Tubb

All is well once again... just the heavy sound of 800+ mouths crunching.



**Oops... Another Page!!  
Well... In The Next Little While...**



**Photo by Don Tubb**

**Shearing... with the help of all available hands!! Nathan helping out in 2008.**



**Photo by Don Tubb**

**Lambing... with impossibly cute new-born lambs.**



**Photo by Don Tubb**

**Lambs learning to run like the wind.**



**Photo by Don Tubb**

**Handsome dogs protecting the flock while looking good doing it... and Marcus has that down pat.**