



A Familiar Island Sight

Stone Barn - North Shore

THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray, editor

The evening of the day that Tom aired his wind-power program I attended a CJAI Program Committee meeting. First on the agenda was Tom's program and, I believe, that he was a bit nervous about what the Committee would have to say about his venture into a controversial issue.

CJAI has more or less adopted the Beacon motto -: good news, yes; sad news, yes; bad news, no - the discussion started on that note. Was a program about the pros and cons of windmills on Amherst Island "bad news"?

It was pointed out that "controversial" should not automatically equal "bad news".

I very much agree with that observation. The Beacon avoids controversial issues mainly because the Beacon's monthly schedule makes it terribly difficult

to make a balanced presentation. CJAI can quickly present various points of view, new information, and so on.

The Program Committee decided that the wind-power program was of sufficient current interest that a house-holder mail should be sent out announcing that the program would be re-broadcast the next day - given that there was a public meeting on the topic the same evening.

I hope that CJAI will continue to deal with controversial subjects in an appropriately careful manner. It is good to have facts to balance emotions.

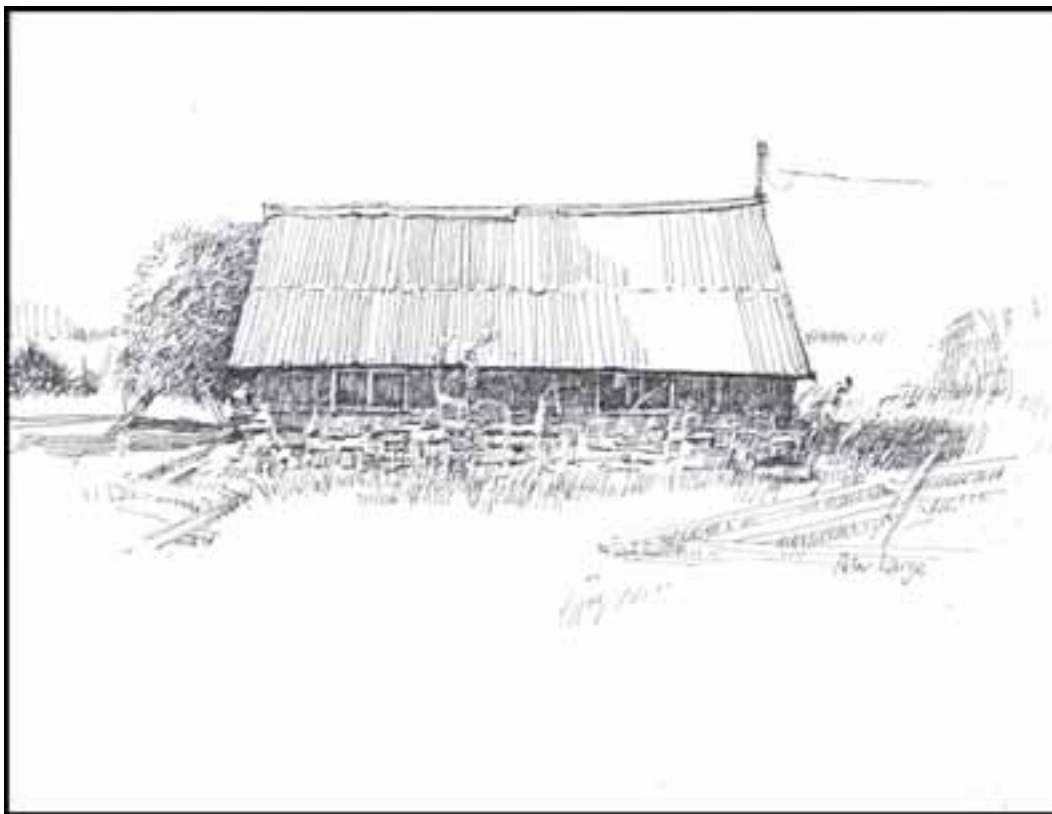
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Ink Drawing by Peter Large, S.C.A.

I think, becoming more difficult to do in this age of increased sensitivity. And it is always difficult for me as I do have quite a few strong opinions which I try to keep out of the Beacon.

We are once again blessed with more good photos than we can use. Please do not be offended if some of your photos don't make it into this issue. I'm sure that some will make it on to our pages later on. The digital revolution is certainly making a difference to the quantity of photos we are getting - and the quality is now as good as film (at least for Beacon purposes).





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NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Get Well wishes this month to Ardis Shurtleff, who spent time in hospital (in France) while on a family vacation; Angela Fleming, who has been in and out of hospital recently, and to Wayne Fleming, who is recovering at home from surgery on his shoulder.

Condolences to Albert Henderson and daughters Dianne Pollock, Lois Millen and Jane Henderson and their families following the passing of their wife, mother and grandmother, Phyllis.

Congratulations to Nick McGinn and Lorie LeBlue on the birth of their daughter Nicolette Mary Grace McGinn in August. Nicolette is a new sister for Andrew, Dana and Stephan.

Happy 50th Birthday to David Fleming, who celebrated the big 5-0 at a family party in late September.

Joyce Reid has recently returned from a vacation in Greece. Ted Welbanks and Karen Miller traveled to Newfoundland this Fall. Jean Tugwell spent a couple of weeks with her sister, (& former Islander), Marjorie Tooke in Hamilton.

Doris and Joe Crackle of Hollywood, Florida extended their annual trip to the Island by several months this year, staying in their motor-home at Harry and Barbara Filson's at the foot of the Island.

The Island has said or will say good-bye to some Islanders who, for various reasons, have sold their homes and moved on. Bobbi and Michael Shaw, Nancy and Paul Henshaw, and Pat and Ted Gow, as "new" Islanders, quickly became important parts of

the community whether through work or volunteering, and will be missed by many friends and neighbours. We wish them well in their new locations.

Amherst Island Radio (93.7fm) held their annual Pig & Lamb Roast Fund Raiser in early September. A sell out crowd enjoyed dinner and entertainment at the Lodge.

The 3rd annual 4-H Harvest Festival was held the next weekend. A committee was formed (Jim and Sandra Reid, Rick Bedford, Diane Pollock, Mike Walhout and Larry and Lynn Fleming) to organize it when "founder" Doug Williamson was unable to do it this year. 150-200 people enjoyed the day at the Reidview Farm on Front Rd.

There were livestock, crop, machinery and canning and vegetable displays; the 4-H calf and horse show; Jane McGinn organized lots of games for kids (young and old); The A.I. Insurance Co. held a draw; Pat Frontini did spinning wheel demonstrations and much more.

St. Alban's ACW held their annual Turkey Supper and Bazaar in late September for the usual sold out crowd.

Jim and Lynanne Whitton and Elizabeth Barr recently opened the Blacksmith shop (in the Village) to the A.I.P.S. students and their teachers. A blacksmith demonstrated some of the tools used by blacksmiths from days gone by. Both staff and students were impressed and excited about the many things they saw and learned.

Well, it seems summer is long gone and we are into dreary, wet fall days lately. Hopefully an extended Indian summer is still to come. The fall colours are starting and will maybe last a little longer with the cooler days.

Kardi Harrower of Australia won the plane tickets in the raffle. The winning ticket was pulled at the turkey supper.

OCTOBER SKIES

- Alan Kidd

This month's cosmic events include a meteor shower and an occultation of the Pleiades by the moon and a chance to see a ghostly glow of comet dust in the predawn sky.

The Orionid meteor shower is generally overshadowed by the better known Perseids which occur in August. However, this year the Perseids were washed out by a full moon, while the Orionids will occur under ideal circumstances. On the peak night of October 21st there is a new moon, so the skies will be dark. The radiant or apparent source of the meteors is the northern part of the Orion constellation, which gives them their name. Some meteors should be visible before midnight, but most of the activity (about 20 meteors/hour at peak) will be seen after that time.

Meteor showers are the result of the Earth passing through dust trails left by comets. In the case of the Orionids the comet in question is the well known Halley's Comet.

The zodiacal is another opportunity to see comet dust this month. Looking at the predawn sky from a



dark place such as Amherst Island, a faint pyramid shaped glow can just be seen on moonless nights. This is sunlight reflected off the thin disc of comet dust which is found throughout our solar system. In late October the conditions should be ideal for seeing the zodiacal light, stretching from the horizon up to Saturn in the predawn (between 5am and 6 am) sky. However, the best viewing will be from the western portion of the island, to avoid the glow of Kingston's lights.

The main celestial event of early autumn is the passing of the Moon through the Pleiades. This event (known as an occultation) takes place on the night of October 9th, and continues after midnight in the early hours of October 10th. Over the course of two hours, if the skies are clear, one after another the stars of the Pleiades cluster will be covered by the Moon and then reappear on the other side. If the viewing is bad that night we will get another chance on December 3rd.

Once again only Jupiter is visible low in the evening sky at the beginning of the month. By the end of October, it too will disappear. Venus continues to shine low in the dawn sky at the beginning of the month but soon also disappears in the glow of sunrise. Saturn continues to be high in the dawn sky, rising about 2am. Saturn is in the constellation of Leo, not far from Regulus.



A Late but none-the-less heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our CANCER RELAY FOR LIFE all night walkathon. Your generosity helped us raise almost \$2000.00.
Many Thanks,
The Island CREWsaders

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

Time flies. The following Islanders received “employee recognition awards” from Loyalist Township: Garry Hitchins, 35 years; Warren Kilpatrick, 30 years; Robert Horth, 25 years; Brent Wolfreys, 20 years; and Philip Silver, 15 years.

A resolution was passed (without a recorded vote) requesting a full environmental assessment for Lafarge’s proposal to burn “waste derived or alternative fuels” as well as a request for a moratorium on burning such fuel in any cement kiln anywhere in Ontario.



For more details the interested reader is hereby encouraged to go to the Loyalist web page and download the agenda for council session 27.

Councillor Ashley and Reeve Clayton McEwen will once again take their seats

on Loyalist Township Council. No one filed papers for their respective positions on council. Bill Lowry will be the new Deputy Reeve as he was the only one filing nomination papers for that position.

Perhaps the new 4-year term is discouraging people from seeking to be members of council. Or perhaps this council is perceived to be doing such a good job that no one thinks that he/she can do a better job.

THE AMHERST ISLAND BLACKSMITH SHOP

- Lynann Whitton & Elizabeth Barr

Many of you have probably heard rumours, and may be wondering, about recent happenings with Doug Wilson's property and the fate of the Blacksmith Shop. Well, the answer is that we (Lynann and Elizabeth) have purchased the Blacksmith shop, and Jim Whitton has bought the rest of the property (to be turned into a soccer pitch for Ben!).

So what will be the fate of the Blacksmith Shop? Well, we would like to see it returned to its former condition. Our goal is to have it open for visitors, and we would also love to have demonstration days when we will have a genuine blacksmith come and work in the shop.

To achieve this goal we first need to do some considerable repairs. We believe the building is probably over 130 years old. It has generally weathered the years well, but is in need of foundation, roof, and other structural work. To help us finance these repairs, we plan to design and sell some T-shirts and sweatshirts with the "blacksmith sign" logo on them. We hope for other types of merchandise in the future as well.

Finally, a request. Do you have any tools that came from the Blacksmith Shop, or items that may have been made there? Are they gathering dust in a garage or barn, or rusting in a field? We would love to have them returned for display purposes. We would be willing to buy them back as funds become available.

Please give either of us a call: Lynann, (613-384-5027); Elizabeth, (416-922-9664)

1851 AMHERST ISLAND CENSUS AVAILABLE

- Lynann Whitton

Did you know that in 1851 there were 1300 residents living on Amherst Island? The 1851 census is now 'on-line' in pdf format – for all to see. I came across this recently and found it fascinating – names, occupations, birthdates, religion, and origin of every person on the Island in 1851 – all at the click of a button. The web link is a rather long one, but I'd be happy to send it to you – just email me at lynann@physics.queensu.ca

Please put "1851 census" in the subject line so I don't think your message is a virus and delete it.

CONDITIONS ON AMHERST ISLAND FIFTY YEARS AGO VASTLY DIFFERENT FROM TODAY

From The Kingston Whig-Standard, 1929
- submitted by Barbara Filson

Stella, Jan. 22.-In the columns of the press a few months ago mention was made of building some sort of memorial at Emerald, Amherst Island, where the old battery stood, at the extreme upper end of the island overlooking the western gap on the Morrow farm. The attention of those interested might be drawn to the fact that a similar battery was constructed at the foot of the island overlooking the lower gap and located on the Benjamin Wemp farm. Both having decayed and passed away, the events of 1866-70 being practically forgotten by present day residents.

When the 48th Battalion, made up of Amherst Island's best, was ready for the call to duty by their commanding officers those were exciting times for the people of the community for everyone was filled with dread by the Fenian Raids of 1866-1870. Only two of the members of the old 48th remain living to tell tales of sixty years ago. Another place of historical interest is the "Cairn" erected on the farm now occupied by James Strain, which may be seen quite clearly from the highway. It is built of "hard heads" to a considerable height with a cross on the point and still remarkably preserved and standing in memory of the British Empire Loyalists buried nearby.

Shipbuilding used to be carried on to a considerable extent with two ship and repair yards to the island's credit. One was located in Stella harbour on what is now the property of Mr. S. G. Sutherland, where several lake type sailing vessels were constructed and the other yard was at the foot of the island in what is known as Sand Bay. Here much repair work was accomplished. Both yards were under the supervision for years of David Tait and his son, experienced shipbuilders of the old school. Many men were employed in the two yards in the construction of "three old windjammers" Fifty years ago Amherst Island became, with other places, famous for its barley growing. Two-thirds of the acreage at the time was sown to barley. The plant flourished and



the yield was excellent for a number of years. It was nearly all exported to the United States, being carried in the sailing vessels. The sum of \$1.00 per bushel could be quite easily obtained at that time for good quality barley, and opposition buyers made the market quite smart. Two receiving warehouses were located then at the village. The late Thomas Polley bought for James Richardson and Sons, Kingston, and the late James S. Neilson bought for Downey Bros, then exclusive grain and coal dealers of Napanee.

Adequate information is not at hand to give the readers an idea of the amount of grain shipped from the two above-mentioned warehouses at that time, but in 1883 when barley had declined considerably, both in quantity and price, the amount taken in at the Neilson warehouse alone was 35,373 bushels, the price being 60c. Together with the small quantity of other grains the total amount received at the warehouse was 40,404 bushels. In 1891, which seems to have been a rather favourable season, the total amount of grain handled was 53,902 bushels, valued at \$32,302. Grain in those days was grown and marketed and today it's fed to stock and the return is received indirectly through cheese, cream, hogs, etc.

The log houses and barns have given way to large and more modern frame, stone and brick ones today. House dances were very much in evidence in the olden days, being held often, and a fiddler and caller were all the orchestra that was desired. And I might say that Government control was not in vogue then, there being three or four saloons and such well known hostels as the Tichborne House and the Marksman's Inn, where the pedestrian could quench his thirst and then have a step in the ball room of the latter named if he desired. But those days are gone. Amherst Island is dwelling in a new era with the coming of the telephone, rural [something and the rest of the article is lost to the ravages of time].

THE BLACKSMITHS OF AMHERST ISLAND

- Lynann Whitton & Elizabeth Barr

Up until only a few decades ago, the blacksmiths were a crucial and integral part of every community. They made the wheels, runners and iron connections for buggies and sleighs, shod the horses and produced much of the equipment for farming. They also made many components for sailing ships and factories. When we purchased the old W. Brown and Sons Blacksmith Shop in Stella, we began researching the blacksmiths who had worked on the Island over the years.

We expected to find three or four names. How wrong we were – so far we are up to 13 and still counting! Below is a list, likely not complete, of the blacksmiths who worked on the Island according to census rolls and Township tax assessment listings. There are likely more names before 1851 but we haven't yet located these records.

1851: William Murray (b. Ireland 1816) Presbyterian; James Johnson (b. Ireland 1829) Presbyterian

1857: James Dulmage; Barnabas Wemp

1866: William Wemp (b. 1848) later listed as a farmer; George Cunningham, (b. 1841)

1868-1875: George Henderson (b. 1838) Methodist; Richard Walpole (b. 1845 in Kingston, married Islander)

1875: John Russell (b. 1828)

1886-1892: John Clyde (Emerald Blacksmith shop)

1875-1911: John George Brown (b. Stella 1948) originally listed as Presbyterian, later Methodist, residence Stella

1881-1911: Sidney Pringle (b. 1857) Methodist. Later also served as the Island undertaker.

1911-1971: Wesley Brown (b. 1885, son of John) Methodist

As you can see from the list above, up until 1875 our Island blacksmiths were a transient lot, many quite young (in their 20s) who seemed to arrive and then leave a few years later.

It wasn't until around the 1870's when John Brown and Sidney Pringle, both Island sons, started in the craft, that the Island Blacksmithing lines were begun.

Sidney Pringle was born in Stella in 1857 to Osgood and Katherine Pringle. He took up blacksmithing in 1881; his shop was across from Neilson's store (near where Ted Wemp lives now) from 1881 until around 1915. He was also the Island undertaker in his later years. He died in 1927, and his shop has now disappeared.

John Brown was born on the Island in 1848 to Thomas Langworthy Brown, originally from New York, and Mary Ann McGinnis, an Island girl. His was of a farming family, but he began a blacksmithing career in 1875 when he was 26 years old. His blacksmith shop was, and still is, located at the 4-corners in Stella. His eldest son Wesley was born in 1885, and in 1911 Wes continued the family tradition by becoming a blacksmith himself.

What is now known as the "W. Brown and Sons" Blacksmith Shop was used as a blacksmith shop until 1971. It stayed in the ownership of the Brown family for 131 years until it was sold this summer (2006).

There was also a third blacksmith shop on the Island at one

time – located at Emerald on the north side of the T-intersection. This shop can be seen on the 1878 map of the Island (if you use a magnifying glass!), and from 1886-1892 it was operated by John Clyde, according to an Ontario Business directory of the time. We couldn't find any further information about this shop, which seems to have disappeared around the turn of the century. Finally, we have also been told that some farmers had their own, smaller blacksmith operations – for example Earnest Fleming worked his own forge.

A further interesting note about our Island blacksmiths is a Methodist connection. Nearly all Islanders were either Presbyterian or Church of England, with a few Catholics. In 1878 there were 2 Churches of England, a Presbyterian, and a Catholic Church on the Island. There was no Island Methodist church (although there was one in Hay Bay) and only very few Island Methodists. But Sidney Pringle, George Henderson, and John Brown were all Methodists – in fact John Brown was originally a Presbyterian but later converted to the Methodist faith.

After we clean up and repair the Brown Blacksmith Shop we hope to be able to open it as a museum. We would like to include a display that can provide visitors with information about the Island blacksmith history. Do you have any information about the blacksmiths listed above or their family connections? We would love to hear your stories and information, and if you have any related items, we would be happy to be able to borrow them.



Photos provided
by Lynanne
Whitton

DANIEL FOWLER EXHIBITION

"An Artist After All"

-Judith Harrower

On Sunday, September 10 the opening ceremony was held at the Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Queen's University for the latest exhibition of Mr. Fowler's Canadian paintings, which of course included many Island scenes.

Many of Mr. Fowler's descendants were present, including Mrs. Anna Hitchins, her daughter, Roberta, with her daughters and grandchildren, Mrs. Hitchin's sons, Art and Ross and his wife Aida were also in attendance. Other descendants not from the Island were there including great-granddaughters of Daniel Fowler: Ms. Claire Francis and Leslie Turpin. Many Island residents attended and children were treated to an art workshop where the children were able to use a variety of art mediums.

The main address was given by Dr. B. Osbourne, past president of the Ontario Historical Society and Mrs. D. Farr, curator and organizer of this exhibition also spoke.

The exhibition continues until December 3, 2006 and it is hoped that other Island residents will enjoy the numerous paintings on loan from the national gallery of Canada, Ottawa, The Ontario Art Gallery, Toronto and from many private owners. Mr. Fowler is the Island's most celebrated artist and this is a great opportunity to view this wide selection of subjects.

Below Left to Right: Brian Osbourne, Dorothy Farr (curator), and Leslie Turpin.



Photos courtesy of Judith Harrower



Top to bottom: Leslie Turpin and Anna Hitchins Discuss the Exhibition Catalogue; Daniel Fowler's great-great grandson shows off his artwork; Opening Ceremonies; Left to Right: Roberta, Ross and Arthur Hitchins - Descendants of Daniel Fowler; Matthew, Muressa, and Muranda Fabian-Robinson with their artwork from the opening of the Daniel Fowler Art Exhibition;

4H Fall Harvest Fest



Photos provided by Brian Little

Clockwise from top left: Barb Reid, A crowd of people turned up to take part in festivities, Melinda Laing showing horse to judge, Zander Dunn and Adam Miller chatting by the hay, Brooke Reid showing a calf, Eric Welbanks with grandson Jack, Daniel Little showing a horse, Kids learning how to spin wool.

THE REAL TRUTH

- Zander of DUNN INN

In the April 2006 issue of the Beacon I wrote about being slowly poisoned by MSG in so many prepared foods. I urged readers to avoid products with MSG.

In response Inka Brockhausen, a microbiologist as well as a concert pianist, wrote to correct me in a diplomatic and gentle way.

She pointed out that MSG is naturally in all our food. MSG, another word for glutamate, is in all our body proteins. MSG is not in itself a poison, any more than water or salt are poisons.

She argued that if MSG is added to some of our foods to enhance the flavour and increase our appetites that might be a good thing if it leads us to eat more nutritional food. The glutamate of MSG can also be used to increase energy - another good thing. Glutamate receptors in our nervous systems function as part of the communication system for our bodies' nerve cells.

Inka could not agree that MSG is a poison. Although some studies in rats and mice indicate that large amounts of MSG can have adverse affects, the various clinical tests, trials and experiments on humans have not established that MSG causes diseases and problems. Many recent scientific studies have shown MSG is not the villain in humans that it is in rats and mice. The stories we have read about people getting sick with asthma, diabetes, migraine headaches, obesity etc. cannot be blamed upon MSG.

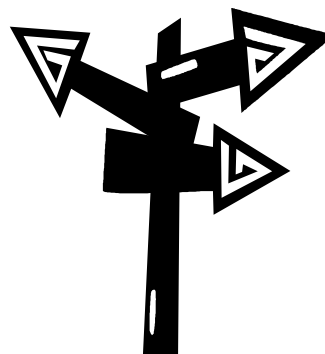
Inka did concede that MSG, like any other natural and good thing, including water, salt and air, when taken to excess, could be bad for you. She also agreed that we should think about what we eat because we are what we eat.

But Inka felt that "What we really do need to worry about is the growing threat by a multitude of pathogenic microbes that may wipe us out in a very short time period, due to the inability of our immune system to deal with them."

I'm too scared to ask Inka what some of those microbes might be. But I thank Inka for educating me about MSG. I'm now less concerned about MSG but I will continue to read the labels on the processed food we buy and try to avoid those foods with too many additives. I continue to believe "natural" is best and that Nance's good cooking of our home-grown fruits and vegetables is probably the right prescription to keep me healthy.

Having said all that, Inka's kind and detailed response (complete with a Model of Glutamate Receptor at Synapses) to my article told me several things beyond the issue at hand. First, it showed people read The Beacon. Second, they take seriously what is printed. Third, they care enough to correct false assumptions and to respond to the points presented. Fourth, out of all that, comes a better or the real truth. Fifth, Inka and I remain good friends and I am grateful for her input.

I wish such a process could apply in every confrontation - even in churches. We would all benefit if we shared our concerns openly and just as openly accepted correction. In that way we would get closer to the truth. And best of all, if we could respect one another and remain friends, even when we've been turned around, our planet might be a safer place in which to live, even with an excess of MSG and those pesky pathogenic microbes.



HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

Congratulations to the Royal Bank's Bath Branch on its 100th Anniversary. It doesn't seem that long ago that one could do banking in Stella.

Every once in a while I get to Bath and make a Beacon deposit. The new building is very nice and the staff have always been friendly and helpful.

I always find the Hieatts' real estate letter interesting because it gives an overview of what is happening with Island properties. This past summer 10 Island properties sold: "one in the Village, one water front lot, one in the centre of the Island, one water view home, and six waterfront homes."

"There is clearly a demand for Island properties. We seem to be in a period where sellers are being reasonable about prices, and where buyers are ready to buy and are ready to pay reasonable prices."

Welcome to the Island folks. For those of you who wish to become a part of a pretty good community, there is lots of opportunity to do so as there are several thriving groups that are open to new members: 3 churches, the Women's Institute, Amherst Island Men's Society, and so on.

If you wish to be left alone, that's not a problem: don't wave to your neighbours, don't buy anything at the store, silently hand your ticket to the purser, don't listen to CJAI, don't read the Beacon and so on. The rest of us will still give you a hand if we know that you need it - very few Islanders will drive by someone stuck in a ditch.

One of my hobbies is hunting and gathering mushrooms. I am well aware that there are some seriously poisonous mushrooms so I am pretty careful. The 3 varieties that I gather are: dryads which grow on trees - particularly dead elms around here; parasols which can be under trees or in the open; and, field mushrooms, the country cousins of the common grocery store mushroom.

I have had considerable difficulty identifying some other mushrooms using the beautiful "Field Guide to Mushrooms" by the National Audubon Society. So, if there is anyone on the Island who has mushroom knowledge - and access to a microscope - I'd love to learn more.

I have shown several people how to identify the 3 varieties that I eat and feed to my family and friends. If you have a mushroom that you think may be one of the 3, give me a call.



- Lynn Fleming

Well the new school year is off to a smooth, but busy start. We have managed to keep our student population status quo (30) and keep our fingers crossed that new School Board budget cuts won't affect our school.

There are no Junior Kindergarten students this year & 5 Sr. Kindergarten; The Primary Class consists of 3 grade ones, 2 grade twos, 5 grade threes and 3 grade fours.

In the Senior class there are 4 grade fives, 2 grade sixes, 2 grade sevens and 4 grade eights. Jen VanDyke continues as the Senior class (gr. 5-8) teacher as well as taking on the position of Head Teacher.

New to Amherst Island P.S. this year is Shawn Broome who takes over the Primary/Kindergarten Class (JK-gr. 4) this year. Shawn is an avid bicyclist who has cycled across most of Canada, raising money for the Limestone Learning Foundation, for literacy projects.

Stephanie Raeburn-Gibson (.75 time) returns as A.I.P.S. Science teacher & planning time teacher, as well she runs the Amherst Island Science School, which hosts many classes from mainland schools in the Limestone School Board.

Janet Scott (.50 time) is back as well as planning/resource teacher. Donna Willard continues as the Kindergarten & student/teacher support Educational Assistant. Our casual E.A., Jean West, has returned in the area of student support as well.

Anne Potter continues as Principal, and we welcome a new Vice-Principal, David Coe to A.I.P.S. One of Mr. Coe's first jobs was on the Fleming farm when he was a teenager and is happy to be back working on the Island.

Finally, Lynn Fleming also continues in her position as school secretary. Students have been busy getting back into the school routine (and daily homework!), as well as raising money for the annual Terry Fox Run and Cross Country training (gr. 3-8).

An Open House/Meet the Teachers evening was held for students and their families, following a family BBQ earlier in September.



Mr. Broome

Photo by Brian Little

A huge thank you to Sandra, Tessa and Roxanne, who have taken over the job of lunchroom/yard supervision.

A.I.P.S. would like to thank community individuals and groups that have donated time, materials or money in the past. If you have a special talent or experience that you would like to share with our students, or are available to volunteer in some way, please give Lynn a call at the school (389-4582)

While we have not heard much from Mr. Cotton, we understand that he is doing great at his new school (Central P.S.) in Kingston and wish him well.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Claire Jenney

Fifteen women were present at the Sept. 20th meeting of the Women's

Institute held at the home of Erika Krauklis.

Brian Little, our guest speaker, was entertaining and informative as with the use of photographs he described the top ten tips (plus one!) of photography. He shared with us his prize-winning shot of his son, Daniel, at the Lincoln Memorial which was featured on the Kodak advertising board in Times Square. There were many questions for Brian which were answered over a delicious lunch served by Nancy Henshaw and Marilyn Pilon.

President Jackie Sylvester called the Business Meeting to order and we began with the Ode, Collect and O Canada. Secretary Nancy Henshaw read the minutes of the last meeting and Treasurer Stephanie Boissonneault gave her report.

Jackie, on behalf of WI, presented our departing member Nancy Henshaw with a copy of the Daniel Fowler catalog from the art show presently on view at the Agnes Etherington Art Centre in Kingston. We will all miss Nancy's cheerful manner and her dedication to W.I.

Joyce Haines reported that the Stone Fence project continues to be successful.

Tom Richmond has generously volunteered his help with the 2007 calendar. A committee has been struck to begin work on this project.

Joyce Haines will co-ordinate the committee meetings for the Seniors' Christmas party. Stella O'Byrne and Diane Hieatt have volunteered to roast two turkeys.

Marian Glenn sent get-well cards to Susie Caughey, Eleanor Trueman, Alan Glenn and Freda Youell. A thank-you will be sent to Bruce Burnett and Ross Haines for repairing the market umbrella.

A proposal was made to publish a new phone directory to be launched in the spring.

Women's Institute will provide refreshments for the AI Museum's fundraising concert starring the Abrams' Brothers on October 29th at St. Paul's.

There is an annual Area meeting on October 17th in Harrowsmith. Joyce Haines will represent us and will take any other members wishing to go.

A proposal was made to once again fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at 7 pm on October 18th at St. Paul's. Guest speaker will be Peter Coffman, photographer, and the title of his talk is "An Odyssey - Camino de Santiago". This fascinating account of a pilgrimage in Spain is open to the public—we hope to see you there!

The meeting was adjourned with God Save the Queen.



JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

What a difference a day makes!

As the storms on the eastern seaboard abate and the weather clears to the south our fall migrants gather to begin their flight across Lake Ontario and on to winter feeding grounds. You will notice Monarchs flitting around treetops on the south shore and Robins and Flickers flocking in feeding frenzies. Fall migration is upon us!

On the evening of September 23rd I returned home by the Marshall Forty Foot. Every puddle had feeding Woodcock along the margins. They kept lifting as I drew slowly nearer, would circle and land in the headlights again. These birds feed on insects and worms that they find in silt by probing with long, well-adapted beaks. The next evening there was not a sign of them; they had moved on! The Woodcock winters on mud flats on the Gulf of Mexico. It's smaller and similar cousin, the Snipe will stay around until even December. You've probably seen this fellow in spring sitting and strutting his stuff on a fence post by Lance Eves' home or along the lower Forty Foot. We have once in awhile counted a Snipe on the Christmas Bird Count. Snipe spend their winters in Southern United States, Mexico and the islands of the Caribbean.

The Flickers can be seen on every lawn and in bushes along the South Shore Road as they gather in flocks. In the north and eastern parts of North America the Yellow-shafted race is the species we are seeing. Both sexes show a flash of white as they take off and yellow under the wings. The male sports a black moustache but females as well have red on the backs of their gray heads. They also will be heading for warmer wintering areas as far south as Mexico. By October 27th almost all of our Flickers will have gone.

My Grandson Cameron really likes the name Phoebe and keeps rolling it around on his tongue as he learns new words each and every day. Phobes are efficient little flycatchers, only 7 inches in length. You'll see them on the sunny side of the house (that's where the flies hang out) on crisp autumn days and they frequent a favourite perch, so return to the clothesline or railing after each fly catching flight. Cameron's first comment

after his nap was, "Where's the Phoebe?" because all morning it had been so constant on the clothesline. Our Phobes will probably all have departed by October 21st and on to new fly catching adventures in Florida or Mexico.

As October takes most of our species away on their long flights south, don't

forget that the jet stream also delivers Saw-whet Owls around October 6th. If we have voles the owls will stay, if feeding is scarce they will leave. Watch for Snowy Owls in early November and Rough-legged Hawks in October. Our feathered friends are on the move with ever a changing tapestry of sound and colour!
Good Birding.

Neilson Cousins



Photo Terry Culbert

Kaye (Neilson) Moeller on the left, from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and her first cousin Ann (Neilson) Large of Brampton, chat with museum guide Laurel Brady on their recent visit to Amherst Island. When Kaye's father Fred and Ann's father Rod ran the Neilson General Store, the cousins lived beside each other opposite the store.

- Hugh
Jenney

There were
24 members
at today's
meeting.

Our
president,
with the aid
of his family
and Caroline

Yull and Fae, produced his famous
campers' delight after learning that the
scheduled providers could not
accommodate us. Many thanks, Brian,
for a full and hearty breakfast.

We need a few more volunteers for our
October 15 BBQ at Lauret's. Ross has a
famous potato salad and he has
volunteered to be on the bar. Brian will
do the invitations. Only the grill needs
help.

This party is to reward the First
Response Team and the Fire department
members and their families for looking
after us all so well. AIMS families too. 1
AM lunch til 4 PM. Paul has a
horseshoe pit, ring toss game and bocce
ball games. Fun for the whole family.

Tom Ivison is organizing a Brew Pub
night for the men. \$40 buys a full course
meal with each recipe using beer,
samples to taste and maybe a tour. Dick
Shurtleffe has volunteered to drive the
school bus which costs \$50 which may
bring the full price up to \$45.00. Date to
be arranged sometime in November.

Dickens Reading night will be
December 8 at 7 PM. Peter Trueman has
a positive reply from J. C. Kenney and
Brian will confirm the rest.

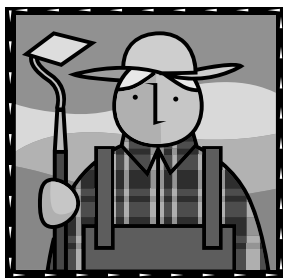
John Munro et al are making
arrangements for the New Year's Dinner
& Dance. The band has been hired.

February or March sledding party at
Lauret's.

Possible June or July Island Blooms
Garden Competition is being looked into
by Dayle Gowan and his consultant
Doug Green.

Studio Tour by Terry Culbert and Peter
Large is being contemplated.

AIMS Website is up and running
thanks to Wayne Gulden, Ross Haines
and Peter Trueman. Members are
encouraged to familiarize themselves



with it because it can become a very useful
communications tool.

Terry Culbert announced that the AI Radio
website is easily accessible by just typing in
the words Amherst Island Radio - try it and
see.

Our new executive: PP, Alan Kidd;
President, Brian Little; VP, Dayle Gowan;
Treasurer, Paul Lauret; Secretary, Hugh
Jenney; Members at large, Dave Hieatt and
Donald (Woody) Woodiwiss.

Request from Judith Harrower for help
restoring the roof of the shed in the Pentland
Cemetery. Volunteers please contact Marc
Raymond 389-0677.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Donald (Woody)
Woodiwiss

Woody introduced himself as a builder of
custom and historical homes with three of
five years of Carlton University's
Architectural Degree under his belt.

Thanks to Alan Kidd's computer expertise,
Woody was able to show us his fine work on
the Police Memorial Pavilion on Parliament
Hill. He lived in Perth and worked on custom
and historical homes for twenty years. He
met Judy in Perth. In 1992 he decided to take

a break and buy a boat and sail to the
Bahamas. He was 35 at the time with no
children to worry about. The boat was
his baby. They loved the lifestyle of
hanging out at anchorages in Guatemala
and Belize. They can live on fresh
fruits, meat and vegetables for only
\$100/wk US. It hits 99 F in April so he
hires locals at \$1/hr and only works for
a couple of hours in the morning.
Woody's pictures of Tecal and the
locals (must pay for pictures) were
nearly as good as Brian's.

Transportation down there is
provided by diesel vans which charge
about a dollar to go from village to
village.

Woody is working here on the Island
and gets paid by the hour so he doesn't
mind teaching his employer how to help
out and keep the price down. His
business is called "Design By You" as
he loves to work with his employer to
get exactly what his customer wants.

A very interesting question period
followed and then we adjourned on a
motion by Don Pepper.



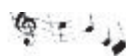
Photo Terry Culbert
*Retired Frontenac II Captain Lloyd Wolfreys examines one of his ten
foot high 'Giant Sunflowers' in the garden of his Front Road Home.*



Russell Braun, Norine Burgess



Russell Braun



Mark Dubois, Elizabeth Beeler



Amanda Forsyth

WATER SIDE

SUMMER SERIES



Amanda Forsyth & Jean Desmarais
in front of St. Paul's



Amanda Forsyth



Amanda Forsyth



Mark Dubois, Elizabeth Beeler



Mark Haines, Tom Leighton



St. Paul's Concert Stage



The Gryphon Trio

Amherst Island's Waterside – Behind the Scenes

Two of the people behind Waterside's artistic success are our neighbours!

Bev Harris

Bev's background in music is both piano and voice. She earned an Associateship in piano and achieved grade 10 in voice from the Royal Conservatory in Toronto. She was a church soloist for five years and for 30 years taught piano in her own studio, both in Toronto and Oakville.

When Bev and Bill came to Amherst Island in 2001 she immediately became involved with the choir of St. Paul's, and later with Waterside as the "ticket person". Bev became Music Director two years ago and is excited by her present job which gives her the opportunity of collaborating with many famous musicians. She is proud to bring the best performers to Waterside, and is pleased that the audience is also enthusiastic.

Bev will continue to attract to Amherst Island Canadian classical musicians who perform internationally, as well as a wide variety of non-classical musicians. Offering a few days on the island for rest and relaxation is a big draw for busy performers. Last summer Russell Braun and his wife Carolyn Maule brought their two sons with them and stayed at The Lodge for three days. Bev believes that extended stays will increase in future.



Bev Harris



Eric Friesen

Eric Friesen

Eric began his music career in Altona, Manitoba where as a boy he took piano lessons and sang in the church choir. Eric's radio career started at 16 when he did a night shift at the local station. He joined CBC in 1972 and worked with them in Ottawa, Winnipeg and Toronto before moving to St. Paul, Minnesota with American Public Radio. He returned to the CBC in 1997 and presently hosts *Studio Sparks* from Ottawa.

Eric and his wife Susan moved to the Island in 2000. For Susan it is where she works as a painter; for Eric it is his "great escape" from the hectic life of broadcasting.

Eric first became involved with Waterside when he hosted Anton Kuerti and his wife on the Island in the summer of 2003. This concert was Waterside's first sell-out at St. Paul's. Since then he has helped Beverley whenever asked, for instance when she was interested in inviting his friend Russell Braun to perform on the Island. He and Beverley frequently exchange information on performers. Eric was very pleased with the quality of Waterside concerts this past season, mentioning Amherst Island on "coast to coast radio" (CBC Two) when he interviewed The Gryphon Trio. Last season at St. Paul's he taped *Studio Sparks on Amherst Island* for a future CBC Two broadcast.



Russell Braun, Norine Burgess



\$1,500 GIFT TO CJAI

-Terry Culbert /
Station Manager

CJAI has entered month seven of 24-hours a day broadcasting.

During the week of September 4th,

I received a telephone call from Loyalist Township Councilor and Amherst Island representative Duncan Ashley, requesting a small delegation of CJAI staff to attend a cheque presentation at the September 11th council meeting. Mr. Ashley informed me that Amherst Island Public Radio had been chosen as a worthy recipient of a donation amounting to \$1,500.

On Monday, September the 11th, Tom Richmond, CEO and Operations Manager of CJAI, along with Rosemary Richmond, assistant Station Manager and I, were presented with a cheque of \$1,500 from Ted Posadowski, owner of Amherstview IGA grocery store. During the past twelve years, Mr. Posadowski has donated over \$35,000 to the community from the proceeds of his Amherstview IGA Golf Tournaments. On hand to greet us at Council Chamber was Reeve Clayton McEwen and Councilor Duncan Ashley. A huge thanks to not only Mr. Posadowski, but to Reeve McEwen and Councilor Ashley for placing 93.7 FM on the list as a potential recipient of this gift. The \$1,500 takes us half way to achieving our goal to boost power from 5-watts to 150-watts, which we hope will take place within the next year.

The September 9th, second Annual CJAI Lamb and Pig Roast, held at The Amherst Island Lodge, was a great success. Islanders once again showed what great cooks and bakers they are. The Prince Edward County barbeque team of Harley and Karen Guernsey cooked the lamb and pork to perfection and Islander Ross Haines was a great help to the Guernseys, lending a hand slicing the meat. As the drizzle subsided in the late afternoon, people were able to eat out of doors. Many avid listeners enjoyed the musical concert performed inside the lodge. The non-stop show began with CJAI's own bluegrass DJ Ellis Wolfreys and friends including Gord Struthers, his daughter Sherry and son Dwayne Maillie. Angie



Nussey, a Barrie-based contemporary singer-songwriter and Jason Fowler, a contemporary acoustic singer-songwriter from Toronto rounded out an afternoon of marvelous musical talent. Jason Fowler is a regular on-the-road-tour player with John McDermott. What fabulous entertainment, great food and great company and all in support of our own community radio station.

The "Breakfast from the Barn Show" went to the International Plowing Match in Keene, near Peterborough. Brian Little and I, co-hosts of "The Friday Morning Show", had a great time wandering through mucky streets of the tent city, taping the show for Adam Miller's Wednesday, September 20th programme.

When "The Friday Morning Show" hosts put out a request for phone calls from those listening on the Internet, they were delighted to receive their first call from Vancouver. It was Terry's sister Mary Jane Culbert. Taking the time difference into account, Mary Jane got up at 3am to catch the 6am show live from Amherst Island. The following week, Brian's sister Robin Little called into CJAI from her home in Montreal. Both listeners, albeit the co-hosts' sisters, will receive autographed pictures of their favourite radio personalities.

If you are unable to receive 93.7 FM, simply google on your computer: "amherst island radio", which will take you to our website. Click on the word 'listen' and you

have us live in your home anywhere in the world. "The Cat Show" with Cathy Christmas leads the number of internet listeners at any one time. Cathy's rock and roll show, heard Friday evenings between 7 and 10pm, had a total of ten hits.

CJAI and Michael Joll, writer-director of the radio drama 'For Valour', are still searching for talent. If you are interested in auditioning your voice for a part in this play, call Michael Joll at (613) 634-8213 or me at (613) 634-8217. The play is scheduled to be broadcast during the week leading up to Remembrance Day.

Melissa Kaestner, General Manager of the National Campus and Community Radio Association spoke to CJAI Directors and members of the programme committee on September 9th. Ms. Kaestner, from Ottawa, discussed the importance of community radio in Canada and how Amherst Island Public Radio fits in.

Amherst Island Public Radio is always looking for volunteers and ideas for new programming. If you have any comments about what is broadcast over your station, please drop us a note at "CJAI, Stella, Ontario, K0H 2S0". It is difficult to gauge how many listeners we have at this point. For the station to improve and evolve, we need your feedback.

Thanks for listening!



Photo by Brian Little

Ted Posadowski, owner of Amherstview IGA, presents a cheque for \$1500 to CJAI's Tom Richmond as Rosemary Richmond and Terry Culbert look on.



Brian Little learned the art of milking a cow in Adam and Barb Miller's barn while recording a "Breakfast from the Barn" show.



Dairyman Adam Miller, host of 'Breakfast from the Barn', stands with one of his purebred Holstein cattle in his Third Concession dairy barn.



*Photo by Brian Little
Terry Culbert interviews a group of cowgirls at the International Plowing Match near Keene, Ontario. Terry and Brian Little recorded a complete 'Breakfast from the Barn' show at the Match.*

Middle Left: Doug Green, 93.7 FM's expert gardener, at work in his own Front Road garden., Bottom Left: Cathy Christmas crosses the North Channel every Friday night to produce and host her CAT SHOW live from the milk house studio.

Unless otherwise noted, all photos by Terry Culbert



Terry Fox Cheer!!



Our little school of only 30 students was able to raise \$1,526.00 which is amazing for a school this size. Not only is it a testament to the students' efforts but also for the residents of Amherst Island who are constantly asked to donate and never disappoint. That's almost \$4.00 per resident of the island. Imagine if the rest of Canada was as generous as our Island community? They would raise over \$120,000,000.00 in just one day for Cancer research. Wouldn't Terry be proud?

AIR Programming Schedule



Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thurs.	Friday	Saturday
6 am N		Breakfast	from the	Barn with	Adam	Terry &	Canadian
7	Canadian	"	"	"	"	Brian's	Content
8	Classical	"	"	"	"	Friday	Weekend
9 N	Can Jazz	Canadian	Only?	Folk	Music	Mornings	from 10pm
10	Best of the	"	"	"	"	"	SAT AM
11	Barn	"	"	"	"	"	SHOW
12 Noon	Can Folk	Jazz	From	Jim's	Hard	Shows?	Canadian
1pm	"	"	"	SAT	"	"	"
	Old Time Radio	Old Time	Old Time	AM show	"	"	"
	shows	Radio	Radio	(repeat)	Old Time	Old Time	"
	shows	shows	shows	"	Radio	Radio	"
2	Can Folk	Bluegrass	Country	Ellie's live	Country	Country	Weekend
	"	"	Crazy?	Bluegrass	Classics	Crazy	"
3 N	Can Folk	CELEST	with Dave?	show	with Dave?	with Dave?	from 10pm
	& Melrose	"	"	show	Classics	Crazy	"
	"	"	"	"	with Dave?	with Dave?	"
4	"	Canadian	and	International	Folk	Melrose	"
5	Live	"	"	"	"	"	Live
6 N	Concert	6:30	6:30	6:30	6:30	6:30	Concert Show
	(Repeat)	Book	Book	Book	Book	Book	"
	Show	reading	reading	reading	reading	reading	"
7	(Special Show	BEST of	BEST of	BEST of	BEST of	CATS	(Special Show
	80's-90's full on	the Barn	the Barn	the Barn	the Barn	"	80's-90's full on
	after shorter	"	"	"	"	"	after shorter
8	Chill	Uncle	Barry's	Blues	Show	SHOW	Canadian Run?
9	Show	"	"	CATS	"	"	R&B BAND
10	"	RADIO	RADIO	SHOW	RADIO	Kyles	Show
	"	MOO	MOO	"	MOO	Show	"
11	RADIO MOO	Canadian	Canadian	(repeat)	Canadian	"Load and	"Load and
	Canadian	Post-	Post-	"	Post-	Laundry"	Laundry"
	Post-Modern	modern!	modern!	"	modern!	"	"
	Nites	"	"	"	"	"	"
12 mid to	Radio	Also	Post	Modern	International	Nights	Show
5:30AM	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

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N = News at 6, 9, 12, 3, 4

Weather is at 15 after each hour

OTHER LETTERS

from Kelley Hineman, Vice President,
Loyalist Environmental Coalition

I would like to thank everyone for the great show held at Sydenham Street United Church, especially Mark Mattson, Gord Downie, Andrea Nann and Tanis Rideout for their heartfelt performances. Mark's speech was a moving and succinct statement about the reality of the existing state of affairs of Ontario's and Canada's Environmental Legislation.

I feel in my heart the issue of environmental awareness and change shall be a major social and political issue in the years to come. As Mark stated, we need to equalise the Environmental Legislation to be similar to the existing Criminal and other Legal processes duly afforded to everyone in this land. It is not enough to just have an informal process to deal with the past sins done to the environment. We must formalise Environmental Legislation by changing the existing legislation. There can be no exceptions to the Law. The Law must be equally just for all; but first and foremost, it must protect the water, air and land in a true legislative and equal way. What is required? A new Environmental Act that puts the emphasis on the Environment in which we live, not the businesses contained therein!

Through all of our efforts, we are taking to the public forum the need for Environmental change. Each day, we are a step closer to this change. Change which starts in the minds of the average citizen, and which develops into Political change which, in turn, evolves into Legislative change. If we continue as a united front to make our voices heard, and if at the same time we offer candidates in the political forum who place the Environment as the main issue of this century, we will bring about this much needed change. The Labour Reform movement and the Civil Rights movement showed that no matter the odds, the people can make a change. This will not be a one year or two year effort, but an effort for this century. Through our thoughts, our actions, and our voices, we shall overcome!

Each and every day our efforts are having an effect on the future. The "Heart of the Lakes Tour", sponsored by Waterkeeper, is a fine example of the awakening of the new Environmental Movement.

WORLDSONGS

- BeccaWhitla

WorldSongs Vocal Camp is all about community singing. It is open to anyone who loves to sing, regardless of musical background. This year's camp took place at the Lodge from August 24-27 and culminated in a concert and sing along at St. Alban's church on Sunday afternoon.

Camp leaders, Alan Gasser, Val Mindel and Moira Smiley drew on music from village singing traditions from around the world, including music from South Africa, the Republic of Georgia, Hungary, Appalachia, the Shape Note tradition, and the African-American tradition. During the retreat, participants lived together, ate together, and sang together for a glorious and unforgettable long weekend of song-raising.

"I believe that everyone's voice deserves to be heard," says Becca Whitla Co-founder and Co-Artistic Director. "Singing together is an important part of the life of any community - it is a vital, vibrant and healing experience. I love giving that opportunity to a group of people who choose to do it intensely over a few days in the beautiful, pastoral setting of Amherst Island. We make ourselves vulnerable by singing together and by presenting ourselves in a performance at the end of the experience. But we also have a lot of fun! As a leader it is exhausting and also richly rewarding. Experienced singers can't wait to dig in their heels and learn a bunch of songs. New singers are often transformed by their time here. I love witnessing that. Whether experienced or new to it, we all sing together as a choir come Sunday afternoon."

Cindy Dymond: "Hello all. Can I add my wholehearted endorsement? WorldSongs is wonderful!"

"To be with others who love to sing as much as I do and to end up with a great group of people singing songs from all over the world, together, in harmony, with such great joy and enthusiasm, after only being together for a few days is a truly uplifting experience. The best vacation in the world!"

"I wish I could do this every week of the year."



Photos provided
by Becca Whitla



AIR Pig & LambRoast



Clockwise from top Left: Betty Wemp and her magnificent pecan pies; Centre: Ross Haines volunteered to help Harley Guernsey carve the lamb and pig; Dwayne Maillie and his sister Sherry Struther; Adam Miller, host of Breakfast from the Barn and Leah Murray, the shows most



frequent guest, look as if they have just discovered the Loch Ness Monster; Right: Harley Guernsey and his wife Karen prepare the succulent meat for the second annual CJAI lamb and pig roast; Below: Dwayne Maillie and his father Gord Struthers join CJAI's Ellis Wolfreys (centre) for some great bluegrass music; Angie Nussey; Jason Fowler; Left: Barry Ludwick (Uncle Barry's Blues) and his old buddy Tom Richmond made sure the audio was perfect for the concert.





Photo provided by Doris Wemp

The photo of Leigh Wemp (above) was taken at Emerald, Amherst Island about year 1955. He was 17 years old. Leigh passed away October 12, 1996.

He is forever in our hearts.

Wife Doris, daughter Valerie, son Herb and his wife Cheryl and the grandchildren Kailey and Adam Wemp

GEORGE LAVERTY.

Died September 7, in his 83rd year.

He was a medical doctor, a psychiatrist, an artist, a musician and a writer.

George Laverty is survived by his wife Sheila, daughter Corinne, daughter-in-law, Andrea Purvis, and 4 grand-children. He was predeceased by his son Terence.

The Laverty family own property at the south end of the Emerald 40 Foot. (Some Islanders remember Terence's bumble bee studies which involved small tents along the Emerald 40 Foot.)

PHYLLIS ELFLEDA MINAKER HENDERSON

Died on September 26, 2 days short of her 74th birthday. She is survived by her husband Albert; 3 daughters, Diane, Lois and Jane; and grandchildren, Sara and Samantha Pollock, Cale and Jesslyn Millen, and Dakota and Sierra Cappelle. She is also survived by her sister Faye Gyde, and brothers Rolland and Ken Minaker.



Albert Henderson and Phyllis Minaker on their wedding day, 40 years ago.



THANK YOU



We would like to thank Islanders for their kindness after the sudden death of our oldest boy, Christopher.

Christopher would have turned 18 this October and he was looking forward to his first year at McMaster University. He grew up with his mother in Ottawa but he was an essential member of our family and a dearly loved big brother. He loved Amherst Island.

We are so grateful for the support and love of our family on the Island: Aunt Helen Caughey, Alan and Bonnie Caughey, Beth and Jack Forester, and Bruce and Susie Caughey.

We deeply appreciate the expressions of support offered to us by so many Islanders.

Stephen, Perry and Elizabeth Barr

ABELATED THANK-YOU

I wish to thank my family, Ted, Faye & Raymond for coming to my assistance so quickly also Dorothy for being there that night when I arrived home, also for helping me out for many days after.

Thanks to the First Response Team for quick arrival and also the ambulance. Sorry to have interfered with the ferry schedule.

Special thanks to all who brought fruit baskets, flowers, goodies, cards, and phone calls and visits. Thanks to Rev. Margaret for her calls.

All are very much appreciated.
Emily Tugwell.

LOST

A large fluffy orange cat. Personal pet. Seeing or finding, please call (613) 634-0999 or (613) 354-3193.

~ CLASSIFIEDS ~

NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS

Mike Walhout, partner in Poplar Dell Holsteins, Third Concession, has been named one of four in Ontario to receive the Ontario Dairy Youth Award from The Ontario Branch of Holstein Canada.

This is the 27th year of the competition, which recognizes young people who are actively involved in the operation of a dairy farm, are optimistic, have shown leadership abilities and have made a contribution to their community and the Holstein breed. Mike is very involved with the L&A Holstein Club, is a Director on the County Milk Committee, is an Island volunteer firefighter, and helps with 4-H in making calves available to Island members.

Mike will receive an all expense paid trip to World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin, in the fall, representing Ontario.

FOR SALE

Hand hewn beams, various lengths – all in good condition – some with nails but useable as mantles. All are clean and some have hewed out notches for previous support posts.

Call 613-384-9435.

If you're interested in wholesale prices of fall bulbs for spring blooming, give Jackie Sylvester a call at 613-389-1320. She has catalogues and price lists and will be co-ordinating a wholesale priced order for fall delivery to the Island. These are better prices than you'll get on the mainland and the bulb selection is quite extensive.

DOORS OF AMHERST ISLAND

The Doors of Amherst Island posters available at the Amherst Island General Store, and Weasel and Easel.

All proceeds go to the restoration of Pentland Cemetery and the Stone Fences on the Island.

Cost is \$20.00, no GST or PST.

Great gifts! If you would like a poster they are available at the General Store, The Lodge and from Judith Harrower 613-384-0435. Also available are Amherst Island brochures, which describe points of interest and historical locations on the Island. Cost is \$2.00, proceeds go to the restoration of Pentland Cemetery.

W.I. ISLAND SIGHTS 2006 CALENDAR

Calendars are \$10.00 each.

Envelopes @ \$1.00 each.

Postage @ \$2.00 each. (Canada)

Make cheques payable to:

Amherst Island Women's Institute.

Send to: 2006 Calendar 14005 Front Road, Stella, ON K0H 2S0

Or contact any W.I. member.

LANDFILL SITE HOURS

Wed 11-2; Sat 10-noon; Sun 2-4.

FERRY OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Wed, Fri: 9-noon & 1-4

Ferry fuel-up days are Tuesday and Friday (be prepared for a delay).

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday 7-9pm, Wed 10-Noon,
Friday 1-3pm.

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For beautiful hand-crafted wrought iron gates, fences, handrails, fire pits, garden arches and many other items for your home and garden, visit "Camino and Victoria Cuyler's website at www.prcironworks.ca Custom work also done to order.

Paul Cuyler (Blacksmith) and Victoria Cuyler (metalworker) are the artisans helping to bring the Stella blacksmith shop back to life. They have a small blacksmith/metal cutting operation in Newtonville (near Port Hope).

WANTED

TO BUY a second hand floor lamp. Prefer bi-or tri-light. Call Sally. 613-389-3802

Does anyone do furniture appraisals on the Island or do you know someone who will come to the Island to appraise old furniture please? I have three bedroom dressers and a night table which I want appraised. Phone: 613 384-6535

SPCA

I am collecting the following for the Napanee S.P.C.A. Any kind of used stamps. A&P tapes, Canadian Tire Money. Used towels, etc, and cleaning supplies. Cat and dog food. Knitted squares & material placemats. (The latter provide comfort to cats and dogs in cages.) The "Cat's Meow" thrift store is always grateful for used clean clothing and paperback books. Any of the above may be left in my porch or call me regarding any other items. The animals really do need our help. Freda 613-384-4135

FOR RENT

HOUSE FOR RENT:

Year-round, by the week, weekend or month on the North Shore.

Call Cherry 613-634-1212

COTTAGE

Three bedroom cottage for rent on north shore, sleeps ten. Paddle boat, canoe, bikes and swimming raft. Reasonable rates. Contact Carolyn (905) 729-3259 or cgreen@look.ca

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Private waterfront, last house on the north-east shore of Amherst Island with spectacular view. Belgian horse-drawn carriage or wagon rides also available.

Contact Susan & Garry Filson
2 Front Road, Stella.

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NORTH SHORE COTTAGE

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Lodging rooms and Rental available for special occasions. Call: (866) 552-3535 www.amherstisland.on.ca/thelodge also, 1 & 2 Bedroom COTTAGES on Stella Point. By the week or weekend, April - October. (Phone Numbers Above).



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Home cooked food...

- Pork, Lamb and Beef Sausages on Sourdough Garlic and Cheese Buns
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- Our Special Cheesecake...and Neil's Key Lime Pie!

Open Year Round

From Noon to 6pm. Wednesday through Sunday

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For reservation call Bernice or Neil - 613-389-5389

5545 Front Road, Amherst Island

NEWS From the GENERAL STORE

Our delivery day (Saturday) has changed a bit. Orders will be arriving at 10 a.m. If you would like to order groceries or newspapers etc from Foodtown, please have your order in by 4 p.m. on Friday.

FALL AND WINTER HOURS

Monday – Friday: 9 - 5 p.m. (closed 11:30am to 2:30pm)

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We have home made pies for sale. \$13.00. Just bake and serve.

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This practice deepens our connection to the richness of the present moment and develops concentration, insight and compassion.

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Osteopathy treats the whole person not just the areas of the body causing symptoms. It enables the body to heal itself by releasing the painful holding patterns and improving circulation. This gentle manual therapy will improve your health.

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Professional hair care in your home offering cuts, perms and colours. Over 20 years experience.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

THE NEILSON STORE MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTRE brings you The Abrams Brothers

at St. Paul's Church

Sunday, October 29th at 3:15 PM

Tickets are \$15

Contact: Allen Caughey 389-5729, Bruce Burnett 634-6696

Refreshments will be served at intermission by the Amherst Island

Women's Institute - goodwill offering

The Abrams Brothers (<http://theabramsbros.com>) burst onto the Canadian bluegrass music scene in 1999 when John and James were 9 and 6 years old. (John is now 16 and James is 13). They were initially trained on classical violin but have since expanded their musical scope to include playing bluegrass fiddle and mandolin, as well as other stringed instruments. The highlight of their young careers came in October 2005 when they made their debut appearance at country music's most prestigious venue, Nashville's Grand Ole Opry. They have also been featured on a variety of award winning radio shows and have played many prestigious bluegrass venues and festivals throughout Canada, the United States and Europe.

"Camino de Santiago"

Oct 18th 7 pm at St Paul's

Peter Coffman, raconteur, professional photographer, Queen's Ph.D. candidate, will narrate his odyssey, a photographic and musical re-creation of his Camino journey in Spain - the sounds of daily life on the route, the stories, and the music of Oliver Schroer (recorded on the journey - you've enjoyed it on both CJA and CBC radio).

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-After school and weekends.

-Responsible & Red Cross Certified

-Call Talia Fleming 389-9869

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Torri Phillips: 389-0512

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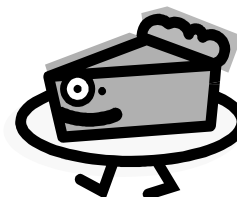
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A new shipment of pillows - wool inside cotton - has just arrived. Beautifully framed photos by Don Tubb of our sheep and guardian dogs.

We have a good inventory of wool/cotton mattress pads and duvets, as well as our great blankets, wraps and lap robes.

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Ian Murray, (Editor of The Beacon) hauls hay bales to winter storage. After a season of good hay, Ian is glad to be finished hauling bales.