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THE WINE ADVISOR: SEIZE THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

The Nova Scotia Icewine Festival continues this upcoming weekend (Feb 7 & 8) at the Grand Pré Winery. This year eight Nova Scotia Wineries are participating.

There are only a few countries that can produce Icewine without manipulating nature - Canada being the foremost. Austria, Germany, and Northern USA are also predominant places of production. Some other areas make this sweet wine as well, but by using cryogenics or freezing techniques on their grapes.

In Germany, this wine is referred to as Eiswein and has been produced since the 18th century and has the strictest rules of production. A vintage release is not done every year as sometimes winters can be moderate and do not adhere to the temperatures required. Many Canadian wineries follow the strict German doctrine of harvesting and production and quality.

By Kim C. - The Wine Advisor

COOL CANADIAN ICEWINE TRIVIA:

- Canada is the largest Icewine producer in the world.
- British Columbia is the first place in Canada to release a commercially produced Icewine, (1972 Hainle Vineyards which sold in 1978).
- One bottle of the Ontario Vineyard Royal DeMaria Vineyards Chardonnay Icewine was sold to a Saudi Prince for \$30,000.
- Obama served Canadian Icewine at his Nobel Peace Dinner in Oslo, Norway.
- We in Canada have a federal legal definition of Icewine... "made from grapes naturally frozen on the vine."
- Counterfeit Canadian Icewine is a huge market in China. One imitation Icewine bears the Canadian Maple Leaf on the label.
- The Rolling Stones have lent their name to a Canadian Icewine by ExNihilo Vineyards in British Columbia. The Icewine is named "Sympathy for the Devil" and is labelled with the famous lip/tongue album cover. One bottle is \$250.
- 80% of our Icewine is exported.
- The authoritative Peter Gamble (consultant for our very own Benjamin Bridge and the highly anticipated Lightfoot and Wolfville) was one of the first on the scene in Ontario experimenting with Icewine in 1982. His irrevocable quest for this alchemy helped result in the wonderful Borealis Icewine from Benjamin Bridge.

QUICK SWEET FACTS:

- Natural Icewines require a hard freeze.
- Grapes for Icewine are picked at minus 8°C or colder. They say the optimum is between minus 12° and 14°.
- Grapes are typically picked at night so the concentrate isn't deluded by the morning sun. Many wineries do so after midnight on the first or second cold night when these temperatures are achieved. They must be pressed almost immediately as not to dilute the juice. Only 15% of the juice is left at this time.

CANADA'S LIQUID GOLD FOR AWARDS:

- Canada has received its highest wine honours and most international awards for its Icewines.
- International success came in 1991 with Inniskillin's 1989 Vidal Icewine win of The Grand Prix d'Honneur at Vinexpo in Bordeaux. This launched Canada as a wine growing region on the world stage.
- In 2007, Monde Selection, the international institute in Belgium, awarded the Grand Gold medal to Jamie MacFarlane from The Ice House In Niagara.

GOOSEBUMP FOOD PAIRINGS

(depending on the wine and the varietals):

- The most popular pairing in the past few years has been Canadian artisan blue cheese with a 2-ounce pour of this elixir.
- Crème caramel, lemon tarts, and Crème brûlée have long been paired with Icewines in restaurants.
- The famous Raymond's Restaurant was honoured with a wine/food pairing award when pairing Cabernet Franc Icewine with a partridge berry bread pudding.
- Fruits, sorbets, nuts, truffles all pair well with Icewine.
- Icewine has become a classic substitute for French Sauterne when pairing with pan-seared livers and pates.
- There has been a trend lately in Asia and amongst many Canadian winemakers to pair Icewine with heavy rich broths, soups, and consommés. Many rich savoury foods balance well with the sweetness.

THE CLASSIC CANADIAN ICEWINE COCKTAIL:

- Half ounce of Icewine, two ounces of vodka, shake, strain, pour and garnish with some grapes (slightly frozen).

It is odd to think that this wine which is not usually in our diet/fridge/cellar/lifestyle has become so widely celebrated worldwide. Perhaps it is time to rediscover this style of wine that is made so naturally in our vineyards and our climate. Take the time to taste different varietals and winery styles side by side. It just might surprise you. See you at the Icewine Festival!

LOCAL LYRICS LOTTO



By Donna Holmes

Identify the song and songwriter(s) of the lyric fragment below and **YOU COULD WIN A FREE CD** from the artist(s). Our most recent winner, Birgit Ellsner, correctly guessed the last Local Lyrics Lotto answer was 'Big Red Heart' by Chris Robison and she won a copy of his CD.

THIS WEEK'S LYRIC FRAGMENT:

*I've been thinking 'bout you all day, biding my time
Which is moving like molasses in the wintertime
When you finally kiss me I know you feel the same
And oo eee baby I wanna sing your name
Louise I feel the way we feel
Louise I know I know what's real*

Don't know the name of this song or who wrote it? Look for the answer printed somewhere (upside down) in THIS issue of the Grapevine. Email your answers to donna@grapevinepublishing.ca by Friday, Feb 13, 2015 at NOON. The winning submission (chosen randomly from all correct answers submitted by deadline) will be contacted by email and listed in our next issue along with the next set of Local Lyrics.



**TASTING EVENTS Noon to 4pm
HOSTED AT DOMAINE DE GRAND PRÉ
FEBRUARY 7 & 8**

Wine and food pairings, pig roast, raclette and bonfire, snowshoe hike (Saturday), grapevine craft making (Sunday), photos on the "Icewine carpet". Purchase a ticket to a wine tasting event and enter for your chance to win a "Nova Scotia Wine Cellar" package. Draws will take place after each tasting event.



Introductions

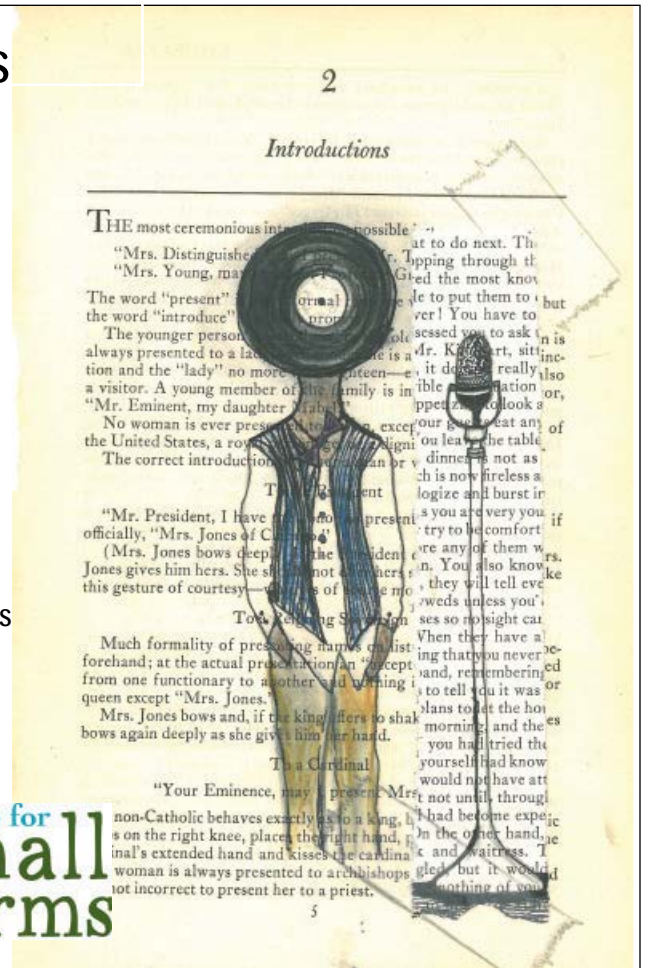
is an open-mic at the Just Us! cafe in Wolfville on Thursday nights from 6:30 - 8 PM.



Join hosts Shaani and Kaia Singh and come listen to or share songs, slams, and stories.



We hope these evenings can be an opportunity for community organizations to fundraise and share their message.



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Thank goodness we're in this together.



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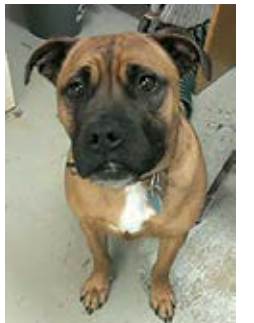
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FEATURE DODGER

Hi, I'm Dodger. I am a 2yr old Valley Bulldog mix. I've been neutered, fully vaccinated and have basic training. I am very friendly, love giving dog kisses, and running and playing are my favourites. My forever home can certainly have other dogs, I like them very much...cats, well I am learning about cats and don't dislike them. I have so much love to give. I will make my new family very happy, as they will make me happy.

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UPDATE - SLIM SHADY STILL AVAILABLE!

Slim Shady is a male domestic long-haired grey and white tabby. He was a stray found in the Wolfville area and was extremely matted and so had to get a Lion cut. He is very gentle and super friendly. His coat has grown in nicely. He had been adopted but did not get along with the other cat so we shall try to find him a new home. If you are looking for a big, gentle cat, and are ok with regular grooming he is the cat for you!



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Suggested Theme:

In an ideal world, everyone would be celebrating February 14 with their special someone. If you're this fortunate, give your partner an extra squeeze for those still searching.

What are your Valentine's plans and/or messages? What are good date ideas in the Annapolis Valley? What does your business offer to help celebrate this romantic day?

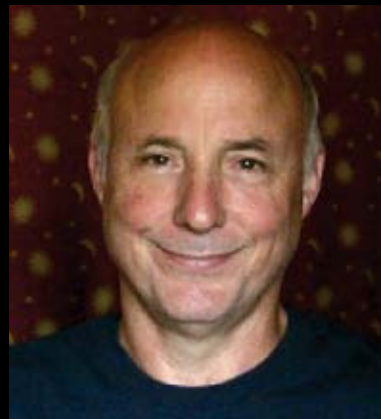
Creative Action

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Kimberly Smith has a unique approach to helping people learn to communicate better with video. He calls it *Movie Games*. It is all part of his long-term business plan with Creative Action.

This Valentine's Day is all about engaging men and boys in learning how to own and end gender violence. Kimberly will be working with Bruce Dienes and others to co-facilitate *Video Improv Leadership Workshops* which aim to shift culture and inspire a whole new generation of peaceful, loving, creative, socially engaged citizens and video activists. The formation of *Video Improv teams* from Shelburne to Windsor will create a league which can then feed into a variety of film and video festivals. Share the LOVE this Valentine's: cjproject.engagingmenandboys.ca/video-improv/

Creative Action has been operating in our community since 1997 and played a significant role in promoting and growing the Wolfville



Kimberly Smith

Farmers Market. Kimberly also facilitates the *Jam Dances* at the Louis Millet Complex. Join us on February 12 at 7pm.

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February 2, 2015: Card Holders

When my kids were little they loved to play card games like Go Fish and Uno. However, they had a really hard time holding all of their cards in their small hands. This is when we did some research and came up with 2 easy ways to make cardholders for kids!

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January 28, 2015: Bud Picking

Two days ago I did my first bud picking. There is an actual term for this but I can't recall it. So let's call it that. You arrive relatively early in the vineyard wearing two pairs of pants and socks, five layers of shirts and jackets, scarf, hat, and gloves—plus some hefty boots.

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January 14, 2015: A Question of Iron

Iron is Earth's most common element by weight. There is so much of it that a compass needle (yes, also the one in your smartphone) lines up with the earth's magnetic field. We also know that Iron changes form, because we are familiar with rust.

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February 2, 2015: Relics

Not only did Mike finally run out of reasonable excuses to put off going through some of his own childhood memorabilia, he also agreed to write the chalkboard list!

MIKE UNCORKED

A Reconnective Connection!



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*the sweetness
of doing nothing*

I love writing this column! Word of mouth and a general interest in how this column promotes people and their businesses has led to some beautiful connections for me that I might not have made otherwise. This Mike Uncorked took me on a journey to Sandra Gunther and a Reconnective Healing session and I want to share that experience with you.

Sandra Gunther was born in Switzerland. Her parents had many special friends who were healers and seers. Sandra loved being around those people and throughout her life she has met some wonderful, gifted, balanced, and in many ways, enlightened individuals who helped her grow. Fourteen years ago, she married her Canadian husband and made the move to Canada.

And then Reconnective Healing came into the picture. Sandra says, "A few years ago I came in contact with the Reconnective Healing Frequencies for the first time. It was after a Reflexology treatment when my practitioner asked me if she could do a mini healing session for me. I agreed. I didn't expect what was coming! Even as she was talking about the frequencies, the air started to be 'electric, static'... it was unbelievable. I closed my eyes and felt this prickling surge go through me. I had never experienced these sensations before, yet they seemed so strangely familiar and soon after, I was hooked and made arrangements for some Reconnective Healing sessions. I kept a diary about my experiences during each of the sessions. I had physical healings, as well as visions and realizations about my true-life purpose. It was and is absolutely astounding. I walked away feeling lighter, happier and more clear about why I am here. The frequencies didn't leave me after the sessions; they stayed for good and they still keep 'working' on me."

I consider myself a very balanced man; spiritually, physically, mentally etc. so when approached about having a session, of course my mind was a bit sceptical about whether the session would work for me or not. Then I realised that you don't need anything UNBALANCED for this type of session to work, you just need to let yourself open up to a new experience and if you need it to work, it will find its way.

Reconnective Healing is a return to an optimal state of balance. It is the result of interacting with the fully comprehensive RH spectrum of frequencies that consists of Energy, Light and Information. Reconnective Healing is neither a treatment nor a therapy, as it does not focus on symptoms. The client and the practitioner simply interact with the RH frequencies, bringing about healings that are often instantaneous



and tend to be life long. Reconnective Healing has been confirmed and documented in more than a dozen international studies and Sandra sparked my interest immediately with her passion and her gentle demeanour. I was ready to return to balance, wholeness and vitality. My Reconnective Healing session, at Sandra's home office, was new and exciting and I was nervous; everyone wants results but it was giving in to the relaxation part that I I had trouble with because I'm constantly on the move. I lay down,

situated myself on some very comfortable pillows and shut my eyes. Sandra puts you in an atmosphere with little to no noise, distractions, odours, etc. so you can allow yourself a full escape into relaxation. Sandra then circles you and travels about the room while you rest, taking in all the frequencies surrounding you. During the 30-minute session, while I was resting, breathing deep and letting myself relax (and I know I fell asleep for a bit) my body produced twitches in my arms and legs, spasms in my fingers and toes, a bit of pressure in my chest and shoulders and I was asleep but completely aware that something was happening to my whole body... it's hard to explain but something was occurring.

After our session, Sandra and I discussed what happened and how I was feeling and she confessed that results vary with each client and sometimes it takes a few days to be noticed. Some clients, who've complained of shoulder pain, arthritis, even pain caused from multiple sclerosis have felt improvement, and a significant ease of pain, days after a Reconnective Healing session. And one of the most fascinating aspects of this, Sandra told me, was that she can even perform Distance Healing sessions which means people living in Europe, Asia or wherever can experience Reconnective Healing with the same results as if they were in the same room as their practitioner.

You can connect with Sandra through her website www.healer333.com; email her with questions, comments, and/or to set up an appointment at yourhealer333@gmail.com; or call her at 902-698-3827. Sandra's office is her home at 1221 Hwy 341, Centreville, Nova Scotia (the Valley Cat Hotel) and the environment is beyond suited for her sessions - peaceful, serene and calming. Do you need to further explore this type of healing? Do you need balance? Do you need to take a moment to relax and let the energy around you surface and potentially help you out? Do you need to make a Reconnective Connection? Then do it!

By Mike Butler

THE CROSSWORD

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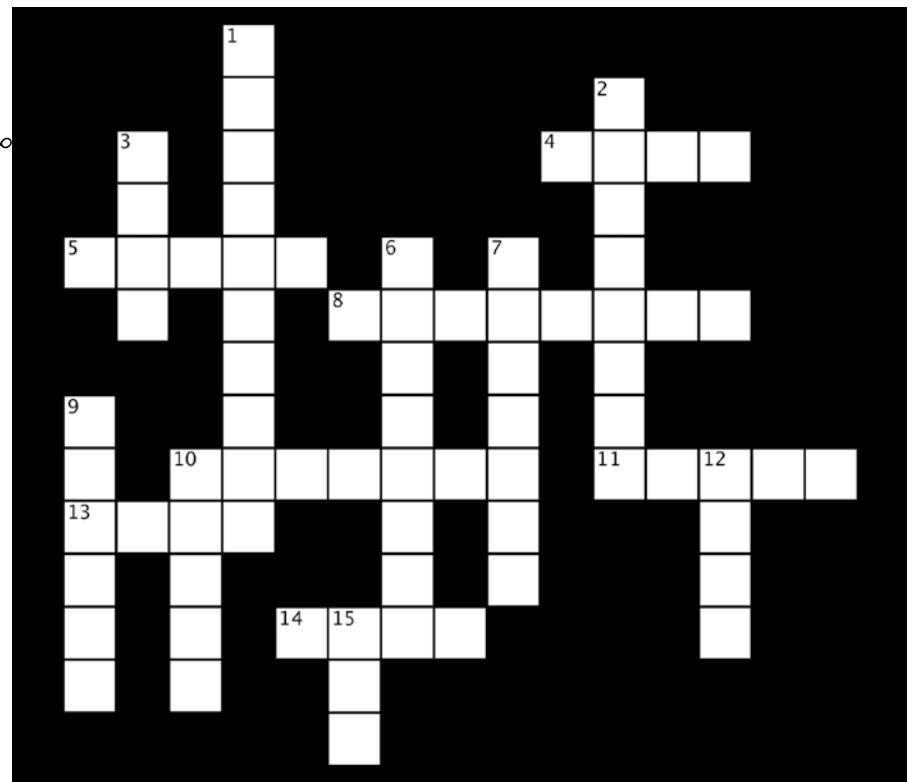
BE MY VALENTINE | by Donna Holmes

Across

- Numerous early Christian martyrs were named Valentine. The ones honoured on Feb 14 are Valentine of Terni and Valentine of ___.
- The popular jazz standard "My ___ Valentine" appears on over 1300 albums performed by more than 600 artists.
- Saint Valentine of Rome was said to be imprisoned for performing ___ for soldiers who were forbidden to marry.
- Valentine Pun #1: ___ (leafy veg) be together.
- Popular Valentine's Day symbols include hearts, doves, and this bow & arrow toting figure.
- Valentine Pun #2: ___ (green veg) be mine.
- In Europe, Saint Valentine's ___ are given to lovers as an invitation to unlock the giver's heart.

Down

- The act of presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (aka ___) evolved during the 18th century.
- Feb 14 became associated with ___ love during the time of Geoffrey Chaucer.
- Legend has it that Saint Valentine healed the daughter of his jailer then wrote her a letter before his execution and signed it ___ Valentine.
- Valentine's Day is celebrated on ___ 14 in many countries, though it is not a holiday in most.
- This local theatre group's final performance of the musical "9 to 5" is on Valentine's Day.
- The ___ Brothers Band is holding a Valentine's Dance at the Gaspereau Community Centre.
- Valentine Pun #3: I like you a ___ (hot beverage).
- Valentine Pun #4: We make a perfect ___ (yellow or green fruit).
- Valentine Pun #5: I love ___ (female sheep).



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Local Lyrics Lotto ANSWER – 'Louise' by Up Dog

*Horoscopes for the week
of February 5th*

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): In 1979, Monty Python comedian John Cleese helped direct a four-night extravaganza, *The Secret Policeman's Ball*. It was a benefit to raise money for the human rights organization Amnesty International. The musicians known as Sting, Bono, and Peter Gabriel later testified that the show was a key factor in igniting their social activism. I see the potential of a comparable stimulus in your near future, Aries. Imminent developments could amp up your passion for a good cause that transcends your immediate self-interests.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): In the film *Kill Bill: Volume 1*, Taurus actress Uma Thurman plays a martial artist who has exceptional skill at wielding a Samurai sword. At one point, her swordmaker evaluates her reflexes by hurling a baseball in her direction. With a masterful swoop, she slices the ball in half before it reaches her. I suggest you seek out similar tests in the coming days, Taurus. Check up on the current status of your top skills. Are any of them rusty? Should you update them? Are they still of maximum practical use to you? Do whatever's necessary to ensure they are as strong and sharp as ever.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): French Impressionist painter Claude Monet loved to paint the rock formations near the beach at Étretat, a village in Normandy. During the summer of 1886, he worked serially on six separate canvases, moving from one to another throughout his work day to capture the light and shadow as they changed with the weather and the position of the sun. He focused intently on one painting at a time. He didn't have a brush in each hand and one in his mouth, simultaneously applying paint to various canvases. His specific approach to multitasking would generate good results for you in the coming weeks, Gemini. (P.S. The other kind of multitasking -- where you do several different things at the same time -- will yield mostly mediocre results.)

CANCER (June 21-July 22): In 1849, author Edgar Allen Poe died in his hometown of Baltimore. A century later, a mysterious admirer began a new tradition. Every January 19, on the anniversary of Poe's birth, this cloaked visitor appeared at his grave in the early morning hours, and left behind three roses and a bottle of cognac. I invite you, Cancerian, to initiate a comparable ritual. Can you imagine paying periodic tribute to an important influence in your own life -- someone who has given you much and touched you deeply? Don't do it for nostalgia's sake, but rather as a way to affirm that the gifts you've received from this evocative influence will continue to evolve within you. Keep them ever-fresh.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): "What happens to a dream deferred?" asked Langston Hughes in his poem "Harlem." "Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun? Or fester like a sore -- And then run? Does it stink like rotten meat? Or crust and sugar over -- like a syrupy sweet?" As your soul's cheerleader and coach, Leo, I hope you won't explore the answer to Hughes' questions. If you have a dream, don't defer it. If you have been deferring your dream, take at least one dramatic step to stop deferring it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Virgo author John Creasey struggled in his early efforts at getting published. For a time he had to support himself with jobs as a salesman and clerk. Before his first book was published, he had gathered 743 rejection slips. Eventually, though, he broke through and achieved monumental success. He wrote more than 550 novels, several of which were made into movies. He won two prestigious awards and sold 80 million books. I'm not promising that your own frustrations will ultimately pave the way for a prodigious triumph like his. But in the coming months, I do expect significant progress toward a gritty accomplishment. For best results, work for your own satisfaction more than for the approval of others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Hall-of-Fame basketball player Hakeem Olajuwon had a signature set of fancy moves that were collectively known as the Dream Shake. It consisted of numerous spins and fakes and moves that could be combined in various ways to outfox his opponents and score points. The coming weeks would be an excellent time for you to work on your equivalent of the Dream Shake, Libra. You're at the peak of your ability to figure out how to coordinate and synergize your several talents.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): In 1837, Victoria became Queen of England following the death of her uncle, King William IV. She was 18 years old. Her first royal act was to move her bed out of the room she had long shared with her meddling, overbearing mother. I propose that you use this as one of your guiding metaphors in the immediate future. Even if your parents are saints, and even if you haven't lived with them for years, I suspect you would benefit by upgrading your independence from their influence. Are you still a bit inhibited by the nagging of their voices in your head? Does your desire to avoid hurting them thwart you from rising to a higher level of authority and authenticity? Be a good-natured rebel.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The crookedest street in the world is a one-way, block-long span of San Francisco's Lombard Street. It consists of eight hairpin turns down a very steep hill. The recommended top speed for a car is five miles per hour. So on the one

hand, you've got to proceed with caution. On the other hand, the quaint, brick-paved road is lined with flower beds, and creeping along its wacky route is a whimsical amusement. I suspect you will soon encounter experiences that have metaphorical resemblances to Lombard Street, Sagittarius. In fact, I urge you to seek them out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): In the baseball film *The Natural*, the hero Roy Hobbs has a special bat he calls "Wonderboy." Carved out of a tree that was split by a lightning bolt, it seems to give Hobbs an extraordinary skill at hitting a baseball. There's a similar theme at work in the Australian musical instrument known as the didgeridoo. It's created from a eucalyptus tree whose inner wood has been eaten away by termites. Both Wonderboy and the didgeridoo are the results of natural forces that could be seen as adverse but that are actually useful. Is there a comparable situation in your own life, Capricorn? I'm guessing there is. If you have not yet discovered what it is, now is a good time to do so.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): In 1753, Benjamin Franklin published helpful instructions on how to avoid being struck by lightning during stormy weather. Wear a lightning rod in your hat, he said, and attach it to a long, thin metal ribbon that trails behind you as you walk. In response to his article, a fashion fad erupted. Taking his advice, fancy ladies in Europe actually wore such hats. From a metaphorical perspective, it would make sense for you Aquarians to don similar headwear in the coming weeks. Bolts of inspiration will be arriving on a regular basis. To ensure you are able to integrate and use them -- not just be titillated and agitated -- you will have to be well-grounded.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): According to the Bible, Jesus said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Author David Foster Wallace added a caveat. "The truth will set you free," he wrote, "but not until it is finished with you." All this is apropos for the current phase of your journey, Pisces. By my estimation, you will soon discover an important truth that you have never before been ready to grasp. Once that magic transpires, however, you will have to wait a while until the truth is fully finished with you. Only then will it set you free. But it will set you free. And I suspect that you will ultimately be grateful that it took its sweet time.

Homework: What's the best possible mess you could stir up -- a healing mess that would help liberate you? Testify at FreeWillAstrology.com.

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- 1 According to legend, which Catholic saint is commemorated on Valentine's Day?
- 2 Which day is Valentine's Day according to the Eastern Orthodox Church?
- 3 In 1547, which king declared February 14 as Valentine's Day in England?
- 4 Which famous US candy maker made the first box of chocolates for Valentine's Day in the late 1800s?
- 5 Which flower is most associated with Valentine's Day due to its red colour?

1. Saint Valentine of Rome, 2. July 6,
3. Henry VIII, 4. Cadbury, 5. Rose

ANSWERS:

TIDE PREDICTIONS at Cape Blomidon

Source: Canadian Fisheries & Oceans.
www.waterlevels.gc.ca

FEB	High	Low
05	1:38pm	7:24am
06	2:17pm	8:03am
07	2:54pm	8:40am
08	3:33pm	9:18am
09	4:13pm	9:58am
10	4:58pm	10:42am
11	5:48pm	11:31am
12	** 6:44pm	12:25pm
13	7:12am	1:25pm
14	8:11am	2:25pm
15	9:10am	3:25pm
16	10:07am	4:21pm
17	11:01am	5:14pm
18	11:52am	6:04pm
19	* 12:42pm	6:53pm

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HERE AND AWAY: Amount of Sunshine

By Pamela Swanigan

Hours = normal number of hours of bright sunshine per year.

Days = average number of days per year that have measurable sunshine.

Kentville: 1,806 hours; 287 days
 Yarmouth: 1,898 hours; 288 days
 Halifax: 1,962 hours; 283 days
 Vancouver, BC: 1,928 hours; 289 days
 Prince Rupert, BC: 1,229 hours, 251 days
 Calgary, AB: 2,396 hours; 333 days
 Manyberries, AB: 2,567 hours; 332 days
 Toronto, ON: 2,000 hours; 303 days
 Los Angeles: 3,200 hours; 292 days
 Phoenix: 4,041 hours; 296 days
 Yuma, Arizona (world's sunniest place):
 4,055 hours; 328.5 days of full sun
 London: 1,481 hours
 Stockholm: 1,500 hours
 Moscow: 1,731 hours
 Madrid: 2,800 hours
 Rhodes, Greece: 3,077 hours
 Pretoria, South Africa: 3,254 hours
 Alice Springs, Australia: 3,456 hours
 Tórshavn, Faroe Islands (capital): 840 hours; two clear days per year



Sources: Current Results; Huffpost Alberta; WeatherStats; City-Data.com; climatetemps.com; The Independent; The Telegraph; climatedata.eu; Alice Springs Solar Facts; DMI: Vejr, klima og hav.

IN REVIEW: Recent Events, Happenings and News

By Emily Leeson

THE WOLFFVILLE FARMERS' MARKET announced that new upgrades are in the works including building renovations, the installation of a sprinkler system, plumbing, electrical upgrades, and food-safe countertops. The Government of Canada is contributing \$50,000; the Government of Nova Scotia is providing \$25,000; and additional support includes \$6,400 from the Town of Wolfville, and \$5,000 from Kings County.

On February 21, Open Arms will be hosting their third **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR** non-competitive winter walk fundraiser. In 2014, they netted more than \$75,000 from the event with the help of more than sixty teams and six hundred individuals. This year, Chaplain John Andrew says, "We are aiming to achieve sustainability for OPEN ARMS outreach programs." Info: www.openarms.ca

WOLFFVILLE RECENTLY SAID GOODBYE to a very long-time resident, the Elm tree on Highland. Donna Holmes wasn't too surprised, "he seemed to get quite a beating during Hurricane Arthur. But that leaves the big Elm on Front Street all by herself. Those two elm trees were so tall, that if they had eyes they would have been able to see each other over all the downtown buildings. I always imagined them in love and waving to each other every day. I feel so sad for that last lonely Elm."

On February 2nd, **SHUBENACADIE SAM** came out of his burrow and was promptly greeted by his shadow. Looks like Old Man Winter isn't through with us yet.

BAD WEATHER IS TO BLAME for a delayed start to Shattering the Silence 2015. Acadia has rescheduled the world premiere of "Wired and Wound" for solo saxophone (performed by Tristan De Borba) by Derek Charke and "Four Sections" by Steve Reich for Sunday, February 8.

THE HUPMAN BROTHERS BAND have an ECMA nomination for Blues Recording of the Year for 'Black River Blues' and a new website, check it out at www.hupmanbrothers.com.

FREE BOOKS! From the library! Wait, that happens everyday, but, during the week of Feb. 9-14, Annapolis Valley Regional Library branches will be hiding gift-wrapped books out in the community in celebration of International Book Giving Day, Feb. 14. Whoever finds the books gets to keep them, forever, as in, no late fines. If you'd like to participate even further, gift a book to a friend, or donate a gently-used book to a local library, hospital, shelter, or to an organization that distributes books internationally. More info: valleylibrary.ca



On January 16, the Cold Busters fundraising team for the Coldest Night of the Year set up shop at Walmart.



RIP old friend. Artwork by Emily Leeson

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FAMILY FUN IN THE VALLEY: R is for Reading

Reading is a wonderful, not to mention free, bonding activity you can do with your children.

Most parents know that it is important to encourage reading in children. But why? And when should you start? What is the most effective way to read to children? It is more than just opening the book and reading the words.

Start reading to children as soon as they are born. Babies love to hear the sound of their parents' voices, and holding a baby and a book together is a perfect way to spend some time bonding. As babies get older, they will start to gaze at the pictures and will respond to the words and language in the book. Toddlers love books with repetition, while pre-school children love to look at the cover and figure



out what the book might be about.

Simply reading to the child is not enough. It is the talking piece that is the most significant in vocabulary building and comprehension. Talk about the book. Ask your child questions. Engage.

For more ideas, or suggestions about great books to read, visit your local Annapolis Valley Library. There are many free programs offered daily in the individual branches to encourage literacy in children. For events and ideas visit the calendar of events on Valley Family Fun.

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WHO BENEFITS FROM IB?

In the last edition of The Grapevine, I showcased CAS as one of three very unique features of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program. Today I am excited to share with you the course called, "Theory of Knowledge". Theory of knowledge (TOK) is part of the IB Diploma Program and is mandatory for all IB students.

As a thoughtful and purposeful inquiry into different ways of knowing (emotion, faith, imagination, intuition, language, memory, reason, sense perception), and different kinds of knowledge (arts, ethics, history, human sciences, indigenous knowledge systems, mathematics, natural sciences, religious knowledge systems), TOK is composed almost entirely of questions. The most central question is "How do we know?" The pursuit of knowledge is much more than a collection of facts, involving the application of logic in critical thinking, examining and interpreting the wisdom of others, while searching for plausible explanations. Other intriguing questions include:

- What counts as knowledge?
- How does it grow?
- What are its limits?
- Who owns knowledge?
- What is the value of knowledge?
- What are the implications of having, or

not having, knowledge?

Through discussions of these and other questions, students gain greater awareness of their personal and ideological assumptions, as well as developing an appreciation of the diversity and richness of cultural perspectives.

Additionally, TOK prompts students to:

- Become more aware of themselves as independent thinkers, encouraging them to become more acquainted with the diverse aspects of knowledge.
- Recognize the need to act responsibly in an increasingly interconnected and uncertain world.

TOK also provides a greater sense of coherence for the student, by inter-linking academic subject areas as well as transcending them. It demonstrates ways in which the student can apply their knowledge with greater awareness and credibility. TOK encourages students to share ideas with others and to listen to, and learn from, what others think. In this process, students' thinking and their understanding of knowledge as a human construction are shaped, enriched and deepened.



Be sure to check out www.theoryofknowledge.net and www.ibo.org for more info.

Submitted by Jason Fuller,
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THERE'S A TRAIL A COMIN'

For some residents in the community of Grand Pré and surrounding area there has been a lot of talk and high hopes over the last few years for building a community trail. It seems now that this talk will soon be turning into action - building an active transport trail system for walking, biking and other non-motorized use. An important part of this trail system will be the former Dominion Atlantic rail bed that has been dormant for several years. Currently, the railbed is owned by Windsor & Hantsport Railway. Kings County has been successful in negotiating leases on sections of rail bed in New Minas and Greenwich so that active transport trails can be built to promote a healthy and active lifestyle for people of all ages.

It was also recently announced that the Annapolis Valley Trails Coalition and its partners intend to create a 115 km long destination trail that will include Annapolis Royal and Grand Pré as end-points. This amazing opportunity will provide a safe, scenic and historic venue for recreation and alternative nonmotorized transportation from Grand Pré to Cambridge.

Building on these past successes and the momentum for a destination trail, the recently established Grand Pré Trails Society will be asking the County to begin negotiating a lease on the 5 km of track that runs from Hortonville to Lower Wolfville. "If all goes well, we hope to be out there in the spring with our friends and neighbours clearing brush and having a great time working towards something positive for the community," says Scott Olszowiec, the current society president. "Alternative routes that connect us to other communities and spaces are something that everyone will benefit from."

A completed trail system from Grand Pré to Annapolis Royal will also attract new visitors to the area and provide significant economic benefits to Kings County. It will also be a wonderful complement to the Landscape of Grand Pré UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is commonly misunderstood that the roads and the land inside the dyke walls are public property. But in fact, the land is all privately owned and actively farmed by members of the Grand Pré Marsh Body. Their main concern is safety and a rail to trail initiative will encourage visitors to enjoy and interpret the Landscape up close and safely.

For the last few months, the Grand Pré Trails Society has been busy trekking around the community to gather support for its goal to create a new trail system in Grand Pré. Currently it is a very small group of volunteers that has plans to encourage interested individuals and families to become members and help build and enjoy a new trail in this beautiful, unique and historic part of the world. For more details please visit grandpretrails.com. This website will be updated as information becomes available.

Submitted by Scott Olszowiec

Photo credit: Jamie Robertson, Grand Pré



QUESTION – WHERE WILL IT BE BUILT?

"We hope to convince the County to lease the rail bed from the owner. In doing so, we will be allowed to build the trail beside the actual rail line which will remain as is for the most part."

ACADIA ADMINISTRATION REMAINS COMMITTED TO REACHING AN AGREEMENT

Despite the January 30th decision of the Acadia University Faculty Association's (AUFA) negotiating team to end conciliation, the university's administration remains committed to reaching a fair agreement. Negotiating teams for AUFA and the administration met yesterday with the help of a provincial conciliator. Significant progress was made towards achieving a collective agreement before negotiations ended.

"Although Nova Scotians, including universities, are being told to brace for some very difficult decisions in the months ahead, we offered increases to both salaries and tenure stream complement," said Dr. Peter Williams, spokesperson for the administration's negotiating team. "While we are disappointed that the union's negotiating team asked the conciliator to file his report, we are ready to resume talks at a moment's notice."

Acadia's administration offered a three-year proposal with annual salary increases of 1.5%, 1.5% and 1.75%. The offer also included increases to faculty complement over the life of the agreement - taking the number of tenure track faculty members from 144 today to 152 by the end of the agreement, an increase of 5.6 per cent.

"It's clear from the union that uncertainty associated with an impending vote on pension reform is a key stumbling block to reaching a new contract," added Dr. Williams. "We are hopeful that once a pension decision has been reached, we can secure a contract agreement that's fair for our faculty, students and staff."

Submitted by Peter Williams, Administration
Negotiating Team Spokesperson

The Grapevine asked the Acadia University Faculty Association (AUFA) for a response:

As our press release indicates (not included in this Grapevine), the two sides were not that far apart on money and positions, but the Board's offer was contingent upon a particular pension reform deal passing AND on enrolment remaining where it is. The Pension Plan includes non-faculty employees of Acadia, so our contract would actually be determined by people who are not members of our union. Our proposal asked for raises that are below projected cost of living increases AND less than what Acadia just gave to another employee group (without making it contingent upon a pension deal or enrolment figures). We would remain the poorest paid university faculty in Atlantic Canada. In short, our Negotiating Team made SIGNIFICANT concessions, but the Board would not even guarantee meeting that offer.

The complement number for the last two contracts is 182; we signed a Memorandum of Understanding at the start of the last contract that, in effect, suspended the number for the life of the contract. This allowed the Administration not to fill vacancies, but the number is still there and presumably binding again, now that the MoU expired (30 June 2014). AUFA's position is that we should gradually build the complement back up (i.e. not in this contract and not right away). So Peter William's suggestion that 152 represents an increase is a half-truth. The Administration has indicated that 152 would be the new complement number (a drop of 16.5%) and it has made THAT conditional on enrolment staying where it is. We take that to mean that if enrolment fell from 3785 to 3784, there would be no complement number at all.

No talks have been scheduled (as of Tuesday, February 3), but AUFA's Negotiating Team is prepared to get back to the table the moment the Board has something new to say.

Stephen Henderson
AUFA Secretary



THE ACADIA PAGE

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WHAT'S GROWING AT THE HARRIET IRVING BOTANICAL GARDENS: *TROPICAL ORCHIDS*

Step out of the cold and into the warmth of our greenhouse Saturday, February 21 to view a lush display of tropical orchids. If you've ever been in a room filled with blooming orchids, you'll be familiar with the variety of aromas they secrete to attract pollinators. Some orchids only release their scent at night in hopes of attracting night-flying moths. Luckily, many smell great all day long so we'll be able to enjoy their sweet scents during the Wolfville Orchid Show.



Photo: Nicole White
Seed Bank Intern in the Greenhouse

propagation of orchids. The Valley Orchid Growers generously transport their beautiful plants each year to the Conservatory (for one day only), in freezing February temperatures, for the public to enjoy.

Take time to stop and smell the orchids! Stay as long as you like in the tropical heat - bring your camera or sketchbook and record the beauty. The show runs from 10:30am to 4pm on Saturday February 21 at the KC Irving Environmental Science Centre on the Campus of Acadia University. For more details visit botanicalgardens.acadiau.ca

Melanie Priesnitz
Conservation Horticulturist
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Acadia University, Wolfville, NS

The Show is organized by The Valley Orchid Growers and presented by The Orchid Society of Nova Scotia. The Orchid Society is a group of like-minded individuals who enjoy the culture of orchids, both native and tropical. They promote conservation and

ENTREPRENEURSHIP WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

On Wednesday, January 21, two students from the Acadia Students Union, Matt Gendron and Sarah MacDougall, hosted an event called Entrepreneurship within the Community. This two-part seminar featured seven guest speakers from local businesses across the Annapolis Valley. The first part focused on entrepreneurship and the steps necessary to start a business and featured speakers Sergio Garrido from Aroma Maya Coffee, Ryan Lindh from TrailFlow Outdoor Adventures, Miranda Collins from Inquisitive Toy Company, and Rob Graves from Graves's Family Catering. These speakers have a wide range of experience as entrepreneurs, each in different stages of their business. Students left with inspiration for starting their own business and being successful in a small community.



Sergio Garrido, founder of Aroma Maya Coffee – current Acadia Student

The second part of the seminar centered on social responsibility within a business. The speakers included Sergio Garrido from Aroma Maya Coffee, Linda Best and Peter Hicklenton from FarmWorks, and Jeff Moore from JustUs!. Students attending gained an interesting insight into

co-operatives, fair trade, investment into local economy and entrepreneurial initiatives, and micro-loans to aspiring farmers in Guatemala.

This event was a great opportunity for Acadia students and alumni to interact and showcased the possibility of starting your own business after graduating from (or during your education at) Acadia.

Submitted by Sarah MacDougall and Matt Gendron

ACADIA SCHOOL OF MUSIC: *THURSDAY CONCERT AND LECTURE SERIES*

Denton Hall Auditorium, Denton Hall, Wolfville
February 12, 11:30am – Free

The Graduating class of 2015 will be featured in this week's Student Recital. Fourth-year Performance Majors, led by collaborative pianist and coach Jennifer King, will perform pieces from their upcoming Graduation Recitals.

NEW YEAR, NEW SEMESTER!

First semester was a busy time for students and we're ready to take on another semester.

January was a warm (or cold!) welcome back to students. To kick off the semester, we held our traditional 'Winter Carnival Week' where students engage in fun welcome-week activities which included a fundraiser for Axes in Action!

The ASU has also been working on informing students about the current status of negotiations between the Acadia University Faculty Association and the Board of Governors. We recently held a forum for students that gave them a chance to ask questions and express their concerns and more will be held as events develop. The ASU is working hard to support students and will continue to advocate for the parties to return to the negotiating table.

In February, the ASU will be holding their General Elections to select Executive and Students' Representative Council positions for

next year! Election Day is February 10. We have lots in store for March including one of our biggest charity events! The annual hockey game "Cheaton Cup" will be held. Two residences, Chipman House and Eaton House, battle it out on the ice to collect for Axes in Action with proceeds going to L'Arche Homefires and SMILE, two community organizations that are very important to Acadia students. The ASU is taking a proactive approach to ensure students are safe and respectful during this popular event. Leadership awards are also held in March. This is an opportunity for the ASU to highlight students who positively contribute to campus, and faculty who have gone above and beyond!

To wrap things up in April, we will be providing students with exam support. After exams, it's graduation time in May for 2015 grads and we will conclude another successful year for the Acadia Students' Union!

Submitted by Suzanne Gray, Vice President, Communications, Acadia Students' Union

THE BROGUE SAXOPHONE QUARTET



The campus of Acadia University will be awash in the sounds of saxophones and more as the Brogue Saxophone Quartet brings their upbeat brand of woodwind music to the K.C. Irving Centre Garden Room on Monday, February 9, at 7pm. Admission is by donation.

Brogue launches its five-concert tour on February 4 in the intimate Visual Voice Fine Arts Gallery in Truro, NS and follows with performances in Antigonish; Wolfville; Sackville, New Brunswick; and Halifax.

Named for the mix of languages, dialects, and traditions called a *brogue*, the Brogue Quartet applies the same approach to its blending of musical styles and traditions. Appropriately, the members themselves seem to embody the same mandate. From the seasoned James Kalyn, to the youngest member Catherine

Hatt, the members bring a wide range of experiences and traditions into the group. Stylistically, alto saxophonist and Acadia saxophone instructor Tristan De Borba considers himself a strictly classical player; while Brad Reid, the ensemble's tenor saxophonist brings his jazz background and woodwind-doubling to the mix.

The program will include suites by Gordon Goodwin, David Kechley, and Bob Mintzer, as well as Thierry Escaich's Tango Virtuoso, and even a piece by *Saturday Night Live's* legendary band leader Lennie Pickett. Original arrangements by Kalyn and Reid will also be featured, as well as a few surprises.

Find more info online at www.broguequartet.ca

Submitted by Tristan De Borba,
Acadia School of Music

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Evergreen Theatre Completes Stage One of Renovation Project

by David O'Leary



Just in time for the fifteenth anniversary of its first show in September 1999, the Evergreen Theatre in East Margaretsville has completed a very necessary first stage of its ambitious building plan. The wooded area to the north of the building has disappeared, to be replaced by a large sloping mound covering a brand new septic system. It will be followed in due course by a sweeping new addition on the other side of the building, which will contain bathrooms (first in the history of this 160 year old building), performer dressing rooms and an expansive lobby space complete with a secondary stage and a café/bar which will extend on to an outside deck.



The existing performing space will see very few changes other than different entrances/exits and a few more seats gained from relocation of the box office and the canteen. There was concern from our regular patrons that the intimate acoustic space that they love would somehow be compromised by these improvements. Now that these fears have been put to rest, Evergreen fans are looking forward to a theatre experience more in line with the 21st century, but one that maintains the charm and approachability that they are used to. And the hope is that they will be joined by many others whose concerns about accessibility and comfort have kept them from more regular attendance at Evergreen events.

Peter Henry, a well known Halifax architect, is responsible for the modernistic design of the future addition. We at the Evergreen feel that this design mirrors the recent history of our theatre. Fifteen years ago we rescued a long-serving community building at the end of its life as a religious institution. Since then the theatre has presented a wide variety of shows, bringing attitudes, artistic expressions and musical forms never before seen or heard in our community. With this in mind we felt that the major changes that the Evergreen has brought to its corner of the world should be reflected in the modern look of the new addition.

2015 will be a year devoted to fundraising activities. Our first major public event will be our third annual Gala on March 15 featuring the return of one of the Evergreen's favourite artists, Jill Barber. Full details are available at our new website at www.evergreentheatre.ca

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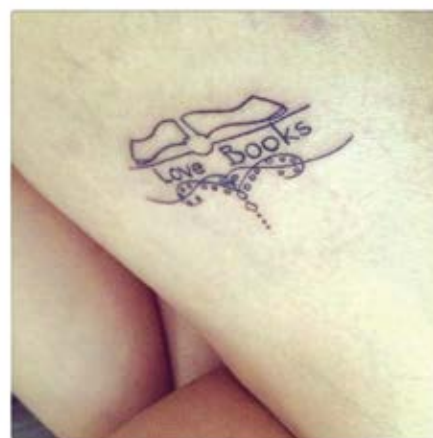
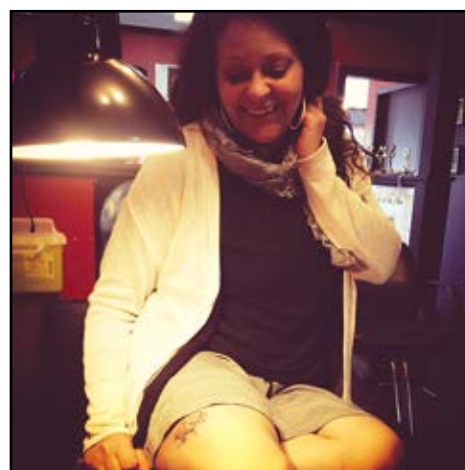
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The WHO'S WHO:

Cathy Reid: An Absolutely Fabulous Lady!

I have a confession to make: I am a gadget freak and an infomercial nut! I am a sucker for all things neat, fun and fantastic for the kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom so you can imagine how quickly Cathy Reid and I hit it off when we first met! Cathy is the owner of Absolutely Fabulous Bed, Bath & Home in New Minas and I used to work two doors down from her. My frequent visits always turned into purchases and I've amassed a stellar collection of kitchen whozits, whatzits and thingamabobs thanks to Cathy!



all kinds of community events with donations or gift certificates."

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Some sneak-peek specials coming up are Valentine's Day and the 'Ab Fab Bash the Winter Back Sale' from Feb 19 to 22!

Cathy Reid was born in Alberta and her family migrated East to Nova Scotia when she was three. After graduating from Acadia with her Bachelor of Arts in English, she settled in the Valley - a wonderful place to raise her own family and grow her business.

She states, "I am mostly a retailer, and sometimes a janitor, a carpenter, a merchandiser, a buyer, and a bookkeeper... often all in the same day! Previously my occupation, since the birth of my older daughter, was as a seamstress. I enjoyed working from home and had eleven happy years making dresses and dreams but I had to find a new occupation when carpal tunnel hit. In 1998 Bed and Bath was just getting started and since I had a background in fabrics, it seemed like a good idea to have a small store. I really enjoy people and making them feel good about themselves, which is why altering and sewing had been so rewarding. Going into a related field of quality home fashion and decor wasn't a huge risk, to my naive mind."

Now the shop is filled to the gills with some of the coolest kitchen gadgets, appliances and home décor as well as bath items, bedding, pillows - the list goes on. Along with her staff (love you Betty-Jean), Cathy maintains a quality of product and customer service that should be applauded. I consider them the best kitchen store in the Valley (maybe even the province). Ab Fab will make your house a home with its ultra-cool inventory.

Cathy says "We love our families, our pets, our friends, and our communities so we look for similar opportunities to show our support." One of their favourite events is the Bedding Bank that they compile for Chrysalis House each December. "we accept gently used bedding, collect it for Chrysalis House Women and Children's Shelter, and thank our donors with a discount on new bedding. We support

The business is a lot of Cathy and Cathy is a lot of the business but she MUST do something else, right? In her spare time she's a renovating queen, having expanded her kitchen this past summer. Cathy enjoys building and learning how to be a better builder of stuff... including beehives. Yes, you read that correctly, Beehives! Cathy explains, "My dad and I became beekeepers this summer so I built the hive from plans off the Internet. It was a great way to get comfortable with the table saw. I've also painted the exterior of the house, framed and insulated the basement, and built a deck table and barbeque stand (that collapses for storage). Gardening is also a favourite activity, as I adore perennials and vegetables. And I love to cook!"

Living in a strong community as a minister's daughter Cathy learned about others needs and wants from an early age, and how important it was to be a giver rather than a taker. The success of the business comes from the incredible support of the people of the Valley. Here Cathy feels like it's possible to be herself, express her opinions, share her knowledge, and feel her life has worth. This is another reason why Cathy and I get along so well as we share similar ideas and feelings on life.

So what's next for Cathy? Updating and revamping her Absolutely Fabulous Website is top of the list for the business. While some customers may see her as 'Chatty Cathy', at home she enjoys the quiet with some red wine, dark chocolate, her dog and cat, and a very good book. An Absolutely Fabulous way to be, Cathy! Best of Luck to you!

By Mike Butler



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- Wed, Mar 25: 7pm.
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Gemma Boveri

POETRY

The Art of Being Misunderstood
by Damien Sousa-Murphy

It starts with a moment of insight.
An epiphany of realization which was wrought from the machinations of the Cog...

The lips purse and the tongue curls.
The heart bleeds hot mercury into the veins and the hunt is on.
What words will fall prey to the apparitions of meaning.
In moments of seizure they writhe in agony against the engorged flesh of the cheek.

That painful pause for silence.
Waiting in that elusive moment.
The smashed plates of civil discourse.
In labour with this idea.

The chest smoulders.
Hanging on that inhalation ,
for the sponge between their ears to swell and renew.

It was short, and bitter sweet.
The cool sweat of exposure dissolves the soft earth beneath the feet.

There is abjection, the inaudible groan.
The gnashing and gnawing of teeth.
There is no resolution but humiliation.
The idea was born, and standing before them it was unnatural.
Unloved amongst peers, the razors of intellect buried in unblinking eyes.

You bargain.
Into exile.
To embrace, without equal.

Floating upon the surface. there is nowhere to fall. Nowhere to climb.
And for this the water is just fine.

Filthy and barbaric breaststrokes in the primordial goo. Delivering the gaps between
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PAINTING

Salmon Seascape 1

Painting by Judith Leidl, *Coho Salmon Seascape 1*,
acrylic on canvas, 30 inches by 26 inches, 2014.



POETRY

Canaan Road

by Garry Leeson, storystudios.blogspot.ca

When you walk through the woods by the old Canaan Road,
just west of the Fales River falls,
if you look very close you'll see traces of fields
and endless rows of granite stone walls.

And the lilies still bloom where the houses once stood
at the heart of the once prosperous farms,
where people carved a life with the axe and the plough
and the never waning strength of their arms.

But the life was too hard on that old mountain top
so they moved their homes and gradually slipped away
further down the slopes to an easier life
but a part of them they knew would always stay.

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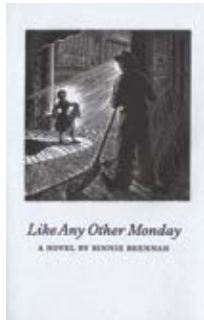
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We implore you to express your concerns about this proposed tax reform. General comments can be sent until the end of February to TaxReview@novascotia.ca, but a much more effective solution is to address a letter to Minister of Finance Diana Whalen directly at PO Box 187, 1723 Hollis St., Halifax NS B3J 2N3. More information can be found at novascotia.ca/finance by clicking on "Nova Scotia Tax and Regulatory Review".

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OH!
-NAH.
THAT WAS JUST A COUPLE OF 4D GOONS.
THAT GREG GUY?
-THEY WERE LOOKING FOR TROUBLE OF SOME KIND.
I DIDN'T GIVE THEM THE CHANCE TO EXPLAIN.
-IT'S ALL MIND GAMES AND INTIMIDATION WITH THOSE JERKS.
I WASN'T IN THE MOOD.
WHAT DID YOU DO?
KICKED THEIR ASSES!
-THEY'RE NO GOOD AT COMBAT.
-THEY HAVE TROUBLE FORMING BASIC WORDS.
IT'S DRAINING FOR THEM TO STAY CORPOREAL AT THIS LEVEL.
OH...
NO POINT.
-THEY JUST VANISH ON THEIR OWN AFTER A WHILE.
-EVEN THE BLOOD IF THERE IS ANY.
GOSH.
DID YOU...
NO.
MY SWORD IS STILL OVER AT KYTANNA'S.
I JUST KNOCKED SOME SENSE INTO THEM.
AND A MESSAGE.
A MESSAGE?
YEAH.
"MY TOWN. STAY OUT."
YOU CAN BE A LITTLE SCARY, JENNY.
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TOO GOOD TO SHARE: JAYN AND T'S FOOD



It had to happen. The Wolfville Farmers' Market is chockablock with the best ingredients a person could ever want. If you want to have an amazing meal, you grab your ingredients, head home, and make something spectacular. Jayn Kenny had the brilliant idea of closing that loop. It was only a matter of time. Almost all of the ingredients in Jayn's glorious sandwiches are sourced directly from the Market. She can rattle off which vendor supplies each component. It's kind of like found art. The extra-meta layer comes in when those vendors need some nosh and they head to Jayn's booth to enjoy the fruits (and meats, breads, and veggies) of their own and other vendors' labours. It's like the UN of Market offerings. As with most works of art, though, the genius lies in the *bricolage* (a fancy art term that perfectly describes this phenomenon. Bricolage, as defined by Merriam Webster is the "construction [as of a sculpture or a structure of ideas] achieved by using whatever comes to hand"). It's from a French word that means "to putter about".

Perfect. Jayn putters about with some absolutely excellent ingredients from the market, tosses them in with some goodies she has grown herself (along with some condiments) and makes food fusions that are greater than the sum of their parts.

I chose a sandwich Jayn created and which she assembled before my wondering eyes: shaved pork shoulder, cheese, apples, onion, and maple mustard on baguette. Solomon chose the croissant breakfast sandwich which is named the Early Riser until 10:30am at which point it magically transforms into the Sleepyhead Croissant (no word on what happens if you order it at exactly 10:30 - it's like 0 degrees - is it the melting point or the freezing point?

Early Riser or Sleepyhead??) It features a free range egg (which I always picture rolling madly about). Solomon requested it egg free. With an admirable lack of attachment to her creation, Jayn cheerfully omitted the egg. Jayn tells me that the croissant sandwiches are among her most popular offerings. I would like to comment upon their deliciousness, but the best I have is second-hand (in spite of 2/5 of us having croissant-based lunches). As the five of us ate our sandwiches, Mike bolted his down (as is his wont). Then, he cast his eyes about the table, prepared to assist in completion of sandwich consumption. Solomon had the most on his plate. "I'll have some," offered Mike. "No!" Solomon exclaimed, "it's too good to share!" He graciously allowed me to use his spontaneous utterance as the title of this article.

We all ate every single crumb. I really do love a good sandwich. I am absolutely lousy at discovering decent combinations, but I am willing to put my faith in other people's creations. I admit I would never, in a million years, have thought to put apples slices, meat, and mustard together. That is because I am an utter dunce, it seems. It is a magical combination. Amazing ingredients assembled into the perfect meld of tantalizing textures and tastes. I will put it this way: Solomon was the one who put it into words, but the truth is...none of us shared. Maybe you think that is terrible, but that's just too bad. You should go try one for yourself and see if you're willing to share.

Jayn and T's (the T is for her silent partner, Thomas, in case you're wondering... though he's not really silent, but that's more mysterious) Food is a new fixture at the Wolfville Farmers' Market.

the team behind Valley Events has put into the publically accessible site, we owe it to them to share in their excitement when they reach a new milestone. This show of support is made easy when their latest accomplishment benefits us all!

On January 15, Valley Events launched an improved website, modernizing its look, introducing new features, and enhancing user functionality. The new website features a daily rotation of event posters at the top of the page, and has a new 'popular' function, allowing users to search events that are commonly viewed, shared on social media platforms, or added to personal calendars.

VALLEY EVENTS LAUNCHES UPGRADED WEBSITE

By Genevieve Allen

The popular ValleyEvents.ca website has done remarkable things for the Annapolis Valley. Created in 2008 by James Skinner and Jonathan Tweedie, the comprehensive events listing has had over 2 million page views, and over 27,000 events have been posted between 2008 and 2014 - a testament to the multitude of activities happening in our region. Considering the countless volunteer hours that

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Just Us! Cafe (Wolfville): Open Mic hosted by ISSA & The Acadia Women's Center (5th), hosted by The Acadia Music Program (12th), Community Jam (19th) 6:30-8pm

Cocoa Pesto (Windsor): Adam Cameron (5th, 12th, 19th) 7pm

Spiffire Arms Alehouse (Windsor): Jam Session (5th, 12th, 19th) 7-11pm

Tommy Gun's (Windsor): Meredith McCulloch (5th, 12th, 19th) 7-11pm

Dooly's (New Minas): Dooly's Karaoke w/Margie Brown Duo (5th, 12th, 19th) 8pm

Paddy's Pub (Kentville): The Hupman Brothers (5th, 12th, 19th) 9pm

Paddy's Pub (Wolfville): Trivia Night (5th, 12th, 19th) 9pm

Library Pub (Wolfville): Jazz downstairs (5th, 12th, 19th) 7-10pm, Alex and Riley upstairs (5th, 12th, 19th) 9pm

Anvil (Wolfville): Top 40 DJ C-Bomb (5th), DJ (12th, 19th) 10pm

FRIDAYS:

Edible Art Cafe (New Minas): Carl Boutlier (6th, 13th) 12-2pm

Pete's Fine Foods (Wolfville): Mat Elliot & Cailun Campbell (6th, 13th) 5:30pm

King's Arms Pub by Lew Murphy's (Kentville): Shawn Hebb (6th) 5:30pm, Brian Byrne (6th) 9:30pm

Blomidon Inn (Wolfville): Jazz Mannequins (6th, 13th) 6:30-9:30pm

The Port Pub (Port Williams): Live Music w/Cody Vokey (13th) 7pm

Joe's Food Emporium (Wolfville): SWIG (6th), TBA (13th) 8pm

Spiffire Arms Alehouse (Windsor): Jamie Junger (13th) 8pm

Paddy's Pub (Kentville): Hal Bruce 60's & 70's Classics (13th) 8pm

West Side Charlie's (New Minas): DJ Lethal Noize (6th), DJ Billy T (13th) 10pm

SATURDAYS:

Farmers Market (Wolfville): Sleepytime Shufflers (7th), George Symonds (14th) 10am

Edible Art Cafe (New Minas): John Tetrault (7th, 14th) 12pm-2pm

Paddy's Pub (Kentville): Ardyth & Jennifer (14th) 6pm

Spiffire Arms Alehouse (Windsor): Hupman Brothers (7th), SWIG (14th) 8pm

Sidetrack Beveridge Room (Berwick): CD Release Party feat. Loos Canon (14th) 8pm

King's Arms Pub by Lew Murphy's (Kentville): The Tracey Clements Band (7th), TBA (14th) 8:30pm

Paddy's Pub (Wolfville): Sleepytime Shufflers (7th) 9pm, Mike Aube (14th) 6pm, John Tetrault (14th) 9pm

Library Pub (Wolfville): Dan McFadyen (7th, 14th) 9pm

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SUNDAYS:

Pete's Fine Foods (Wolfville): Mat Elliot & Cailun Campbell (8th, 15th) 1pm

Paddy's Pub (Wolfville): Paddy's Irish Session (8th, 15th) 8pm

MONDAYS:

Edible Art Cafe (New Minas): Carl Boutlier (9th, 16th) 12pm-2pm

Paddy's Pub (Wolfville): Open Mic w/Jason Price (9th), w/Andy and Ariana (16th) 8pm

TUESDAYS:

Edible Art Cafe (New Minas): Carl Boutlier (10th, 17th) 12pm-3pm

Spiffire Arms Alehouse (Windsor): Trivia Nights, \$2 (10th, 17th) 7pm

Paddy's Pub (Kentville) Irish Jam Session (10th, 17th) 8pm

T.A.N. Coffee (Wolfville): Open Mic w/Donna Holmes (10th, 17th) 8-10pm

WEDNESDAYS:

Edible Art Cafe (New Minas): Steve Lee & Ian Brownstein (11th, 18th) 12pm-3pm

Troy Restaurant (Wolfville): Ian Brownstein & Friends (11th, 18th) 6pm

West Side Charlie's (New Minas): Billy T's Karaoke (11th, 18th) 10pm

The site also offers more customization options, enabling users to search events according to category, date, region, venue, and preference. For instance, a young family can search for an outdoor event that is dog friendly in the Kentville area on a weekend of their choosing.

Users who post events will also benefit from the new changes. Contributors can now view statistics on their active events including page views, social media shares, social media mentions, and the number of times people add your event to their calendars.

Valley Events co-founder, James Skinner, says he is "most excited about users being able to

more easily discover and use features such as favourites, event reminders, ticket giveaways and customized emails". He hopes that the new functionality will better highlight some features that Valley Events already offered, but which weren't being routinely utilized.

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Visit www.valleyevents.ca to see how easy it is to fill your calendar!





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Symphony Nova Scotia, Saturday February 28, 7:30pm, Convocation Hall, Acadia
Draw date: Monday, February 23 Enter all draws: valleyevents.ca/win

TUESDAY, 10

Public Information Meeting – *County of Kings Municipal Complex, Kentville 1pm* • Land Use Bylaw map amendment to rezone 177 Middle Dyke Road, North Kentville, from Institutional (I1) to Community Facilities (CF). **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 690-6276 / mfredericks@countyofkings.ca

Heart Health Meeting – *United Baptist Church, Port Williams 1-3pm* • Hear Dr. Adam Clarke, cardiologist at Valley Regional Hospital, speak about "Heart Health". All are welcome. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 542-3681 / pburden@ns.sympatico.ca

PAC Kings 2050 – *County of Kings Municipal Complex, Kentville 2-4pm* • Two topics for discussion. "Neighbourhood Areas" - zones and lot standards, open space dedications, and residential facilities. "Employment Areas" - commercial, industrial zones, lot standards, parking requirements, and institutional uses. Open to the public comments are welcomed. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 678-3335 / kings2050@countyofkings.ca

LegoRama – *Library, Windsor 3:30-4:30pm. Also Feb. 17* • After school Lego for ages 5-10. LEGO provided. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 798-5424 / windsor@valleylibrary.ca

Business Meet Internet: How To Take Your

Business Online – *Farmers' Market, Wolfville 7pm* • Pierre Clouthier, Progeny Genealogy Software, the leading developer of family tree software, provides an overview of key issues a new online business must address. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** facebook.com/RefreshAnnapolisValley

Public Information Meeting – *Horton Community Centre, 7-9pm* • Application by Lightfoot & Wolfville Vineyards Ltd. to enter into a development agreement to allow for a tourist commercial use at 11137 Hwy 1 in Lower Wolfville. Proposal includes: banquet hall, commercial kitchen, wine tasting rooms, and other associated uses. Storm date Feb. 24. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 690-2450 / iwatson@countyofkings.ca

Simpson Lectures: Church Renewal – *Festival Theatre, Wolfville 7-9pm* • "Intentionality in Understanding Communities and Congregations" w/LeQuita Porter and Perry Hanley. Amid the challenges that churches face as our society changes, God is doing great things in congregations in Atlantic Canada. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 585-2217 / trisha.urquhart@acadiou.ca

WEDNESDAY, 11

Babies and Books – *Library, Windsor 10:30-11am. Also Feb. 18* • One-on-one time for babies (up to 24 months) & caregivers with stories, songs, rhymes & social time. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 798-5424 / windsor@valleylibrary.ca

African Youth Talent Show – *Horton High School, Greenwich 6:30-8:30pm* • Special guest band Shoulder to Shoulder. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 542-6075 / lawrence.parker@avrsb.ca

Simpson Lectures - Church Renewal – *Festival Theatre, Wolfville 7-9pm* • "A Transfer of Ownership: A Redemptive Missional Story of a Local Church" w/Carolyn Steeves & David Morehouse. See Tuesday 10. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 585-2217 / trisha.urquhart@acadiou.ca

Valley Women's Business Network – *Kings Riverside Court, Kentville 7-9pm* • Robin Hill of Infinite Solutions Bookkeeping & Accounting Services, will share her five top tips on tax prep and savings. **TIX:** no charge to VWBN members, \$10 at the door. **INFO:** rsvp@vwbn.ca

THURSDAY, 12

Fun and Fables – *Library, Windsor 10:30-11:30am (also Feb 19)* • One-on-one time for preschoolers (2-5) & their caregivers with stories, songs, rhymes & craft time Please register for each week individually. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 798-5424 / windsor@valleylibrary.ca

Valentine Dessert Bar – *NSSC Kingstec, 7pm* • Fabulous dessert buffet prepared by Baking & Pastry Art students. Live acoustic music. Cash bar. See poster page 20. **TIX:** \$25 includes dessert buffet & welcome cocktail. Tables by reservation (phone). **INFO:** 679-7595 / Tara.Lacey@nssc.ca

Jam Dance – *Louis Millet Complex, New Minas 7-8pm* • Guided physical, creative musical play for everyone. This is the ultimate inclusive social mixer. **TIX:** .50 cents **INFO:** 582-3888 / kp@alexandersociety.org

Annapolis Valley Decorative Artists – *Fire Hall, Greenwich 8pm* • Monthly meeting, discussion on various painting background finishes. Anyone interested in decorative art is welcome. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 542-5800 / sm.fullerton11@gmail.com

FRIDAY, 13

International Café – *87 Cornwallis St., Kentville 9:30-11am* • Hosted by the Kings Volunteer Resource Centre. An event to connect newcomers, immigrants, international students & the community. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 678-1398 / info@kingsvolunteerresourcecentre.ca

Valentine's Dinner – *Lions Club, Berwick 6-8pm* • Roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, peas, gravy, and homemade chocolate cake with cream cheese icing. **TIX:** \$15 from Berwick Lions **INFO:** 300-5398 / delsey3000@hotmail.com

Valentine's Kitchen Party / Dance – *Lions Club, Kentville 8pm* • Bring your sweetie. Munchies, 50/50, spot dance, door prize. House band is Vintage. **TIX:** \$6 single, \$10 couple **INFO:** 679-4899 / vintagemusic1@hotmail.com

Valentines Party – *Royal Canadian Legion, Canning 9-12pm* • Valentine's Party Music by Bev. Open to everyone 19+ **TIX:** \$5 **INFO:** 582-7246 (after 4pm)

SATURDAY, 14 – Valentine's Day!

Breakfast – *Royal Canadian Legion, Kentville 7:30-10am* • Everyone welcome, proceeds for the Legion. **TIX:** \$6 adults, \$3 children 12 & under **INFO:** 678-8935

Breakfast – *Masonic Hall, Berwick 7:30-10am* • Menu includes bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, toast, tea, coffee and juice. **TIX:** \$7 adults, \$3 children **INFO:** 538-8616 / cboylan@berwick.ca

Amnesty International Direct Action – *Farmers Market, Wolfville 8:30am-1pm* • Help pay tribute to Women of Zimbabwe Arise (WOZA) who conduct a traditional Valentine's Day peaceful campaign. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 542-5391 / peter.wallace@dal.ca

King's Kikima Jewellery Sale – *Blomidon Garden Centre, Greenwich 9am-3pm* • Raising funds for Grandmothers in South Africa supporting their grandchildren orphaned by AIDS. Donations of jewellery welcomed. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 542-7591

Winter Carnival – *Town Hall, Berwick 10:30am-3:30pm* • Story time at the Library 10:30-11am, fun fair, book sale, creative craft in the gym from

11am-2 pm. Outdoor Games from 1:30-3:30 in the back field. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 38-8616 / cboylan@berwick.ca

Valentine Luncheon – *United Baptist Church, Wolfville Ridge 11:30am-1pm* • Fish or corn chowder, cheesecake. Touch and Buy table and Baked Goods table. Take-out available (call) **TIX:** \$8 adults, \$4 children, no charge under 5 **INFO:** 542-3419

Valentine's Day Dinner – *Planter's Ridge Winery, Port Williams 5:30pm* • Treat yourself and your loved one on Valentine's Day. Winery & barrel cellar tour followed by 3-course meal with wine pairings. Seared Scallops with beurre blanc and fennel, beef bourguignon, goat's cheese chocolate ganache. Limited tickets available, please reservations. **TIX:** \$75+HST **INFO:** 542-2711 / info@plantersridge.ca / plantersridge.ca

Winter Carnival Sledding Party – *Grand View Manor, Berwick 6:30-8pm* • Join us on the back hill of the Grand View Manor. There will be lights on the hill for the safety of all participants. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 538-8616 / cboylan@berwick.ca

Heart and Soul – *Old Orchard Inn, Wolfville 6:30-11:30pm* • Valentine's Day Dinner, Dance and Auction in support of VON Annapolis Valley's Community Support Services. Roast beef buffet w/ music by Ian Janes, 9pm dance w/music by Roxy & the Underground Soul Sound. Rooms available at a preferred rate call 542-5751. **TIX:** \$80 charitable tax receipt available **INFO:** 678-3415 option 4 / cssannapolisvalley@von.ca

Valentine's Day Dinner – *Community Centre, Port Williams 7-9pm* • Champagne, roast beef dinner, dessert, tea/coffee. Bar services, door prizes, entertainment. Sponsored by the Port Williams and District Lions Club in support of commitment to Valley Regional Hospital Foundation for Stethoscopes for use on Pediatric Patients and Infants. Storm date Feb. 15. **TIX:** \$40 per couple, advance tickets only **INFO:** 542-3933 / emhovell@ns.sympatico.ca

Valentine Dance – *Fire Hall, Greenwich 9pm-1am* • DJ music playing classics to modern hits. Proceeds support Horton High School's Safe Grad 2015. Cash bar & door prizes. 19+ event. **TIX:** \$15, \$25 for couples @ T.A.N. (Wolfville, Kentville) **INFO:** Kerry, 670-2305 / Mike, mike@outlawmusic.ca

Dance: Reboot – *Royal Canadian Legion, Kentville 9pm-12am* • Bar & kitchen available. 19+ **TIX:** \$7 **INFO:** 678-8935

Valentine's Dance – *Royal Canadian Legion, Windsor 9pm-1am* • First 75 Ladies will receive a rose. **TIX:** \$7 **INFO:** 798-2031

Hupman Brothers Valentine's Dance – *Community Centre, Gaspereau 9pm-1am* • Bring your dancing shoes and refreshments of choice. Bring your special date or come join in with the dancing crowd. See poster page 10. **TIX:** \$15 at the door or at The Rolled Oat Cafe (Wolfville) **INFO:** 542-2983 / hupmanbrothers@hotmail.com

SUNDAY, 15

Winter Geocaching for Kids – *Library, Hantsport 10am-12pm* • Find new hidden geocaches in your community, have fun with a GPS. Dress for winter conditions. Ages 7-13, preregistration required (valleylibrary.ca). **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 684-4005 / hantsport@valleylibrary.ca

Concert: Little Miss Moffat – *Mermaid Imperial Performing Arts Centre, Windsor 11am-12pm* • Sparkly new repertoire that reflects her unique and natural talents as a songwriter for children and adults, as well as her passion for the

wilderness. A solid blend of quirky and catchy nature tunes about sea cucumbers, bats, owls, beavers and even pandas. See poster page 11. **TIX:** \$13 advance, \$15 at door @ Home Hardware (Windsor), ticketpro.ca **INFO:** 798-5841 / puppets@mermaidtheatre.ca

Kings-Hants NDP Nomination – *Lions Club, Wolfville 1-4pm* • 2015 Federal Election - pick your Kings Hants NDP candidate! Candidates are Stephen Schneider and Morgan Wheeldon. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** Kings-HantsNDP@hotmail.com

Concert: Duo Milot-Bareil, Harp-Violin – *Irving Centre, Acadia 2pm* • A unique and thrilling combination of harp and violin, this duo from Montreal will play works ranging from Manuel de Falla to Simon and Garfunkel. **TIX:** no charge, donations welcome. **INFO:** debutatlantic.ca/artist/antoine-bareil

Sweets for the Sweet – *Louis Millet Complex, New Minas 2pm* • Annual musical café fundraiser. Soulful singing and decadent desserts. AVHC's Junior Choir (grades 5-8 students from the valley's east end), & a variety of entertaining talents. **TIX:** \$15 adult, \$10 student, includes drinks and dessert @ Pharmasave (Kentville, Wolfville) **INFO:** avhjcprez@gmail.com

Benefit Show – *Royal Canadian Legion, Kentville 2-5pm* • Benefit Show for Ed Dalton. Come on out and enjoy an afternoon of music while supporting a good cause. Auction. Kitchen will be open **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 678-8935

Fundy Film screens LIVING IS EASY WITH EYES CLOSED – *Al Whittle Theatre, 4 & 7pm* • True events inspired Spain's Oscar entry and multi award-winning buoyant and heartfelt comedy set in conservative Franco-era Spain. A free-spirited English teacher sets out to meet his idol, John Lennon (filming in Spain), and has a positive effect on two young people who share the journey. See ad p. 13. **TIX:** \$9 **INFO:** 542-5157 / info@fundyfilm.ca

MONDAY, 16

Family Day Concert – *Hantsport School 7:15-8:30pm* • Hantsport's Valley Community Concert Band performs for Family Day. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 684-4000

Learn to Dance ORO! Orkestra style – *Curling Club, Wolfville 8-9:30pm* • Want to dance? ORO! Orkestra (Wolfville's Turko-Balkan folk dance party band) will offer the second of three extra-special winter teaching sessions, in preparation for the next live musik dance party! Led by dancer Heidi Kalyani. Everyone welcome - bring a friend! **TIX:** \$5 **INFO:** oro.orkestra@gmail.com

TUESDAY, 17

Committee of the Whole – *County of Kings Municipal Complex, Kentville 9am* • **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** county.kings.ns.ca

The Signs & Symptoms of Stroke – *Kings Riverside Court, Kentville 2-3pm* • How do you identify the basic signs and symptoms of stroke? Learn what to do, why it's important to act quickly and what support is available if you have a stroke or live with someone who has. Free blood pressure check. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 678-5414 / dschofield@avdha.nshealth.ca

Special Committee of the Whole – *Council Chambers, Town Hall, Wolfville 3pm* • **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** wolfville.ca

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CAMPS:

March Break Camp: March 16-20, 9am-4pm @ Wolfville Recreation Centre. Theme: "Yours Truly King Arthur" grades P-5. Early drop-off and late pick-up available. Activities: medieval events, horseback riding, archery, calligraphy, shelter-building.
INFO: wolfville.ca/recreational-services/ / facebook.com/wolfvillerecreation

March Break: It's coming faster than you realize! Have no fear, Valley Family Fun has got you covered! A list of camps is being updated all the time on the March Break tab. Art camp at Acadia, dance camps, recreational & theatre camps and more! **INFO:** valleyfamilyfun.ca

CLASSES/LESSONS:

Inner Sun Yoga: Classes for every level of student with certified instructors in our inviting studio space.
INFO: 542-YOGA / innersunyoga.ca

Community Yoga: Wed. & Fri., 12-1pm @ Dance Studio, Downstairs, Old-SUB, Acadia. **FEE:** \$5, no charge for Acadia students **INFO:** Carole, cazaflows@gmail.com

Partner Yoga and Thai Yoga Massage Workshop: Saturday, February 14, 2:30-5pm OR 7-9:30pm. At the Manning Memorial Chapel, no experience necessary. Space is limited, please register. **FEE:** \$25 per person **INFO:** Jenn, jenergy2012@gmail.com

Chakra Yoga with Jenn Boutillier: Wednesday evenings, February 25 - April 29 (first 3 weeks in February are drop-in classes) 5-6:30pm, at the Manning Memorial Chapel. **FEE:** \$100 for 10 weeks **INFO:** Jenn, jenergy2012@gmail.com

Family & Partner Yoga: Sunday, Feb. 22, 3-4:30pm @ Bishop Hall, Greenwich. W/Melanie Priesnitz. Open to families, individuals, friends between the ages of 3 & 100. Playful yoga class, no experience needed. **FEE:** \$10 individuals, \$20 families of 4 or less (if money is a barrier please talk to me) **INFO/Reg:** Melanie, zenspirit@eastlink.ca

Zenki-Do and Tai Chi-Chi Kung: Internal martial art classes for health, healing and self-defence. Tai Chi Tuesdays 6:30pm. Zenki-Do Thursdays 7pm. Wolfville. Next session starting Feb 10 and 12. Offered by Sensei Yula and Becca Mukti. **FEE:** \$90 for 10 weeks. **INFO/Reg:** 697-2661 / yula@centrefortheways.com / centrefortheways.com

Taoist Tai Chi™: Beginner's classes start Feb. 23, 24 & 26. Lions Hall, 78 River St., Kentville: Tuesdays, 6-8pm & Thursdays, 11:30am-1pm. Berwick Town Gym: Mondays, 6-7:30pm. **INFO:** Mary Anne, 678-4609 / kentville@taoist.org

Olympus Gymnastics Academy: Registration: Feb. 12 & 19, 7-8:30pm for 15 week Spring session, starting March 7 @ The Gym, West Hants Industrial Park, Windsor. Forms/directions available on website. See ad page 11. **INFO:** Hugh, 499-9151 / windsorgymnasticsclub@gmail.com / windsorgymnastics.wordpress.com

Winter Belly Dance Classes: Mondays, Feb. 16-March 23 @ Community Room, Wolfville Farmers' Market. Mixed Levels (beginner friendly) 6:30-7:30pm. **FEE:** \$60. Intermediate/advanced: 6:30-8pm **FEE:** \$75 **INFO/Reg:** oriana@sisterlotus.com / sisterlotus.com

Music Lessons: Banjo, ukulele, classical guitar and music theory lessons now being offered in Canning, and at Moe's Music in Windsor. All ages welcome. **FEE:** \$18 half hour, \$36 hour. Inquire about group discounts. **INFO:** Kim Barlow, 698-9611 / kimbarlow77@gmail.com

Voice and Piano Lessons: W/Susan Dworkin. All ages and levels. 25 years teaching experience. **INFO:** 542-0649 / susan_dworkin@hotmail.com

WORKSHOPS/RETREATS/SESSIONS:

Valley Doulas - Childbirth Education Workshop: Preparation for Labor and Birth. Saturday, March 7, 9am-3pm @ the office of Homeopathic Healing in Wolfville (112 Front St, Suite 209, above Eos Natural Foods). W/ Dawn Hare & Laura VanHattem-Contant, DONA certified birth doulas. Space limited. **FEE:** \$60 **INFO/Reg:** 678-2446 / valleydoulas@gmail.com

"Eat & Be Well": #221, 112 Front St. (above EOS) Wolfville. W/Devorah Fallows Dr. Ac, we'll create a Chinese medicine food plan catered to you & your body's needs. You'll come away with recipes & easy, fun ideas & cool Chinese Medicine secrets. Bring your favorite family recipes. **FEE:** \$197 for 3, 1hr sessions. Group rates for "Best-Friend dates". **INFO:** 300-3017 / devorah@oceanbayclinic.com / oceanbayclinic.com

Educational Wine Seminars: Planter's Ridge Winery, Port Williams. Expand your wine knowledge. Feb. 21, 2-4 pm Sensory Development: pick out aromas and flavours w/Amy Savoury. March 7, 2-4 pm Wine & Food Pairing: learn how different foods change the flavour of wine w/Paul Thimot. March 14, 2-4 pm Wine 101: navigate a wine list, taste with confidence, properly open and serve wine to your guests w/Mark DeWolf. **FEE:** \$25 per person per workshop **INFO/Reg:** 542-2711 / info@plantersridge.ca / plantersridge.ca

Introduction to Nonviolent Communication: 4-part DVD series presented by Peacemakers - An Association for Alternative Dispute Resolution. Resolve conflict peacefully and develop relationships based upon mutual respect. March 7, 1:30-3:30pm in Room 117, Louis Millett Complex, New Minas. Continuing next 3 Saturdays. **FEE:** no charge **INFO/Reg:** 798-3793 / paulillsley.com/peacemakers/

DONATE/VOLUNTEER:

Donate Used Clothing: Flowercart creates work and training for people. Donate your used clothing to Flowercart and keep your donation and the resulting money local. Drop off location 9412 Commercial St., New Minas. **INFO:** 681-0120 / lisahammervvaughan@flowercart.ca

Health Board Volunteers: Your Eastern Kings Community Health Board is looking for volunteers. **INFO:** 542-1244 / kwilkie@avdha.nshealth.ca

Wanted: Volunteer to Help with Archives: The Wolfville Historical Society is in need of a volunteer who is able to spend one or two hours a week assisting the Archivist. Previous experience of archival work not required, as training will be offered. Contact Anthony Harding or any member of the Board. **INFO:** randallhouse@outlook.com

Coldest Night of the Year: Feb. 21, Open Arms is hosting its third annual Coldest Night of the Year walk in the Annapolis Valley. Funds raised in the non-competitive five or 10-kilometre winter walk will help Open Arms programs achieve sustainability. Open Arms outreach includes: drop-in centres in Kentville and Berwick, the Inn From the Cold winter shelter, Treasure House soup kitchens and housing assistance. Donate and/or volunteer today! **INFO:** CNOYannapolisvalley@outlook.com

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Acupuncture / Chinese Medicine / Herbal Care: #221, 112 Front St. Wolfville (above EOS). Hi, I'm Devorah Fallows & I'm committed to supporting health in our community. Find lasting, overall health by getting to the root of your problem using natural, safe & healthy methods. Specializing in menopause, sexual & reproductive health, emotional balancing & sleep restoration. Children welcome. **INFO:** 300-3017 / devorah@oceanbayclinic.com / oceanbayclinic.com

Acadia Cinema Coop Shares: Invest in the cultural life of your community and earn a 2014 personal tax credit. 35% NS tax credit on each share purchased by the end of February. **INFO:** acadiacinema.coop

Singing Valentines: On Feb. 13 & 14 say "I Love You" with two songs and a rose, with a quartet from The Dukes of Kent. **FEE:** \$40 **INFO:** 697-2167 / dukesofkent.ca

Singing Valentines: Now through Feb. 14. Valley Voices Ladies Barbershop Chorus is booking quartets to deliver "Singing Valentines" to your loved ones for as little as \$30. **INFO:** June, 844-2960

Land for Sale - Dream View: 20-acres! Hwy 358 North Mountain-side property. 370 ft. driveway-approved road frontage. Perc-tested & migrated PID# 55007892. Dream View! \$44,900. **INFO:** Ernie, 385-1515

Existing Mobile Business: Operate from home - no storefront needed. Exclusive territory - All of SW Nova Scotia. Already generating 45K+ with potential for more. Equipment & training Included, proprietary recipes & flavours. Excellent profit margins. **INFO:** bmkc@me.com

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Apartment for Rent: Lovely, large basement apartment in a quiet Port Williams home available Feb. 1. This spacious non-smoking apartment has a large kitchen, 4 piece bath, large living and sleeping rooms. Heat, water, and power are included in the rent. A cat or other small pet would be welcome, however no dogs please. **INFO:** 542-7227

Roommate Wanted: Seeking new roommate in our Wolfville home. 4 month or 1 year contract starting immediately. \$600 includes internet & wood heat. Other utilities split 5 ways. **INFO:** Hello@duncanebata.com

House Wanted: Family of 5, non-smoker, no pets, osteopaths, looking for a house (4 bdr) for long-time rental starting in July 2015, in Wolfville or Grand Pré. **INFO:** Ralf, kredo@bluewin.ch

GENERAL:

Wolfville Community Chorus: New members welcome! Join us for our Winter/Spring Session.

No experience necessary! **FEE:** \$90 members fee **INFO:** 542-0649 / susan_dworkin@hotmail.com

Looking for Gardening Space: Young gardener seeking space to grow vegetables and flowers in Kentville. Would be open to sharing produce, renting space or other arrangements. Please contact if you have available garden or yard space. **INFO:** Caitlyn 488-8582 / caitlyn.chappell@gmail.com

Wellness Wednesday: Millville Hall hosts Wellness Wednesday. Experience the Isagenix difference every other Wednesday starting Feb. 11, 7:30-8:30pm. **INFO:** 840-1562 / cadavis@nspes.ca

Call Out to Artists: Art & Craft in Agriculture Show, May 23-24, O'Brien building, Hants County Exhibition Park, Windsor. Celebrate 250 years of agriculture. All forms of arts and crafts are welcome, entry forms available online. Close May 5. **INFO:** Lisa, littlehorse@eastlink.ca / hantscountyex.com

Public Art Piece Ideas: Kings County looking for community ideas about developing a public art piece that demonstrates a commitment to addressing racism and discrimination. Submit by Feb. 13. **INFO:** Chris, 690-6135 / cmoore@county.kings.ns.ca / horizonscda.ca/pdf/callforartists.pdf

WHAT'S HAPPENING (CONT'D)

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Kings Presbyterian Church, New Minas 4:30-6:30pm • Pancakes, sausages, homemade baked beans, gingerbread with lemon sauce. Bring your friends, everyone welcome. **TIX:** free will offering **INFO:** 681-1333 / kingschurch@ns.aliantzinc.ca

Pancake Supper/New Minas Guides & Pathfinders Fundraiser - Louis Millet Complex, New Minas 4:45-7:15pm • Pancakes, sausages, tea, coffee or juice. Proceeds to our guiding mosaic trip to Sylvan Lake, Alberta. Special thanks to the New Minas Lions Club! **TIX:** \$5 adult, \$3 children under 5, \$2 second plate **INFO:** 681-2787 / jwhuntley@eastlink.ca

Town Council Meeting - Town Hall, Wolfville 6:30pm • **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** wolfville.ca

Fieldwood Heritage Society AGM - Museum, Canning Library (upstairs), 7pm • **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 582-7873 / fieldwoodhs@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY, 18

Fundy Film screens CITIZENFOUR - Al Whittle Theatre, 7pm • A real-life thriller unfolds in Pulitzer Prize winner Laura Poitras' documentary. When filming about post-9/11 surveillance, encrypted e-mails from a "citizenfour" began to arrive. Ready to blow the whistle on massive covert surveillance programs, the sender agrees to meet Laura and author/journalist Glenn Greenwald in Hong Kong. She brings her camera and thus captured a series of tense encounters with the mysterious "citizenfour". . . Edward Snowden. Best Feature Documentary Oscar nomination. See ad page 13. **TIX:** \$9 **INFO:** 542-5157 / info@fundyfilm.ca

THURSDAY, 19

Book Sale - Horton Community Centre, Grand Pré 10am-2pm • Hundreds of books for \$1 each. Proceeds for local, national, and international projects of the Grand Pré Women's Institute. Refreshments available. **INFO:** 542-3150

10 Valentine's Day Activities in the Valley

By Genevieve Allen

Whether you enjoy Valentine's Day or think it's yet another contrived occasion foisted upon us by Hallmark, there's no denying that there's something rather alluring about an annual reminder to step up your game! Here's a list of 10 ways to spend Valentine's Day that do not require a dinner reservation.

1 Visit a local Farmer's Market and purchase fresh ingredients to make a Valentine's Day feast.

2 Go outdoor skating if weather permits. Indoor skating if not. A list of indoor and outdoor rinks can be found on ValleyFamilyFun.ca.

3 Host a beer-tasting party using only local, craft beers. Try brews from Bad Apple Brewhouse, Sea Level Brewing, and Schoolhouse Brewery.

4 Go on the hunt for the best hot chocolate in the Valley. A few suggestions - Just Us!, T.A.N., Designer Café, and North Mountain Fine Coffees.

5 Create personalized mugs for one another at the ClayGround Studio.

6 Belly laugh to scandalous live theatre. 'Sex Please We're Sixty' (Centrestage) or '9 to 5' (Al Whittle Theatre) are both showing on Feb 14th.

7 Sip wine at a local winery. Since icewine is in season, why not try a selection at Luckett Vineyards, Blomidon Estate Winery, Planters Ridge Winery, or Domaine de Grand Pré?

8 Dance the night away at a local fire hall, legion, or community hall (visit ValleyEvents.ca for a full list of Valentine's Day dances, or check out the events listing in the back).

9 Take the family to the Berwick Winter Carnival (don't forget to bring your sled!).

10 Listen to tunes at Paddy's in Kentville or Wolfville, or the Edible Art Café in New Minas. Or better yet, bring the music to your door by ordering a singing Valentine by the Dukes of Kent (902-697-2167)!

BLOMIDON INN DINING REVIEW

Most restaurant aficionados will say you eat first with your eyes. This adage proves very true as we approach the Blomidon Inn and make our way to the luxurious restaurant inside. The soaring, ornate roofline and grand entrance hint at the elegant dining experience that is about to unfold.

Inside, our group is welcomed by a décor that is rich and warm and reminiscent of Downton Abbey (fans of the hit PBS show will know exactly what I mean). With lavishly framed landscape paintings surrounding us and a perfectly set table before us, we're ready to immerse ourselves in the enticing menu.

Although tempted by the Captain's Dinner - our server's description of the Solomon Gundy appetizer and beef tenderloin entrée has everyone at the table salivating - I decide to try the seasonal, half price, special: Peach-Squash soup appetizer with a Jerk Pork entrée. Chef Sean Lacey is on top of his game. The delicious soup is both fresh and hearty. The Jerk Pork is tender and moist with just the right amount of spicy Caribbean flavour and nestled in a bed of red beans, coconut rice and fruit salsa. The salsa is a perfect foil to the pork.

I like to pair a nice wine with dinner and the Blomidon Inn Restaurant proves more than up to the challenge. Sommelier Mike Lacey's

wine cellar boasts over 3500 bottles to choose from and has been a Wine Spectator Magazine award winner for the past decade. I usually order a local wine when I'm dining in the Valley but one of our group recently returned from BC's Okanagan Valley and spots a wine from a winery he toured. We opt for the 2012 Quail's Gate Chardonnay. The buttery Chardonnay proves to be a great accompaniment for my entrée.

I have a sweet tooth and the Sticky Pudding was a more than satisfying dessert choice - although I did manage to sneak a bite of some Rum Cake too.

For a special - and surprisingly affordable - night out, or simply a winter evening getaway, I urge you to dine like royalty at the Blomidon Inn Restaurant in Wolfville. Cheers.



Reviewed on Jan 21, 2015 by Scott Campbell

Editor's Note: The Blomidon Inn has a special Valentine's Season Dinner Menu for Feb 13, 14 & 15. See their website for more details at www.blomidon.ns.ca

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