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## CHRISTMAS BUSINESS FAIR AT NSCC KINGSTEC CAMPUS

Amanda Pace

Amanda Pace is a Business Administration student at the Nova Scotia Community College, Kingstec Campus. She has organized a Christmas Business Fair for December 2 and we asked her to tell our readers a bit about organizing the event.

In January 2017, after 15 years of being out of school, I started my first year in the business administration program at NSCC Kingstec Campus. I wasn't sure what I expected to get out of the program, I just knew I needed a change of pace in my career life, and NSCC seemed like the logical place to start. Fast forward almost a year and the impact that decision has had on me is immeasurable! I have had many opportunities to hear and meet with guest speakers brought in by the faculty, learned from the faculty that come from the business industry themselves, and have grown as a person as my knowledge grows. NSCC has proven to be an incubator for my ideas and passions, and has given me a platform from which to accomplish great things, making a difference in the world around me.

Throughout the past year, I have been making connections using my newfound knowledge to do what I love doing: helping people. This work has proven invaluable given my project choice in my community leadership course (an elective within the business admin. diploma program). In September, we were asked to develop a project that would make a positive impact within our community. I decided to take what I had learned in the business administration program and use my skills to benefit local businesses in the Annapolis Valley.

When we support our local businesses, we support our local communities! When we

shop local instead of shopping at a large big-box stores, close to fifty percent more of the money spent stays in our local community, so I wanted to raise awareness about local entrepreneurs and small- and medium-sized businesses. With so much "noise" around us everyday from social media and other kinds of advertising, it's easy for the smaller businesses to get "lost" in it all. It is not always easy to buy local! Product variety, price, and accessibility can all be issues. However, I found that many people were not aware of local options to begin with.

My hope is that the Christmas business fair will give local entrepreneurs and businesses a chance to promote themselves, making consumers aware of what they have to offer, especially during the holiday season when consumers are purchasing Christmas gifts. I decided rather than charging vendors for tables they could donate a Christmas present for a child in need, so not only do they benefit from the awareness the event brings but they can feel good being part of another great cause!

By attending this event you will be making a difference for many people in our community, and that is something to feel good about. Admission is \$2, but will be waived if a donation of an article of winter clothing for a child is made.

### EVENT INFO:

Christmas Business Fair at NSCC Kingstec Campus  
December 2, 10:00am – 1:00pm  
Admission: \$2 or an article of winter children's clothing

## A DOUBLE DOSE OF DICKENS:

### Valley Theatre Groups put on Classic Christmas Tale

Mike Butler

Nobody loves the holiday season like I do! If you know me or you've visited my workplace during the holidays then you've witnessed "Holiday Mike" in action and it's seriously similar to the movie *Elf* without the yellow tights! Although the commercialization of Christmas and the very early TV ads and store displays get on my ever-loving nerves, I still find immense joy in the holiday season. Once Remembrance Day has passed and we dip into mid-November, I feel the holiday season can commence, and what better way to get into the spirit of the holidays than a Christmas musical featuring local actors!

The classic story of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* is hitting the stage in musical form, performed by TWO Valley community theatre groups. Of course, nothing will ever top the black and white film version of *A Christmas Carol* starring Alastair Sims, but these two amazing and completely different musical productions will certainly catapult you into holiday mode.

Up first, Centrestage Theatre in Kentville presents *Scrooge: The Musical* starring local actor Alan Slipp as the penny-pinching Ebenezer Scrooge. With a cast of two dozen Valley actors (of all ages) including Keigan Richard, Aaron Kane, Davina Melanson, Marc Charrier, Jilly Richard, Jennifer MacDonald, Don Muise, Melanie Clouthier Coleman, Breagh MacLean, London Cross, Jane Maillet, Keira Melanson, Brandon Taylor, Isaiah Vallillee, Cedric Van

Exel, Sophie Van Exel, Agatha Bourassa, Charlotte Crouch, Beth Irvine, Hailey Kane, Heike Landry, J.Richard Richard, and Tim Vallillee, this delightful musical will have you tapping your toes and clapping your hands throughout. Director Thea Burton, no stranger to directing big musicals, has crafted a beautifully-staged production with interesting set pieces and musical numbers.

*Scrooge: The Musical*, is written by acclaimed musician Leslie Bricusse and it will be on stage Fridays and Saturdays beginning November 3 until December 8 (Friday), front of house opens at 6:45pm, shows at 7:30pm. Matinees are on Sundays, November 12, 26, December 3, front of house opens at 1:15pm, shows at 2:00pm. Tickets are adults \$15, seniors and students \$12, children 12 and under \$5. CentreStage takes cash or cheques only. Reservations are held until 15 minutes before show time and it is strongly recommended you call 902-678-8040 for reservations. Please visit [centrestagetheatre.ca](http://centrestagetheatre.ca) for more information.

Also getting into the holiday spirit (of past, present, and future) is Quick as a Wink Theatre Society in Windsor with their production of *A Christmas Carol: The Musical*, featuring the classic Dickens narrative with completely different music from *Scrooge: The Musical*. Featuring another stellar cast of over three dozen local actors, *A Christmas Carol: The Musical*

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## ANNAPOLIS VALLEY HONOUR CHOIR CELEBRATES CELTIC, EAST COAST MUSICAL ROOTS IN WINTER CONCERT

Submitted

The Annapolis Valley Honour Choir's 2017-18 season continues with their second concert, "On This Winter's Night With You – An East Coast Christmas," on Saturday, December 9. Further exploring the season's central theme of "finding home," this Maritime kitchen party of a concert embraces Nova Scotia's Celtic and folk roots and musical traditions. The choirs will perform traditional carols and Gaelic lullabies, arrangements by Great Big Sea, and music by the late great Ron Hynes and Rita McNeil.

The AVHC is excited to welcome two well-loved local favourites as guest artists. AVHC Alumna and singer-songwriter Sarah Pound has written new music especially for these performances and will perform on her own and with the choirs.

This concert also incorporates a dramatic reading of "Shiny and New" a short story by Newfoundland playwright Robert Chafe, narrated expertly by actor-director Mike Butler. To carry the connection from the AVHC's

October concert, which honoured those around the world searching all over for a sense of home, this story tells of a tiny out-port community in Newfoundland welcoming a new immigrant family right at Christmastime. It is funny and heart-warming, and will truly get you into the spirit of the season!

Two performances will take place at the Horton High School Performance Centre on December 9 (2:00pm and 7:00pm). Enjoy a glass of hot cider at intermission. Bake sale treats will also be available to stock your pantry! Please kick back and relax, and join us for this fun, light-hearted celebration of "down home" music and stories that celebrate not only our traditional roots but our generous Maritime hearts.

Tickets can be purchased online at [avhc.ca](http://avhc.ca) or at any Ticketpro location in the valley ([ticketpro.ca](http://ticketpro.ca)), and are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students/children (plus Ticketpro fees) or \$20/\$10 at the door, if available. For further concert information or AVHC news, check the website [avhc.ca](http://avhc.ca).

## INTERNATIONAL CONTEST WINNER:

### NS Lobster with Farmers' Veggies

N.Neslihan Ivit, M.Sc. Vinifera European Viticulture and Enology | [winesofnesli.com](http://winesofnesli.com)

Those of you who have been reading my previous articles will know that I moved to Nova Scotia almost a year ago. Before that, I studied, worked, and travelled extensively in different countries in Europe and worked in Chile and the United States. Nova Scotia, with its culture and climate was completely new and different from anywhere else I have been.

Now that I have been here a whole year, I can say that my favorite season in Nova Scotia is autumn. The colourful trees in the Valley takes my breath away. Moreover, going to farmers' markets in autumn has been a blast. As I filled my shopping basket with fresh products, they created a picturesque arrangement of all the different tonalities of green, yellow, orange, red, and purple, which also filled my soul with joy and satisfaction.

Recently a contest was held by an organization of well-known wine denominations in Spain. They chose twenty wine and food bloggers and sent each of them a bottle of wine,

asking them to pair it with a dish created from local products. I was the only blogger from Canada selected for this contest. The other participants were from Spain, the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Poland, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States. I greatly enjoyed creating a dish representing Nova Scotia and its locally-grown products. After going around for hours in all the farmers' markets of the Valley, I chose some of the vegetables of the season: corn, carrots, and sweet potatoes, and of course some maple syrup. As a main dish, I used lobster, since I consider myself lucky to be here, where we have abundant and delicious lobsters.

After carefully examining all the dishes the judges, who are world-renowned chefs and sommeliers, chose my dish as the winner. I am very happy and proud and I would like to share the recipe with you. You can find more information about the contest, and the recipe for the dish, on my blog, [winesofnesli.com](http://winesofnesli.com).

## MERMAID THEATRE ANNOUNCES NEW GENERAL MANAGER

Submitted

Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia's Board of Directors has appointed a new general manager following a six-month search on behalf of the Windsor-based company.

Danny Everson, a resident of Maitland, NS, has a diverse background in arts management and community initiatives. Everson received a BA in music from the University of Tampa and an MFA in producing for theater & film from the California Institute of the Arts. He has managed artistic and development operations in both non-profit and corporate entertainment sectors, including the Wooten Center in Los Angeles, Shriner's Hospitals for Children, NBC Universal, and American Cancer Society Special Projects. For three years prior to moving to Nova Scotia in 2014, Danny served as event & entertainment

manager for Holland America Line, leading an international creative team of 75 to engage artists and implement programming for worldwide sailings. As co-owner of Bing's Eatery & The Tidal Life Guesthouse, an inventive farm-to-table hospitality enterprise, his role in launching innovative community partnerships has enhanced tourism potential for the village of Maitland.

Founded in 1972, Mermaid Theatre currently ranks among North America's most respected family entertainment enterprises, and plays a major role as cultural ambassadors for Nova Scotia and for Canada. Closer to home, Mermaid maintains a strong local and regional presence through teaching, mentoring, and presenting activities.



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(Noun)

A whim or notion; an odd or fanciful contrivance.

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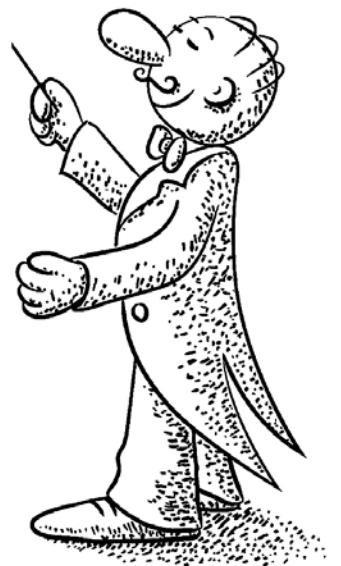
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Special guests:  
The BIG VALLEY SWING ORCHESTRA



Both ensembles directed by Brian Johnston.

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## THE WEEKS BEFORE CHRISTMAS (with apologies to Clement Clarke Moore)

Garry Leeson

'Twas weeks before Christmas when all through the town  
Not a senior musician was wearing a frown.  
Their instruments were cleaned, all tuned up with care,  
In hopes that when they played them, an audience'd be there.

Why stay at home, nestled, all bored in your bed?  
Come to the Festival Theatre and join them instead,  
You in a kerchief, your friend in a cap,  
Not just vegging away on a long winter's nap.

They have a fiery conductor, so lively and quick  
But make no mistake, he isn't St. Nick.  
When they don't watch his baton and stay in the game,  
He'll whistle and shout and call them by name:

Now Val! Now Al! Now Peter and Mary!  
On Blair! On Butch! On Ron and Garry!  
To the top of the tune! To the top of the score!

Play away! Play away! Like I showed you before.

But then, in a twinkling, it all comes together  
And they'll be playing their tunes no matter the weather.  
So show up and join us on the sixth of December.  
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## THE SHELTER PROJECT: Raising Awareness about Youth Homelessness in Kings County

Genevieve Allen Hearn

The Portal Youth Centre will be running the Shelter Project for the second year. This year running from November 30 to December 2. The Shelter Project was conceived by Donna and Blaine Eldridge at the Harvest House in Windsor and Moncton. Russ Sanche, The Portal's Youth Outreach Coordinator, saw the potential to run a similar project in Kentville, and this year he is aligning it with the Orange Door Campaign with Home Depot. For three days there will be a makeshift shelter set up on 437 Main Street in Kentville that serves as a powerful image representing the struggle of youth homelessness. Individuals are invited to experience being in the cold by taking shifts in the shelter.

"The Shelter Project is about raising awareness around youth homelessness," says Sanche. "We hope the project helps people to identify with some of the factors that contribute to youth homelessness and also the challenges of sleeping in a makeshift shelter." He continues, "at any one time, there are over fifty youth couch-surfing in Kings County, and over 100 youth at risk of being homeless."

Sanche also wants the community to know that, for many reasons, couch-surfing is not a safe option. "At the beginning, it might seem

like nothing, but as time goes on, they're vulnerable to criminal exploitation, sexual exploitation, loneliness, depression, and a greater disconnect and isolation from others. Without judgment, we need to lend a helping hand and help them to get support."

The Portal's overarching call to action, through running awareness initiatives such as the Shelter Project, is to encourage a provincial strategy to end youth homelessness. For Sanche, "there are four main things we need to see: prevention, compassionate response with rapid rehousing, zero-eviction policies, and critical and relational supports for youth that have found housing." There's currently a 10-year plan to end youth homelessness that can be found at [youthhomelessnessmore.ca](http://youthhomelessnessmore.ca).

"As a community, we need to rally around young people that are finding that family breakdown and other issues have led them to become homeless. If we reach out with compassion and wisdom, we have the ability to wrap community care around those youth."

For more information on The Portal or how to take a shift during the Shelter Project, visit [portalyouth.ca](http://portalyouth.ca).

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**Troy Restaurant** (Wolfville): Ron Edmunds Duo (30th) 6:30pm

**Spitfire Arms Alehouse** (Windsor): Open Jam Session (30th, 7th, 14th) 7pm

**Oaken Barrel Pub** (Greenwood): Trivia Night (30th) 7pm

**Horton Ridge Malt & Grain** (Hortonville): Team Trivia (30th), Live Music Trivia w/ Kenny Byrka (14th) 7pm

**Tommy Guns** (Windsor): Karaoke Night (30th, 7th, 14th) 7:30pm

**Dooly's** (New Minas): Open Mic (30th, 7th, 14th) 8:30pm

**Paddy's Pub** (Kentville): The Hupman Brothers (30th, 7th, 14th) 9pm

**Paddy's Pub** (Wolfville): Trivia Night (30th, 7th, 14th) 9pm

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**The Anvil** (Wolfville): Top 40 DJ (30th, 7th, 14th) 10pm

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**Kings Arms Pub by Lew Murphy's** (Kentville): Inigo Cuartero (1st), Rock N Roll (8th) 5:30pm

**Blomidon Inn** (Wolfville): Jazz Mannequins (1st, 8th) 6:30pm

**Horton Ridge Malt & Grain** (Hortonville): Mark Clarke Trio (1st), The New Digs (8th) 7pm

**Spitfire Arms Alehouse** (Windsor): John Cole Porter Band (1st), The Mark Riley Project (8th) 8pm

**Dooly's** (Greenwood): Karaoke (1st, 8th) 8:30pm

**Farmers Market** (Wolfville): Kitchen Party & Dance (1st) 9pm

**The Anvil** (Wolfville): Top 40 DJ (1st, 8th) 10pm

**West Side Charlie's** (New Minas): Top 40 DJ (1st, 8th) 10pm

**Oaken Barrel Pub** (Greenwood): Video Dance Music (1st, 8th) 10pm

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**The Port Pub** (Port Williams): Ron Edmunds Duo (2nd, 9th) 12:30pm

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**La Torta Woodfired Pizzeria** (Wolfville): Steve Lee Duo (2nd, 9th) 5:30pm

**Spitfire Arms Alehouse** (Windsor): SWIG (2nd), GuyPaul Thibault (9th) 7pm

**Oaken Barrel Pub** (Greenwood): Adam Cameron (9th) 7pm

**Wayfarers' Ale Brewery** (Port Williams): The Miths (2nd) 7pm

**Horton Ridge Malt & Grain** (Hortonville): Marshall/Lake (2nd), Jack MacDonald Duo (9th) 7pm

**Farmers Market** (Wolfville): ORO! Festive Dance \$10 (2nd) 7:30pm

**King's Arms Pub by Lew Murphy's** (Kentville): Skin & Jones (2nd), Shawn Hebb Trio (9th) 8pm

**Dooly's** (Greenwood): House DJ (2nd, 9th) 8pm

**The Anvil** (Wolfville): Top 40 DJ (2nd, 9th) 9pm

**Dooly's** (New Minas): DJ Unruly (2nd, 9th) 10pm

**Tommy Gun's** (Windsor): Video Music Screen (2nd, 9th) 12am

### SUNDAYS: 3, 10

**Edible Art Cafe** (New Minas): Lee Gilbert (3rd), Morghain Lee (10th) 12pm

**Union Street Cafe** (Berwick): The Modern Grass & Jenna Barry Brunch Buffet, \$35-\$25 (10th) 11am-8pm

**Paddy's Pub** (Wolfville): Paddy's Irish Session (3rd, 10th) 8pm

### MONDAYS: 4, 11

**Edible Art Cafe** (New Minas): Ron Edmunds Band (4th, 11th) 12pm

### TUESDAYS: 5, 12

**Edible Art Cafe** (New Minas): Ron Edmunds Band (5th, 12th) 12pm

**TAN Cafe** (Wolfville): Open Mike & Donna (5th, 12th) 7pm

**Oaken Barrel Pub** (Greenwood): Open Mic (5th, 12th) 7pm

**The Port Pub** (Port Williams): Ron Edmunds Band Open Mic (5th, 12th) 7:30pm

**The Anvil** (Wolfville): Toonie Tuesdays w/Top 40 DJ (5th, 12th) 9pm

### WEDNESDAYS: 6, 13

**Edible Art Cafe** (New Minas): David Filyer (6th, 13th) 12pm

**Farmer's Market** (Wolfville): Jack MacDonald (6th), Curtis Matheson Duo (13th) 4:30pm

**West Side Charlie's** (New Minas): Billy T's Karaoke (6th, 13th) 9pm

## CORRECTION!

Oops! In last issue's piece 'Kentville's Historical Society: Impacting the Future by Preserving the Past' by Genevieve Allen Hearn, the photographer of the aerial photo included wasn't properly noted. Dick Killam is the talented photographer behind the picture!



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# Rob Breznsky's FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): I hope that everything doesn't come too easily for you in the coming weeks. I'm worried you will meet with no obstructions and face no challenges. And that wouldn't be good. It might weaken your willpower and cause your puzzle-solving skills to atrophy. Let me add a small caveat, however. It's also true that right about now you deserve a whoosh of slack. I'd love for you to be able to relax and enjoy your well-deserved rewards. But on the other hand, I know you will soon receive an opportunity to boost yourself up to an even higher level of excellence and accomplishment. I want to be sure that when it comes, you are at peak strength and alertness.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You were born with the potential to give the world specific gifts – benefits and blessings that are unique to you. One of those gifts has been slow in developing. You've never been ready to confidently offer it in its fullness. In fact, if you have tried to bestow it in the past, it may have caused problems. But the good news is that in the coming months, this gift will finally be ripe. You'll know how to deal crisply with the interesting responsibilities it asks you to take on. Here's your homework: Get clear about what this gift is and what you will have to do to offer it in its fullness.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Happy Unbirthday, Gemini! You're halfway between your last birthday and your next. That means you're free to experiment with being different from who you have imagined yourself to be and who other people expect you to be. Here are inspirational quotes to help you celebrate. 1. "Those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything." – George Bernard Shaw. 2. "Like all weak men he laid an exaggerated stress on not changing one's mind." – W. Somerset Maugham. 3. "A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds. With consistency a great soul has simply nothing to do." – Ralph Waldo Emerson. 4. "The snake which cannot cast its skin has to die. As well the minds which are prevented from changing their opinions; they cease to be mind." – Friedrich Nietzsche.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): I suggest that you take a piece of paper and write down a list of your biggest fears. Then call on the magical force within you that is bigger and smarter than your fears. Ask your deep sources of wisdom for the poised courage you need to keep those scary fantasies in their proper place. And what is their proper place? Not as the masters of your destiny, not as controlling agents that prevent you from living lustily, but rather as helpful guides that keep you from taking foolish risks.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): In his book *Life: The Odds*, Gregory Baer says that the odds you will marry a millionaire are not good: 215-to-1. They're 60,000-to-1 that you'll wed royalty and 88,000-to-1 that you'll date a model. After analyzing your astrological omens for the coming months, I suspect your chances of achieving these feats will be even lower than usual. That's because you're far more likely to cultivate synergetic and symbiotic relationships with people who enrich your soul and stimulate your imagination, but don't necessarily pump up your ego. Instead of models and millionaires, you're likely to connect with practical idealists, energetic creators, and emotionally intelligent people who've done work to transmute their own darkness.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): What might you do to take better care of yourself in 2018, Virgo? According to my reading of the astrological omens, this will be a fertile meditation for you to keep revisiting. Here's a good place to start: Consider the possibility that you have a lot to learn about what makes your body operate at peak efficiency and what keeps your soul humming along with the sense that your life is interesting. Here's another crucial task: Intensify your love for yourself. With that as a driving force, you'll be led to discover the actions necessary to supercharge your health. P.S. Now is an ideal time to get this project underway.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Here are themes I suggest you specialize in during the coming weeks. 1. How to gossip in ways that don't diminish and damage your social network, but rather foster and enhance it. 2. How to be in three places at once without committing the mistake of being nowhere at all. 3. How to express precisely what you mean without losing your attractive mysteriousness. 4. How to be nosy and brash for fun and profit. 5. How to unite and harmonize the parts of yourself and your life that have been at odds with each other.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): I predict that in the coming months you won't feel compulsions to set your adversaries' hair on fire. You won't fantasize about robbing banks to raise the funds you need, nor will you be tempted to worship the devil. And the news just gets better. I expect that the amount of self-sabotage you commit will be close to zero. The monsters under your bed will go on a long sabbatical. Any lame excuses you have used in the past to justify bad behavior will melt away. And you'll mostly avoid indulging in bouts of irrational and unwarranted anger. In conclusion, Scorpio, your life should be pretty evil-free for quite some time. What will you do with this prolonged outburst of grace? Use it wisely!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): "What is love?" asks philosopher Richard Smoley. "It's come to have a greeting-card quality," he mourns. "Half the time 'loving' someone is taken to mean nurturing a warmish feeling in the heart for them, which mysteriously evaporates the moment the person has some concrete need or irritates us." One of your key assignments in the next ten months will be to purge any aspects of this shrunken and shriveled kind of love that may still be lurking in your beautiful soul. You are primed to cultivate an unprecedented new embodiment of mature, robust love.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You know that unfinished task you have half-avoided, allowing it to stagnate? Soon you'll be able to summon the gritty determination required to complete it. I suspect you'll also be able to carry out the glorious rebirth you've been shy about climaxing. To gather the energy you need, reframe your perspective so that you can feel gratitude for the failure or demise that has made your glorious rebirth necessary and inevitable.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): In an ideal world, your work and your character would speak for themselves. You'd receive exactly the amount of recognition and appreciation you deserve. You wouldn't have to devote as much intelligence to selling yourself as you did to developing your skills in the first place. But now forget everything I just said. During the next ten months, I predict that packaging and promoting yourself won't be so #@\$%\*! important. Your work and character WILL speak for themselves with more vigor and clarity than they have before.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): There used to be a booth at a Santa Cruz flea market called "Joseph Campbell's Love Child." It was named after the mythological scholar who wrote the book *The Hero with a Thousand Faces*. The booth's proprietor sold items that spurred one's "heroic journey," like talismans made to order and herbs that stimulated courage and mini-books with personalized advice based on one's horoscope. "Chaos-Tamers" were also for sale. They were magic spells designed to help people manage the messes that crop up in one's everyday routine while pursuing a heroic quest. Given the current astrological omens, Pisces, you would benefit from a place that sold items like these. Since none exists, do the next best thing: Aggressively drum up all the help and inspiration you need. You can and should be well-supported as you follow your dreams on your hero's journey.

**Homework:** What change have you prepared yourself to embrace? What lesson are you ripe to master? Write: [FreeWillAstrology.com](http://FreeWillAstrology.com)







# Holiday Gift Guide

## The Grapevine's Local Gift Guide

The most difficult part of creating this gift guide each year is culling the list of amazing local products down to twenty. There are incredible local retailers across the Valley, and we are also lucky to have so many talented makers in close proximity! The following list offers gift suggestions for anyone on your gift list. Happy local shopping!



### 1 The Grapevine Shopping Bag

Show the world that you support the local arts and culture scene by purchasing a Grapevine bag at the Wolfville Farmers' Market on December 9. [grapevinepublishing.ca](http://grapevinepublishing.ca)

### 2 Cedar BBQ Scraper

A perfect gift for dad's stocking! Made in Aylesford, scrapers can be found at Meadowbrook Meat Market in Somerset, Fraser's PRO Home Centre in Berwick and Kingston, and Stirling Fruit Farms in Wolfville. [facebook.com/stevelowewoodworking](https://facebook.com/stevelowewoodworking)

### 3 Eye Candy Gift Card

Bring your token to an Eye Candy machine located at the Harvest Gallery, Al Whittle Theatre, Kings County Museum or Kentville Library and retrieve a miniature piece of art created by a local artist. All proceeds go to art programming in Kings County. Sold at the Wolfville Farmers' Market on December 16. [uncommoncommonart.com](http://uncommoncommonart.com)

### 4 Photography by Ernest Cadegan

These hauntingly beautiful photographs can be purchased at the Wolfville Farmers' Market or Harvest Gallery in Wolfville. [ernestcadegan.com](http://ernestcadegan.com)

### 5 Peace by Chocolate

Purchase a box of these scrumptious Syrian chocolates made in Antigonish at Charts Café in Wolfville or Noggins Corner Farm in Greenwich. [peacebychocolate.ca](http://peacebychocolate.ca)

### 6 Beeswax Food Wraps

Made in BC, the cloth can be used to wrap food, then tossed into the compost after a year of use. Makes a wonderful stocking stuffer for the eco-conscious! Found at Absolutely Fabulous in New Minas. [abeego.com](http://abeego.com)

### 7 Handmade Mittens

You can pick up a pair of unique mittens made from upcycled sweaters at either of the Cinnamon Creek locations in Greenwood or Middleton.

### 8 Charcuterie board by Larch Wood

Any foodie on your list would be delighted to get a larch wood charcuterie board under the tree! Boards can be found at Larch Wood in Wolfville. [larchwoodcanada.com](http://larchwoodcanada.com)

### 9 Pillow by Girliture

It's a worth checking out Girliture's website to see what the Kentville home business has in store this season. Choose from a large selection of pillows, wall hangings, rugs, and throws. [girliture.ca/shop](http://girliture.ca/shop)

### 10 Rummed Cider by Planters Ridge

Makes a great host gift! Planters Ridge combined the Bluenose Dark Rum from Ironworks Distillery in Lunenburg and Annapolis Valley apples to make a strong, full-bodied cider with tropical notes and hints of warming spices. [plantersridge.ca](http://plantersridge.ca)

### 11 Ewe Boots

These booties made from 100% recycled materials will be sure to keep little feet warm (and stylish!) this winter. Made in Halifax, they can be found at Inquisitive in Wolfville or on Etsy. [facebook.com/pg/Eweboots](https://facebook.com/pg/Eweboots)

### 12 Mr. B's Crayzons

Kiddos are sure to love crayzons – a blend of melted crayons in funky shapes! They can be found in the CAPRE office in Canning. [facebook.com/MrBsTee](https://facebook.com/MrBsTee)

### 13 Carpen-Tree Christmas Trees

Add a rustic vibe to your Christmas décor with these handmade wooden Christmas trees. Created and sold in a Berwick workshop. [facebook.com/Carpen-Tree-121620541858769/](https://facebook.com/Carpen-Tree-121620541858769/)

### 14 Soap by Hen of the Woods

Made from organic ingredients sourced from local farmers and beekeepers., these soaps can be found at North Mountain Coffee in Berwick and makes a great office gift or stocking stuffer! [henofthewoods.ca/soap](http://henofthewoods.ca/soap)

### 15 Rescue Coffee

10% of the proceeds of this premium fair-trade and organic coffee go to animal rescue organizations. Found at Noggins Corner Farm in Greenwich or The Market in Wolfville. [rescuecoffeeco.com](http://rescuecoffeeco.com)

### 16 Pine Tree Macrame

These beauties are handmade in Centreville. A great touch to any stylish home, apartment, or dorm room, they can be found at The Market in Wolfville. [facebook.com/pinetreehandcrafted](https://facebook.com/pinetreehandcrafted)

### 17 Forest Charcoal Soap by Nova Scotia Fisherman

Here's a clever way to sneak coal into someone's stocking! Nova Scotia Fisherman products can be found in stores across the Valley including Fresh New You in Kentville or Wheatons in Berwick. [novascotiafisherman.com](http://novascotiafisherman.com)

### 18 Spiced Liqueur by Covenhoven Distillery

Your eggnog will thank you when you mix it with the Spiced Liqueur from Sandy Cove's Covenhoven Distillery. This brand new product can be ordered online. [covenhovendistillery.ca](http://covenhovendistillery.ca)

### 19 From Seed to Centrepiece by Amanda Muis Brown

Need a gift for someone with a green thumb? Amanda Muis Brown is a flower farmer/florist in Centreville, and reveals her tricks of the trade. [thehumbleburdock.com](http://thehumbleburdock.com)

### 20 Rustic Christmas Candle by East Coast Home

This perfectly pine-scented candle can be purchased online. East Coast Home products can also be found at Anatolia in New Minas. [eastcoasthome.ca](http://eastcoasthome.ca)





## VALLEY FAMILY FUN: Local Gift Guide for Teachers

Laura Churchill Duke

Students are under no obligation to get their teacher a present at Christmastime. Some like to wait until the end of the year for a present instead. However, if you do want to give something to your teacher, it is always appreciated, and sometimes even a card of thanks can go a long way.

I interviewed some teachers and parents to find out what they did for teacher Christmas presents. This is a summary of my findings (the full article can be read on the Valley Family Fun blog at [valleyfamilyfun.ca/guide-best-teacher-gifts](http://valleyfamilyfun.ca/guide-best-teacher-gifts)).

- Make a donation to a charity in your teacher's name. Favourites include the school breakfast program, the food bank, or for a specific need in the classroom.

- Gift cards. Anything from bookstores to Dollarama or Walmart (for classroom needs), NSLC to Tim Horton's and Cineplex. Local cafe and restaurants were also popular.

- Bake or make something. Homemade cookies or jams were popular choices. Homemade ornaments and other holiday crafts were also popular.

One of the most important factors for parents was trying to shop locally to find that perfect gift. That way, you are helping the local businesses as well as appreciating your teacher.

Happy shopping!

[valleyfamilyfun.ca](http://valleyfamilyfun.ca)  
[info@valleyfamilyfun.ca](mailto:info@valleyfamilyfun.ca)

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features music by Academy Award-winning composer Alan Menken (*The Little Mermaid*, *Aladdin*, *Beauty and the Beast*), and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens. *A Christmas Carol* is a spectacular adaptation of Charles Dickens' most well-known story and under the direction of Mark Wainman, with musical direction from Katrina Salmon, *A Christmas Carol* is sure to be a must-see hit.

*A Christmas Carol: The Musical* features powerhouse actor Steve Roe as Scrooge, and the three ghosts are played by Olivia Lee, Logan Levesque, and Francesca Cornetta. Supporting actors include Brian and Cheryl MacDonald, David Foley, Dylan Salmon, Justin Brown, Hannah Moore, Max Cole and many many more.

Shows will take place at the Fountain Performing Arts Centre of King's-Edgehill School in Windsor, December 1, 2, 8, 9, at 7:00pm, with special matinees on December 2, 9, and 10 at 2:00pm. Tickets can be purchased online at [QAAW.ca](http://QAAW.ca) or by visiting Mosaic Market in Windsor and The Box of Delights Book Shop in Wolfville. This is a family-friendly, holiday must-see show you don't want to miss!

Quick As A Wink Theatre Society and Centrestage Theatre are non-profit, charitable, community theatre groups. Their objectives and performances are conducted and achieved entirely by volunteers, and for years they've never steered their patrons wrong with their productions. Enjoy the shows and the preparations for a safe and happy holiday season!

## RECIPE: Moroccan Roasted Carrot Salad

Jenny Osburn | *The Union Street Cafe Cookbook* | [www.jennyosburn.com](http://www.jennyosburn.com)

Jenny Osburn is the author of *The Union Street Café Cookbook*. Her second collaboration with Laura MacDonald of *Deep Hollow Print*, *The Kitchen Party Cookbook*, is now available! Find more recipes at [jennyosburn.com](http://jennyosburn.com) and see what she's up to on Instagram at [jenny.osburn](https://www.instagram.com/jenny.osburn)

Here's wishing you a peaceful December, filled with all the things you enjoy this festive month (and less of the things you don't!) As you know, I love having a few simple but delicious recipes up my sleeve for holiday parties and get-togethers and you'll find many of them in my new collection, *The Kitchen Party Cookbook*. Here's another one of my party tricks, a delicious and slightly exotic side dish that can be served warm or cold. It's most beautiful when made with rainbow carrots, but any sweet and delicious carrots will do!

### Moroccan Roasted Carrot Salad

- 2 lbs. carrots
- 1 red onion, sliced
- 3 Tbsp Olive Oil
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tsp cumin, toasted in a small frying pan until fragrant
- 1/2 tsp Sriracha or other hot sauce (or not)
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon
- 2 Tbsp chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tsp honey
- Pomegranate seeds and chopped cilantro for garnishing, optional



Preheat oven to 400°. Peel the carrots, and cut into 1/2" pieces. Place in a large bowl with the onion, olive oil, and salt. Toss to coat the vegetables and spread onto a baking sheet. Roast for 35-40 minutes, stirring occasionally until carrots have softened and are beginning to brown. Meanwhile, whisk the lemon juice, cumin, optional hot sauce, cinnamon, honey and parsley until combined. When the carrots are ready, scrape them back in the bowl with all their oil and toss with the dressing while still warm. Serve salad right away or chill until cold and serve, garnished with the pomegranate seeds and cilantro if you have 'em.



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## THE NUTCRACKER RETURNS FOR 12TH YEAR!

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This year marks the twelfth year that Cadance Academy has staged its annual production of *The Nutcracker* at Wolfville's Festival Theatre. With performances on December 9 and 10, this lively and colourful production is sure to get everyone in the Christmas spirit! Cadance Academy's director, Gaea Jess, is looking forward to this year's show: "I can't believe this is our twelfth year doing this show! We all work so hard on this production, trying to make improvements that are sure to impress the audiences, but it's also like a well-oiled machine. I say every year that the show just gets better and better – and it does! We have new choreography and costumes to keep it fresh and there are a few other changes but you'll just have to come and see it for yourself!"

This year's cast includes the return of local dancer Izaak Oulton as The Nutcracker and the debut of Natalie Baker as Clara. Natalie is currently taking intermediate ballet at Cadance Academy. Natalie first danced in *The Nutcracker* three years ago as one of the lead angels and a lead Chinese dancer. "I fell in love with Cadance Academy's *The Nutcracker* when I joined the cast and got my first glimpse of the show at age fourteen. I really looked up to those dancers in lead roles, and naturally, this meant I idolized Clara. That year Danika Irvin played her. She was so beautiful and had such a joy about her dancing. I remember taking every chance I could to watch her perform and it became an aspiration of mine to play Clara!"

Izaak started dancing at Cadance Academy when he was four years old but only became serious about it six years ago when he saw *The Nutcracker* and aspired to become The Nutcracker and took up regular ballet training. "I'm happy to be playing The Nutcracker again this year. I'm more comfortable in the role now and I can improve on what I did last year." This year there are more than ten young male dancers in *The Nutcracker* and the school hopes more boys will enroll in classes in the coming years. Cadance Academy offers full-year classes in ballet, jazz, modern and modern-acro as well as seasonal 8-week sessions throughout the year.

"Cadance Academy's *The Nutcracker* has become one of my favourite ways to celebrate Christmas. I love how the school comes together as a family to put on this magical production and its profound ability to bring joy to all those who experience it!" Natalie says. There are just two performances of *The Nutcracker*: 7:00 pm on Saturday, December 9 and 2:00 pm on December 10 at the Festival Theatre in Wolfville. Both shows were near sell-outs last year so the public is encouraged to buy tickets well in advance. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students, seniors, and children. They are available from Cadance Academy (679-3616) as well as Wild Lily in Wolfville.

### EVENT INFO

Cadance Academy's *The Nutcracker*  
Sat., Dec. 9, 7:00pm; Sun., Dec. 10, 2:00pm  
Tickets: adults \$20, students \$15. Available at Cadance Academy, New Minas and Wild Lily, Wolfville



Snow King and Queen, Tyler Hall and Erin Nafthal

## MIKE UNCORKED: Al Stewart and The Horton Ridge Malt & Grain Company!

Mike Butler

Driving along the highway, everyone knows and loves the view! Coming over the mountain to see Blomidon, heading into Halifax and seeing the smoke from the Sackville Lumber Mill, and all of the greenery and the waterways of Windsor, make the drive so much more enjoyable. Over the last year, there's been a new piece of the landscape added and it's a wonderful addition between exits 9 and 10: The Horton Ridge Malt & Grain Company!

Alan Stewart, the sixth generation farmer from Hortonville, sat down and chatted with me about this incredible business venture. Al attended the original Horton High School, Acadia University, and the Technical University of Nova Scotia.

"After high school, I ran away from the family farm and obtained several engineering degrees. However the farming lifestyle (all work, no play, no money) beckoned, and in the mid 80's I purchased the farm from my father," says Alan, "After farming for 30 years -- including 23 years at the Wolfville Farmers Market -- I opened Horton Ridge Malt & Grain in the spring of 2016. This was a result of wanting to convert our organic farm to grain production to supply the burgeoning craft brewing and distilling industries of the Maritimes. I soon found out that although beer and whiskey are made from grain, the grain had to be malted first. No one was doing that here, and malting is a good fit for a farmer. Malting is essentially the germination of grain, so it was easy for me to get my head around it."

Horton Ridge is the only malt house in Atlantic Canada and only one of about a dozen in Canada. Their distinctive building design honours the malt kilns of the distilleries of Scotland and it's a sight to behold. The craft malting industry is very new to North America, and Horton Ridge is happy to be on the cutting edge. They supply malts to various

breweries around the Maritimes and in the spring of 2017 they began brewing beer. Their taproom opened on June 1 to much praise. Horton Ridge is the only brewery in Atlantic Canada that makes its own malts and this has been a wonderful opportunity for them to educate their customers about the role agriculture plays in brewing.

"We serve tasting flights, pints, and growlers of beer," says Stewart. "An ongoing goal is to tie the various varieties of grains to their distinctive flavours in beer. We have six taps, and our tap list is always changing. We try to have 3 of our own beers available on tap and in growlers. Our beers contain only our malts. The other three taps dispense beer made by our customers that have purchased malt from us. These breweries are big and small, allowing us to showcase beers that are not normally available in the Valley."

The Horton Ridge Malt & Grain is becoming a very popular social hangout for those looking for something a little different and something off the beaten path. On Friday evenings they have "Neighbour's Night", and have a lineup of music over the upcoming months. As they move into winter, they will remain open Thursday to Sunday to provide a space to enjoy a wee pint or two. They will be open Thurs 4-9pm (trivia contest at 7:00pm), Fri & Sat 2:00pm-10:00pm and Sun 12-6:00pm. You can reach the shop by calling 902-266-MALT (how easy is that?). This winter, while sometimes businesses make a huge shift in hours and staff, the malt shop hopes to gain more clients seeking a nice, comfortable place to taste unique products and bask in a warm atmosphere.

The Horton Ridge Malt & Grain Company has become a terrific addition to our Valley business community and I hope you take the time to go visit this amazing sight and sample their products. All the best to Al and his team!



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## WHO'S WHO: MATT BALSOR: The Valley's Country Music Prince

Mike Butler

Growing up was very fun for me. I have a wonderful, supportive family and I can't remember a time in my life when music didn't play a huge part in our lives. With the age ranges of my aunts, uncles, sisters, cousins, and grandparents, I was influenced by just about every genre of music. My sisters bombarded me with the 80's, and aunts and uncles kicked it up a notch with 70's rock and disco, but it was my parents and my grandparents that introduced me to the wonderful world of golden oldies and classic country.

I have very distinct memories of driving with my Grampie blasting the Statler Brothers, the Oak Ridge Boys and Charley Pride, as well as clear visions of singing in the kitchen with my mother to the hits of Dolly Parton, Loretta Lynn, George Jones, Conway Twitty, Tammy Wynette, Johnny Cash and countless other country legends.

It's this love and appreciation for the pioneers of country music that sparked my interest in the incredible musician being featured in this Who's Who, Matt Balsor!

Matt Balsor was born in Coldbrook but currently resides in Hantsport. Matt completed a Bachelor's degree in business administration with honours at Acadia University and is a Fellow of the Credit Union Institute of Canada, but music is the burning passion of this very talented man.

"I spent close to 10 years in the financial services industry with Valley Credit Union. The last four years were spent supervising the Hantsport branch. Earlier in 2017, I accepted a position at Acadia University in the Department of Co-operative Education," says Matt. "It is deeply rewarding having the opportunity to work with students as they shape their future. I believe educators have an extremely important role to play in society, one that I take very seriously."

Matt also owns an income tax preparation business which he operates out of Hantsport. He currently serves over 200 clients and is always looking to meet new people.

That's his professional resume, but Matt is probably even more well-known for being a musician and entertainer. 2018 will mark 20 years in the music business for Matt, and in that time he has released 12 studio albums, made various radio and television

appearances, and performed in concert with Grand Ole Opry star Larry Gatlin, Canadian country music legend Carroll Baker, and many other Hall of Fame inductees. His country and gospel music have been played on the radio throughout Canada, the United States, Europe, and Australia.

The biggest recording of Matt's career to date was released in July of 2012. *Matt Balsor & Friends* is a 26-song recording featuring duets with different singers. Something of this magnitude has never been done before, at least in Canada, and the response has been mind-blowing. "I am delighted that I was able to coordinate and co-produced something that will become a long-lasting piece of music history here in Nova Scotia and beyond," says Matt.

The recording made its way to Germany and caught the attention of a country music publicist who is responsible for writing international country music encyclopedias. Matt was selected as one of the artists from Nova Scotia to be featured in a Canadian edition released in 2014. One article features Matt's career and the other is a review of *Matt Balsor & Friends*. Matt was named one of the top 250 International Country Music Artists in 2011 by the European Country Music Association.

Matt loves his fans (his friends, as he calls them) and says that his secret to success is simple: "be good to the people and they will be good to you." He is very interactive with his audience and can be seen during intermissions mingling with the audience, getting pictures with his supporters, and giving lots of hugs. I recently saw photos of Matt waiting tables at Surf Restaurant in Hantsport as part of his commitment to giving back to the community. He is often heard saying, "It is my faithful supporters that have sustained me over the years and I will never take them for granted."

This is one artist worth following, folks. I strongly suggest you go to [mattbalsor.com](http://mattbalsor.com) where you can view his concert dates as well as listen to samples from his various recordings and much more. Matt is a very busy musician with shows and special engagements throughout Nova Scotia so keep up to date and seek him out.

Despite being internationally renowned, Matt's heart lies in the Valley and in Nova Scotia. "The Annapolis Valley is full of won-



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derful, kind, hard-working people," he says, "I am thankful for the support received and for the opportunities I have had both personally and professionally. I have no desire to live or work anywhere else."

Matt hopes to have another 20 years in the music business, keeping traditional country music alive and performing the songs he's loved his whole life. Matt says, "Not everyone can afford to go to Nashville or even pay the \$100 ticket prices in Halifax for huge stage shows with more lights than music sometimes. My objective is to bring all the glitz and glamor of a Nashville show to Nova Scotia and to the many people who love country music and a great entertainment experience."

Thank you, Matt; for your talent and for keeping this terrific music alive.

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## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

**Crisis Intervention** – *Louis Millet Community Complex, New Minas 7-9pm* • Presented by The Kings County Schizophrenia Society. Guest Speaker: Matthew White from the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team will tell us about the program in HRM. Music: Provided by Justin. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-681-2448 / 2getcarl@gmail.com

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

**Technology Drop-In Q&A** – *Adult Learning Centre, Kentville 9am-12pm. Also Dec. 8* • Have a technology question or problem? We can help. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-679-5252 / infotech.vcla@gmail.com

**Christmas Craft Expo** – *Fire Hall, Hantsport 10am-5pm. Also Dec. 2, 10am-4pm* • Two Christmas basket draws, door prizes, canteen. **TIX:** Admission by donation. **INFO:** 902-684-9898 / kathleenmacdow27@gmail.com

**Wolfville School Chicken Dinner** – *Wolfville School, Wolfville 4-6pm* • Dinner at the newly renovated school! In support of the Wolfville School kitchen. Beverage, dessert included. Vegetarian lasagna option available. **TIX:** \$14 adults, \$8 children @ Inquisitive Toy Company (Wolfville), Wolfville School, and at the door. Cash only please. **INFO:** emilyleeson@gmail.com

**Santa Comes To Kingston** – *Credit Union Centre, Kingston 6-8pm* • **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-765-2800

**Tree Lighting** – *Centennial Park, Middleton 6:30pm* • Hot Chocolate, Tree Lighting, Bonfire, Choir & Broke with Money! Visit from SANTA! Fireworks! Free Public skate at the Arena from 7:45-8:45pm **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-825-6611 / recoffice@town.middleton.ns.ca

**Live Nativity Drive Thru** – *Baptist Church, New Minas. Drive-thru Dec. 1 & 2, 6:30-8pm, Walk-thru Dec. 3, 6-7:30pm* • Experience A Night in Bethlehem. **TIX:** food donation for the Food Bank **INFO:** 902-681-7683 / paul.fowler@nmbc.ca

**Night of Lights** – *Clock Park, Wolfville 6:30-8:30pm* • Start with a walking parade led by Santa and Mrs. Clause from Front Street to Clock Park for the Tree Lighting, caroling, hot chocolate, warm cider and cookies! **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-670-0131 / nzamora@wolfville.ca

**St. Joseph's CWL Annual Ticket Auction** – *St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 48 Belcher St., Kentville 7pm (doors open 6pm)* • Canteen, Raffle items, 50/50 draw, bake room, and door prizes. Unable to attend? Pre-auction bidding 12:30-3pm. **INFO:** barbaverynash@hotmail.com

**Dance: Big Deal** – *Royal Canadian Legion, Windsor 7-11pm* • 19+ **TIX:** \$5 per person **INFO:** 902-798-0888 / WindsorLegion@bellaliant.com

**Caribbean Dance** – *MultiPlex, Canning 8pm-12am* • Kingsport Fitness & Wellness Society's 3rd Annual CARIBBEAN DANCE NIGHT. Music provided by Frederic Mujica **TIX:** \$10, Call/text for tickets. **INFO:** Richard, 902-300-0092

**Kitchen Party and Dance** – *Farmers Market, Wolfville 9pm-1am* • Join the Deep Roots Music Co-op, Ida Red and the Hupman Brothers as we celebrate live music in the Valley and Dave Carmichael's 50th! **TIX:** No charge for the volunteers. \$15 at the door **INFO:** 902-670-2361 / lisa@deeprootsmusic.ca

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

**Lion's Breakfast** – *St Andrew's Anglican Church Hall, Hantsport 7-10am* • Pancakes, eggs, ham, beans, hash browns, toast, juice, tea or coffee. **TIX:** \$7 adult, \$3.50 children 6-12 years, no charge under 5 **INFO:** hantsportlionsclub.com

**Traditional Breakfast** – *United Baptist Church, Canning 7:30-10:30am* • Pancakes, sausage, bacon, hash browns, beans, scrambled eggs, toast. (Gluten free pancakes & toast). **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 902-582-3827 / tapgap@xcountry.tv

**Christmas Ticket Auction** – *Curling Club, Middleton 8am-7:30pm* • Christmas Fete and Funspiel. Ticket auction, bake table and curling. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-765-6977 / curling@middletoncurlingclub.com

**Lions Breakfast** – *Louis Millet Centre, New Minas 8-10:30am* • Scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, beans, toast, juice, tea and coffee. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 902-681-2040

**Christmas Craft & Vendor Sale** – *Southwest Hants Firehall, 1884 Hwy 14, Vaughans 9am-4pm* • Crafts, vendors, canteen. **TIX:** \$2 **INFO:** ellajean.levy@gmail.com

**Bake Sale & Ticket Auction** – *Greenwood Mall, Greenwood 9:30am-4pm* • Presented by the Annapolis Valley Chapter of Autism NS. 100% of proceeds stay in the Valley to provide programs and supports for children, teens and adults with autism. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** Sandy, 902-242-2019 / annapolisvalley@autismns.ca

**Christmas Business Fair** – *NSSC Kingstec Campus, Kentville 10am-1pm* • Support small and medium local businesses by shopping at Shop Local, Shop Valley's business fair. **TIX:** \$2 admission OR donation of a child winter clothing item. NSSC students free admission (w/student ID) **INFO:** 902-300-0869 / shoplocalshopvalley@gmail.com

**Christmas Craft Fair & Luncheon** – *Community Centre, Woodville 10am-2pm* • Local Crafters, bake table, luncheon. Menu: Chowder w/tea biscuit, drink & gingerbread w/hot sauce. Sandwich Plate includes drink and a sweet. **TIX:** Admission free. Chowder Lunch \$10 Sandwich Plate \$5 **INFO:** info@woodville-kingscounty.ca

**Wrap it Up Christmas Event** – *Royal Canadian Legion, Windsor 10am-3pm* • Christmas Shopping Event with all proceeds going to The Emerald Aisle Society which focuses on street missions in the province of Nova Scotia **TIX:** \$2 or travel size toiletries **INFO:** 902-538-0295 / TheEmeraldAisle@outlook.com

**Crafts & Bake Tables** – *Forties Community Centre, New Ross 10am-4pm. Also Dec. 3* • Lots of homemade bread, pickles, jams and jellies. Proudly part of the New Ross Christmas Festival! **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** fortiescc@gmail.com

**Ticket Auction & Benefit for Shirley Hiltz** – *Community Center, Lakeville 10am-4pm* • Ticket auction with various donations from businesses across the Annapolis Valley. 50/50; Grocery hamper tickets; Live music. **TIX:** Admission by donation **INFO:** 902-538-7857

**Quilt/Craft Sale** – *St. John's Anglican Church, Port Williams 10am-8pm* • Quilts, afghans, hand knit items, wide selection of hand crafted items, pickles, jams and jellies. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 902-697-2793 / sandranichols14@hotmail.com

**Turkey Dinner & Supper** – *Forties Community Centre, New Ross 11:30am-1:30pm & 2:30-4:30pm. Also Dec. 3* • Turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Proudly part of the New Ross Christmas Festival! **TIX:** \$13 adult, \$7 ages 12 and under, \$3 under 5 **INFO:** 902-689-2612

**Senior's Christmas Tea** – *Family Life Centre, Middleton 12-1:30pm* • Tea, coffee, sandwiches and sweet treats will be served. Hosted by MBC Kingdom Youth Group. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-825-3537 / hollyrlr@hotmail.com

**Grow With Art, Children's Workshop** – *NSSC Kingstec, Belcher St., Kentville 1-3pm* • W/Darlene Lindh. Art works may be returned/ exchanged at this time. Ages 6-14. **TIX:** \$2 per child **INFO:** irenehazell@hotmail.com

**Confederation Yuletide Tea** – *Kings County Museum, Kentville 2-3:30pm* • Live Music, Curiosity Shoppe, Bake Shoppe, Traditional Cream Tea, Victorian Parlour, Book Launch. Hosted by The Kings Historical Society. **TIX:** suggested \$8 minimum donation. **INFO:** 902-678-6237 / info@kingscountymuseum.ca

**Christmas Tea and Sale** – *United Church, Kingston 2-4pm* • Sandwiches and festive sweets. White Elephant Sale, Jams, pickles, crafts, bake table and more! **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 902-765-3621 / officekpc@eastlink.ca

**Emmaus Road In Concert** – *New Hope Wesleyan Church, Kentville 6:30pm* • Quality Progressive and Traditional Southern Gospel. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-678-2222 / emmausroad.ca

**Magnificat - Christmas at Acadia** – *Convocation Hall, Wolfville 7-8:30pm* • Please join us for a wonderful evening of music, carols, and reflection. Acadia University Chorus, directed by Michael Caines. University Organist, John Scott, along with Acadia music faculty Christoph Both and Gillian Smith. Featured soloist is Christianne Rushton performing in Kim Andre Arnesen's Magnificat, or "Song of Mary". Also featuring student instrumentalists and soloists from the Acadia University School of Music. **TIX:** \$10 at the door, no charge for students **INFO:** music.acadiau.ca/acadia-chorus

**ORO! Festive Dance** – *Farmers Market, Wolfville 7:30-10:30pm* • Drummers from Djugdjug will be starting at 7:30pm, and ORO! will begin at 8pm! Bring a water bottle and a festive snack to share! **TIX:** \$10, \$5 students @ the door **INFO:** oro.orkestra@gmail.com

**Night Kitchen Coldsnap** – *Al Whittle Theatre,*

*Wolfville 8-10pm* • Featuring performances from The Chimney Swifts and The Gilberts, and others. **TIX:** \$10, \$5 students/unwaged @ Just Us Café (Wolfville) **INFO:** alwhittletheatre.ca  
**Matt Balsor Christmas Dance** – *Lions Club, Kentville 9pm-1am* • Music by country music recording artist Matt Balsor. 50/50 & spot dances. 19+ welcome. **TIX:** \$8 per person **INFO:** 902-679-5861

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

**Holiday Craft Fair/Flea Market Expo** – *Louis Millet Community Complex, New Minas 9am-3pm* • Fundraiser for the Atom B hockey team! Crafters, merchandise and flea marketers. Also a bake table, canteen, 50/50 tickets, raffles! **TIX:** \$2 **INFO:** 902-670-6844 / lovewhitewine46@gmail.com  
**Christmas Coffee Party & Pantry Sale** – *Stoneyhill United Baptist Church, Lockhartville 9:30-11:30am* • Fellowship, food and fun! **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 902-684-3610

**Open House: Pokemon League** – *J's Card Hobbies, Middleton 1-4pm* • J's Card Hobbies is hosting an open house. Refer a friend / new customer and receive 1 free booster of Pokemon trading cards per referral. Free Pokemon League Promo Card for each participant. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-825-4060 / jshobbies@outlook.com

**Merchandise Bingo** – *Community Hall, Ardoise 1pm* • Bingo is back w/great prizes. Also a building Loonie Jar and Toonie Jar that goes every game. Canteen open! **TIX:** \$1-\$15 **INFO:** 902-866-3786 / chair@ardoisehall.ca

**Country and Christmas Music Show** – *Lions Club, Berwick 2-4pm* • Featuring Ruth Manning and the Prospectors w/special guest Dave Coggins. 50/50, door prizes. **TIX:** \$10 at the door **INFO:** 902-538-1496 / ruthmanning1972@gmail.com

**Christmas Show** – *Brickton Community Hall 2-5pm* • 50/50, food & drink. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** wolf.aucoin@hotmail.com

**FarmWorks Holiday Market** – *Farmers Market, Wolfville 2-5pm* • Sample Fine Foods! Soup for Supper! Find Holiday Gifts for Everyone! Coffee & Tea & Cider! Buy Tickets on a Basket of Gifts! **TIX:** Admission - donation towards WFM rental **INFO:** 902-542-3442 / lbtest@ns.sympatico.ca

**Advent Wreath Making** – *St. Joseph Catholic Church, Kentville 2-4pm* • Create a wreath and keepsake candle story booklet with your family to share at home during the season of Advent! **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-799-1250 / valleycatholicfamilylife@gmail.com

**Hot Chocolate Run** – *Wentfront Park, Wolfville 3-4pm* • Presented by Exercise is Medicine Canada at Acadia. 5k run & 3k walk options, with hot chocolate at the finish line! **TIX:** no charge. Accepting donations for Hants Co. Christmas Angels. **INFO:** facebook.com/EIMCAcadia

**Christmas Concert** – *St. John's United Church, Middleton 3-4:30pm* • Middleton Choral Society, directed by Maureen MacLean, accompanied by Elizabeth Harwood on piano and organ. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 902-665-4520 / jmont@eastlink.ca

**Fundy Cinema screens THE DIVINE ORDER** – *Al Whittle Theatre, 4 & 7pm* • In this feel good drama, director Petra Volpe revisits the Swiss women's struggle for the vote through the lens of Nora, a young housewife living a quiet life in a small village, untouched by the major social upheavals of 1968 until she picks up the fight for women's suffrage, which the men are due to vote on in a ballot on February 7, 1971. **TIX:** \$9 **INFO:** 902-542-1050

**Celebration Under the Stars** – *United Baptist Church, Kentville 6:30-7:30pm* • Christmas concert featuring singing from people of all ages! Cake to follow, all welcome. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 902-678-3162 / info@kentvillebaptist.org

**Christmas Concert** – *Annapolis Mess, Greenwood 7pm* • Featuring: 14 Wing Band (under the direction of WO Jeff Campbell), Honorary Colonel Terry Kelly, Kingston Elementary School Choir, Canadian Military Wives' Choir Greenwood. Open to the public. **TIX:** free admission; donations to the Upper Room Food Bank graciously accepted **INFO:** 902-765-8554

**Musical Gift with Sonlight** – *St. Anthony's Parish, Berwick 7pm* • Gospel & Christmas concert w/Sonlight & special guests The Men of St Anthony's and Friends! Wonderful evening of praise music with the sounds of the season thrown in! Proceeds to the Berwick Food Bank. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** chrismpalmer68@gmail.com

**Dukes of Kent All Men's Choir** – *Baptist Church, Avonport 7-8pm* • Refreshments to follow. **TIX:** free

will offering **INFO:** dukesofofent.ca

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

**Toddler Tonics** – *Kings County Family Resource Centre, Kentville 9:30-11am. Also Dec. 11* • You and your toddler will enjoy a morning of physical activity & fun, and meet new families. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-678-5760 / family.centre@ns.sympatico.ca

**Wellness for Women** – *Kings County Family Resource Centre, Kentville 1-2:30pm. Also Dec. 11* • Various topics such as healthy eating, making time for yourself, and even ways to pamper yourself. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-678-5760 / family.centre@ns.sympatico.ca

**Funds for Fuel Bridge Party** – *Macdonald Museum, Middleton 1-4pm* • Bi-weekly Bridge party. Proceeds support Macdonald Museum. Refreshments served. **TIX:** \$5 per person **INFO:** 902-825-6116 / macdonald.museum@ns.sympatico.ca

**Dessert Tea and Ticket Auction** – *Fire Hall, Waterville 6:30-8:30pm* • Hosted by Berwick Pathfinders, featuring homemade desserts and a display of donated prizes (draws begin at 8pm). **TIX:** \$5 entry fee, tickets \$1 for 10 **INFO:** 902-599-1833 / cskeddy@hotmail.ca

**Public Lecture** – *KC Irving Centre, Acadia University, Wolfville 7:30pm* • The Nova Scotian Institute of Science (NSIS) will be hosting a free public lecture entitled: A "Clear Cut" Perspective About "Science-Based" Forest Management in NS, w/Dr. Donna Crossland. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** nsis.chebucto.org

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

**Committee of the Whole** – *Town Hall, Wolfville 8:30am* • **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** wolfville.ca

**Christmas Luncheon** – *Orchard Valley United Church, New Minas 11:45am-1pm* • Choice of sausage & squash soup or creamy cabbage soup, homemade biscuits and rolls, tea/coffee, and gingerbread with lemon sauce for dessert. Take-outs/delivery available – please order by noon, Dec. 4 **TIX:** \$8 per person **INFO:** 902-681-0366, ext 1 / sylviajacquard@gnspses.ca

**Play with Me** – *Valley Autism Centre, Kingston 1:30-2:30pm. Also Dec. 12* • Take some time to be creative, active, and engaged with your child/children. All ages welcome. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-678-5760 / family.centre@ns.sympatico.ca

**Municipal Council** – *County of Kings Municipal Complex, Kentville 6pm* • **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 888-337-2999

**Open Mike & Donna** – *T.A.N. Cafe, Wolfville 7-9pm. Also Dec. 12* • Sing a song, play an instrument, recite a poem, stand up a comic, or just watch the fun at this cozy & acoustic open mic hosted by Donna Holmes.

## TIDE PREDICTIONS at Cape Blomidon

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NOV	High	Low
30	**9:26am	3:38pm
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01	10:18am	4:30pm
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04	12:46pm	6:59pm
05	*1:35pm	7:19am
06	2:26pm	8:09am
07	3:18pm	9:01pm
08	4:12pm	9:54am
09	5:08pm	10:50am
10	6:07pm	11:48am
11	7:07pm	12:49pm
12	7:39am	1:50pm
13	8:37am	2:50pm
14	9:32am	3:45pm

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**TIX: no charge INFO:**  
donnaolmes712@gmail.com

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

**Let's Get Up and Move** – Kings County Family Resource Centre, Kentville 9:30–10:30am • An hour of increasing your heart rate and having fun. Free childcare available. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-678-5760 / family.centre@ns.sympatico.ca  
**Rhyme Time** – TWO LOCATIONS: Lions Club, Kingston 9:30am / Louis Millet Community Complex, New Minas 10am • Songs, rhymes, and movement activities. A great parent-child experience. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-678-5760 / family.centre@ns.sympatico.ca  
**Free Community Lunch** – Kingston United Church, 733 Main St., Kingston

12–1pm • Enjoy a free hot soup Luncheon! **INFO:** njarmstrong@eastlink.ca  
**VWBN Annual Holiday Social** – Kings Riverside Court, Kentville 6–8:30pm • Enjoy a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings while networking with other women in business. Networking, door prizes, and games ensure we will have a relaxing and fun evening. **TIX:** \$15 members, \$20 non-members **INFO:** vwbn.ca/calendar  
**Christmas Recital and Foodbank Fundraiser** – Wolfville Baptist Church 6pm • Presented by the studio of Susan Dworkin. Enjoy a wide variety of music from around the globe. Featuring voice and piano students and the Wolfville Community Chorus. Come and enjoy a bowl of delicious vegan soup. \$2/ scoop. Proceeds in support of the food bank. **TIX:** \$10 suggested donation, and a non-perishable food item.

**INFO:** 902-300-1001 / susan\_dworkin@hotmail.com  
**Family Fitness Time** – Louis Millet Community Complex, New Minas 6–7pm • A time for all family members to get active and enjoy spending time together. All ages and abilities are welcome. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-678-5760 / family.centre@ns.sympatico.ca  
**Fundy Cinema screens BOMBSHELL: THE HEDY LAMARR STORY** – Al Whittle Theatre, 7pm • An eye-opening documentary about actress Hedy Lamarr, revered in the 1940s tabloids as “the most beautiful woman in the world” but also an unacknowledged genius who helped invent radio-control technology during World War II, which ultimately paved the way for current communication systems such as GPS and WiFi. **TIX:** \$9 **INFO:** 902-542-1050

**Violence Against Women Vigil** – Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Middleton 7–8pm • A quiet time of prayers, poetry, music and white ribbons. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-765-4023 / hulford@eastlink.ca  
**Jam Session** – Lions Club, Kentville 7–9:30pm. Also Dec. 13 • Come play, sing or just sit back and listen. All styles and abilities welcome. Potluck snack at 8:30 (bring along something to share). Proceeds for Lion's projects. **TIX:** \$2 **INFO:** 902-680-2740 / vintagemusic1@hotmail.com  
**New Horizons Band** – Festival Theatre, Wolfville 7:30–8:45pm • W/special guests Big Valley Swing Orchestra. A fun and lively concert of seasonal and other band music. NHB welcomes new players, beginner and experienced, for the winter 2018 session. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 902-538-3082 / brianvr@outlook.com

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

**PLEASE NOTE: Event information may change without notice.**

### THURSDAYS

**The Hantsport Seniors & Elders Club "Drop-in"** – St. Andrews Church Hall, Hantsport 1–4pm. Play an assortment of games with a tea-break at 3pm. All ages! **INFO:** 902-352-2085 / davidold@eastlink.ca  
**In the Round Knitting Group** – Gaspereau Valley Fibres 1–4:30pm. Also Tuesdays 6–9pm. Bring your knitting, rug hooking, spinning, or felting. **INFO:** 902-542-2656 / gaspereauvalleyfibres.ca  
**Tapestry: Women's Cancer Support Group** – We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month (Next: Dec. 14). Please call for time/location. For women with and/or recovering from any type of cancer. **INFO:** Dorothy, 902-538-3374 / Pat, 902-678-9100 / Margot, 902-542-1466 / margotwithat@hotmail.com  
**Open Studio** – Avon River Heritage Museum, Newport Landing 2–5pm. Bring a project and join in the conversation! **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-757-1718 / infoavonriver@gmail.com  
**Pokemon League, Board Games and Magic the Gathering** – J's Card Hobbies, Middleton 5:30–9:30pm • Learn to play Pokémon. Also MTG Casual and board games. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-825-4060 / jshobbies@outlook.com  
**Taekwondo** – Baptist Church, North Alton 6:30pm (kids 4–14), 7:30pm (adult). Also Tuesdays. Exercise, self defense, respect, listening skills, focus, self discipline and confidence. **TIX:** no charge to try a class **INFO:** 902-670-8714 / devin@ennissecurity.ca  
**NonDuality Meetup** – Manning Memorial Chapel, Wolfville 7pm–9pm. Every other Thursday (Next: Dec. 7). Non-denominational discussion of life and our place in the scheme of things. 19+ **FEE:** no charge **INFO:** rozspeed57@gmail.com  
**Tremont Board Game Café** – Tremont Hall, 738 Tremont Mountain Rd., 7–9:30pm, every 1st and 3rd Thursday (Next: Dec. 7). The newest, coolest games in a friendly, relaxed environment. **FEE:** no charge **INFO:** 902-765-4326  
**Jam Session** – Community Centre, Wilmot 7–9:30pm **TIX:** \$2 **INFO:** 902-825-3125  
**Co-ed Volleyball** – Central Kings Rural High, Cambridge 7:30–9:30pm. Tuesdays & Thursdays, from September to May. **INFO:** Willy, 902-678-8816  
**Cardio Kickboxing** – Baptist Church, North Alton 8:30–9:30pm. Also Tuesdays. Adult class to improve coordination, strength building, cardiovascular improvements, self defence, stress reduction, and weight reduction. **TIX:** no charge for 1st week of classes **INFO:** 902-670-8714 / devin@ennissecurity.ca

### FRIDAYS

**Playful Pals Playgroup** – FOUR LOCATIONS: Recreation Centre, Wolfville / Fire Hall, Waterville / New Beginnings Center, Greenwood / L.E. Shaw Elementary School, Avonport, 9:30–11:30am. Sing songs, play in the gym and more. Parent-child interaction, and meet other families. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-678-5760 / family.centre@ns.sympatico.ca  
**Low Impact Exercise Program** – Christian Fellowship Centre, Wilmot. Every M–W–F, 11am–12pm. Free Community low impact exercise program. Geared for seniors, but open to everyone. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-765-0135 / wendynoble135@gmail.com  
**Art for Wellness** – Canadian Mental Health Association, New Minas 1–4pm. Arts and crafts program for adults who live independently with mental illness, including depression and anxiety. Materials provided. **TIX:** no

charge, but please pre-register. **INFO:** 902-670-4103 / club@cmhaskings.ns.ca  
**Chase The Ace & Supper** – Royal Canadian Legion, Berwick 5–7pm • Downstairs; use back door. Everyone welcome. Cash bar. 19+ **TIX:** Tickets 3 for \$5. Supper \$8. Dessert \$2. **INFO:** 902-538-5815  
**Chase the Ace** – Curling Club, Middleton 6:30–8pm • Draw at 8pm. Enjoy playing cribbage, Crokinole, Yahtzee in the dining hall. **TIX:** 3 tickets for \$5. **INFO:** 902-825-2695 / bemorine@hotmail.com  
**Boardgame Night** – C@P Lab, Wolfville Public Library, 7pm. Bring your games! Ages 12+ **FEE:** no charge **INFO:** 902-790-4536 / turpin56@gmail.com  
**Tremont Board Game Café** – Tremont Hall, 738 Tremont Mtn. Rd. 7–9:30pm every first and third Friday (Next: Dec. 1 & 15). Many of the newest and coolest games in a friendly and relaxed environment. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-765-4326  
**Jam** – Greenwich Community Hall, 7–9:30pm. All Welcome. **TIX:** \$2 **INFO:** Vera, 902-542-0501  
**Friday Night Jam** – Royal Canadian Legion, Wolfville, 7–10pm. **INFO:** 902-542-5869 / wolfvillelegion@gmail.com  
**Chase the Ace** – Royal Canadian Legion, Windsor 6:30–8:45pm • Tickets/info available during the week at the bar. Cut off for ticket purchase is 8:30pm, draw at 8:45pm. **INFO:** 902-798-0888 / WindsorLegion@bellaliant.com

### SATURDAYS

**Wolfville Farmers' Market** – DeWolfe Building, Elm Ave., Wolfville 8:30am–1pm **December 2 Theme:** Get Unscrooged **December 9 Theme:** Yule Market **INFO:** wolfvillefarmersmarket.ca  
**Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament / Magic the Gathering** – J's Card Hobbies, Middleton 10am–1pm (Yu-Gi-Oh), 1–4pm (MTG) • Duel your friends in these fun trading card games. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-825-4060 / jshobbies@outlook.com  
**Drop in and Drum!** – Baptist Church, Wolfville 1–2:30pm. First Saturday of the month (Next: Dec. 2). W/Bruno Allard. Learn to play the djembe with rhythms & songs from West Africa. Drums provided. **FEE:** \$5–\$10 (pay what you can) **INFO:** brunoallard7@gmail.com / facebook: Djembes and Duns Wolfville  
**Chase the Ace** – Legion, Kingston. Ticket sales available every Saturday at the RCL in Kingston until winning Jackpot number is drawn. Tickets are 3 for \$5, and sold from 1–3pm, draw at 3:30pm. 19+ to play. **INFO:** 902-765-4428 / legion98sect@eastlink.ca  
**Valley Game Night** – Gametronics, New Minas 6pm. Board game/card game group. Yu Gi Oh – Thursdays, 6pm. Magic: The Gathering – Fridays, 6pm **FEE:** no charge **INFO:** facebook.com/GameTronics

### SUNDAYS

**Windsor Meditation Group** – Join us for meditation in the Shambhala tradition, discussion and tea. At the Windsor Community Centre, 321 Gerrish St., Windsor. 10:30am–noon. Use side entrance. Wheelchair accessible. **FEE:** no charge **INFO:** 902-798-2958 / windsormeditationgroup@gmail.com  
**Bingo** – Royal Canadian Legion, Windsor 7:30–10pm • Mini game 7:30pm, regular games 7:45pm. Regular games \$150 **TIX:** Basic card booklet \$25, extras available. **INFO:** 902-798-0888 / WindsorLegion@bellaliant.com

### MONDAYS

**Windsor Game Night** – Library, Windsor 6pm. Board game group. New players welcome! **FEE:** no charge **INFO:** meetup.com/valleygames /

turpin56@gmail.com  
**Toastmasters** – 2nd Floor, K.C. Irving Centre, Acadia 6:30–8:30pm. Communication and leadership skill-building for students and community members. **INFO:** wolfvilletoastmasters.com  
**East Kings Chess Club** – Library (upstairs), Wolfville 6:30–9pm. Participants are asked to bring their own sets, board and clock if they have them. All welcome, from beginners to expert, young and old. **INFO:** Ian Anderson, tfeloc@hotmail.com / 902-678-8009  
**Darts** – Berwick Legion, 7pm. Mixed doubles, draw for partner, round robin format. Cash prize to winners and high score. **FEE:** \$3 **INFO:** 902-538-5815  
**Kings Community Concert Band** – Bishop Hall, Greenwich 7:15pm. KCCB is a group of aspiring musicians, diverse in age, ability and ambition. We perform a wide variety of music for the community. **INFO:** Fraser Campbell, 902-306-0077 / kingsconcert@gmail.com

### TUESDAYS

**County Crafters** – Kings County Family Resource Centre, Kentville 9:30–11:30am. Crafting for adults. Bring a project or enjoy one provided for you. Childcare available. **FEE:** no charge **INFO:** 902-678-5760 / family.centre@ns.sympatico.ca  
**Writers Group** – Box of Delights Bookstore, Wolfville 10am–12pm. Join our new writers group! **INFO:** laurasydneynwolf@gmail.com  
**Friends in Bereavement** – Support, information, friendship, and confidentiality while grieving the death of a loved one. 1st & 3rd Tues. each month (Next: Dec. 5), in Kentville and Berwick. **BERWICK:** Western Kings Mem. Health Centre, 10am–12pm. **KENTVILLE:** United Baptist Church, Kentville 2–4pm. Sponsored by Careforce. **INFO:** 902-681-8239 / friendsinbereavement@gmail.com  
**Gaeilge sa Ghleann – Irish in the Valley** – Greenwood, 1pm. Learn to speak Gaeilge! **INFO:** HighburyPaul@gmail.com / Facebook: Gaeilge sa Ghleann  
**Rug Hooking in Kentville** – Kentville Lower Recreation Centre (354 Main Street), 1–3pm. If you are a rug hooker or want to learn, join us for social hooking! Tea/coffee available, \$5 drop in fee. **INFO:** Mona, monapearl@ns.sympatico.ca / Lynn, lynndenney@eastlink.ca / 902-692-8118  
**Life Drawing Sessions** – Horton Community Centre, Grand Pré, 6–9pm (Dec. 5, 12 & 19). For all levels of artists to draw from live model. Bring drawing materials, meet new friends. **FEE:** \$15 per session **INFO:** openlifedrawing@gmail.com / 902-698-6414  
**Toastmasters** – Birchall Training Centre, 14 Wing Greenwood 6:30pm. Learn communication and leadership skills in a fast-paced, fun setting. Guests always welcome. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** annapolisvalley.easy-speak.org / edwardwedler@gmail.com  
**The Dukes Of Kent – Barbershop Harmony Chorus** – Bethany Memorial Baptist Church, rear of building, North Kentville 7pm. Men of all ages are invited to come sing with us. **INFO:** Chris, 902-678-8865 / Seymourchris2@gmail.com  
**Card Game** – Fire Hall, Vaughans 7pm • Card games every Tuesday. 50/50 draw and light lunch. **TIX:** \$2 to play **INFO:** ellajeane.levy@gmail.com  
**Valley Voices** – Female a cappella show chorus rehearses 7–9:30pm, Kentville Baptist Church CE Centre. Women of any age welcome. **INFO:** valleyvoices.org  
**Cribbage** – Berwick Legion, 7pm. Includes high

hand, 50/50, 1st, 2nd & 3rd place cash prizes, and an ongoing Cookie Jar. **FEE:** \$10 per player **INFO:** 902-538-5815  
**Village Dancing** – Wolfville Curling Rink (upstairs), 7:30–8:30pm Beginner, 8:30–10pm Advanced. Traditional style circle and line dancing from the Balkans and Middle East. No partner needed. New dancers welcome. Expert instruction. **FEE:** \$7, \$5 students **INFO:** David, 902-690-7897  
**Board Game Night** – Paddy's Pub, Wolfville 8pm–12am **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-542-0059 / judy@paddys.ca

### WEDNESDAYS

**Coffee Time** – Community Hall, Greenwich 9:30–11am • Join us for coffee/tea and a muffin. Chat with friends, new and old! **TIX:** donation **INFO:** Darlene, 902-542-3498 / darlene.hennigar@gmail.com / Bev, 902-542-7412  
**Kentville Farmers' Market** – 38 Cornwallis Street, Kentville 10am–2pm. Open year-round. Fresh farm products, bread, honey, maple syrup, cheese, hot lunch food, local crafts and household goods. **INFO:** marketmanager@kentville.ca / kentvillefarmersmarket.ca  
**Chronic Pain Self-Help Support Group** – West Kings Memorial Health Centre, Berwick 10:30am–12pm, second Wed. of each month (Next: Dec. 13) • Do you or someone you know suffer with persistent pain? Goal is to improve the lives of those who live with persistent pain through education, support and sharing. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** pipain.com / AnnapolisValley.ns@pipain.com  
**Express Yourself With Art** – Kings County Family Resource Centre, Kentville 1–2pm. Until Dec. 13. Parents and children can explore the concept of open art, using various materials. All ages. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-678-5760 / family.centre@ns.sympatico.ca  
**Wolfville Farmers' Market** – DeWolfe Building, Elm Ave., Wolfville 4–7pm  
**December 6 Music:** Jack McDonald **Theme:** Yule Market  
**December 13 Music:** Curtis Matheson Duo **Theme:** Yule Market Enjoy \$10 Community supper! **INFO:** wolfvillefarmersmarket.ca  
**Chase The Ace** – Lions Club, 36 Elm Ave., Wolfville 5–8:15pm. Draw shortly after 8pm. Come early to play cards with friends, or have a snack at our canteen. **INFO:** 902-542-4508  
**Wolfville Community Chorus** – 100 Sherwood Drive, Wolfville. 5:30–7pm. W/Susan Dworkin, Director. New members welcome! **INFO:** 902-300-1001 / susan\_dworkin@hotmail.com  
**TV Bingo** – Royal Canadian Legion, Windsor 6–7pm. Windsor Legion Eastlink TV Bingo, Cookie jar, jackpot prizes etc. Regular games \$100–\$300. **TIX:** Books available at bar. **INFO:** 902-798-0888 / WindsorLegion@bellaliant.com  
**Valley Youth Project** – Louis Millett Community Complex, Rm 128, New Minas, 6:30–8:30pm. 1st & 3rd Wed. of the month. (Next: Dec. 6) Social drop-in for LGBTQ+ youth and allies, 25 years & under. **FEE:** no charge **INFO:** valleyyouthproject.wordpress.com  
**Card Party** – The Northville Farm Heritage Centre, 7pm. Until April. Come play either cribbage or 45's. Weekly door prize of \$20. **FEE:** \$4 **INFO:** info@northvillefarm.ca  
**Pool** – Legion, Berwick 7pm. Round robin format. Cash prize to winner and an ongoing Cookie Jar. **FEE:** \$3 to play **INFO:** chris48goddard@icloud.com



## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

**Let's Get Messy** – *Louis Millet Community Complex, New Minas 9:30-10:30am. Also Dec. 14* • Explore various art forms and sensory opportunities with your child. All ages. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-678-5760 / family.centre@ns.sympatico.ca  
**'Frozen in Time' Escape Room** – *Macdonald Museum, Middleton 1-9pm. Also Dec. 8* • Solve the clues to unlock the locks and escape! 1 hour time limit, teams of up to 7 ppl. Ages 16+. Please register. **TIX:** \$5 per person @ Macdonald Museum (Middleton) **INFO:** 902-825-6116 / contact@macdonaldmuseum.ca  
**Taste of Wolfville Food Tour** – *Just Us! Cafe, Wolfville 1:30-4:30pm. Also Dec. 14* • This 3-hour walking food tour visits up to 8 different establishments in Wolfville's delicious core. (Contact us 48-hrs in advance with special dietary requests. We may be able to accommodate.) **TIX:** \$49 adults, \$45 students/seniors (Fees included. Pre-purchase only) @ Cochrane's Pharmacy (Wolfville), Wilson's Pharmacy (Kentville, Berwick), Home Hardware (Windsor) **INFO:** 902-692-8546 / wolfvillefoodtours@gmail.com  
**Ticket Auction** – *St. Monica's Church, Middleton 2-7pm* • Draws begin at 7pm. All new prizes and gift certificates, Home made breads, sweets, fudge & preserves. Raffle for a handsome quilt, lobster and gas certificates; 50/50 draw. Tasty Canteen with chili and biscuits and hot dogs. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** mtcrooks@hotmail.com  
**Christmas Tree Lighting** – *Windsor Elms Village, Falmouth 6:30pm* • Carols, hot chocolate & Christmas cheer! **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-472-3654 / beth.house@winelms.ca  
**Songs of the Land** – *United Church, Berwick 7-8pm* • North Mountain Chorus Christmas Concert **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 902-670-3638 / lapierrepw@gmail.com

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

**Roast Turkey Dinner** – *Lions Club, Wolfville 5-7pm* • Roast turkey with all the trimmings. Proceeds for Lions Club. **TIX:** \$15 adults, \$8 children under 10 **INFO:** KimStewart@outlook.com  
**Dance: Meredith** – *Royal Canadian Legion, Windsor 7-11pm* • 19+ **TIX:** \$5 per person **INFO:** 902-798-0888 / WindsorLegion@bellaliant.com  
**The Mark Clarke Trio** – *Royal Canadian Legion, Berwick 7:30pm* • Enjoy an evening out relaxing and listening to some wonderful music. Pass The Hat (for band) **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 902-538-9340  
**Le Trio BBQ, Christmas Special** – *Evergreen Theatre, Margaretsville 8-10:30pm* • A gypsy jazz trio accompanied by vocalist Katerine Desrochers, percussionist Veronique Boucher and the all-female barbershop quartet VoxA4. A high energy retake on all things Christmas, this show will get your whole family into the spirit with a healthy dose of joie de vivre! To celebrate the season and Canada 150 (and our new renos) the Evergreen invites you to attend this show at no charge. **TIX:** no charge, but reservations are a must. **INFO:** 902-825-6834 / evergreentheatre@gmail.com  
**Dance: Sidewinders** – *Royal Canadian Legion, Kentville 9pm* • 19+ welcome. Bar and kitchen available. **TIX:** Admission is free; Foodbank donation appreciated **INFO:** kentvillelegion@eastlink.ca

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

**Breakfast With Santa** – *Lions Club, Kentville 8-10:30am* • Breakfast with Santa **TIX:** \$7 adults, \$4 children **INFO:** 902-679-2367 / vintagemusic1@hotmail.com  
**Community Breakfast** – *Baptist Church, Kingston 8-10am* • Traditional and healthy food choices. **TIX:** free will offering **INFO:** Brenda@kingstonunitedbaptistchurch.ca  
**Windsor Winter Flea Market!** – *Windsor Community Centre, 9am-2pm* • Wall to wall everything! Interested in a table? **INFO:** Call/text 902-306-3315 / hellokittycomeau18@gmail.com  
**Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair** – *Royal Canadian Legion, Windsor 9am-3pm* • Fundraiser for the ICE Allstars. **INFO:** 902-798-2031 / WindsorLegion@bellaliant.com  
**Christmas Craft Show** – *New Beginnings Center, Greenwood 9am-3pm* • Mohala Markets Christmas Craft show! Proceeds donated to the IWK. **TIX:** \$2 adult, kids 12 and under at no charge **INFO:** 902-300-4486 / Mohalamarket@gmail.com  
**Winter Flea Market** – *War Memorial Community Centre, Windsor 9am-2pm* • Huge Indoor Flea Market at the community centre! Tables available. **TIX:** \$1 admission **INFO:** 902-306-3315 / hellokittycomeau18@gmail.com  
**Valley Trekkers Volkssport Club** – *Aurora Inn, 831*

*Main St., Kingston 10am (9:30am registration)*  
• This is a 5/10km, 1A walk. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-847-1772  
**Christmas Evergreen Coffee Party** – *Parker Hall, Victoria Vale, 10-11:30am* • Featuring: Fresh Evergreen Creations, Ticket Items, Delicious Refreshments, Sponsored by Spa Springs Women's Institute. **TIX:** free will offering **INFO:** 902-825-8034  
**Coffee Party, Bake & Craft Sale** – *Orchard Valley United Church, New Minas 10am-2pm* • Christmas Coffee Party, Bake & Craft Sale. **TIX:** free will donation **INFO:** 902-681-0043  
**Long Winter Nights - Meet the Artists** – *The Bread Gallery, Brooklyn 10am-2pm* • Annual group showcase for members of the Avon River Arts community featuring paintings, metal sculptures, woodturning, jewellery, fibre art, photography and digital paintings. Stop in to meet the artists (Dec. 9 & 16) **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** hcacinfo@gmail.com  
**Free showing of The Polar Express** – *Al Whittle Theatre, Wolfville 1-3pm* • Sponsored by CBI Health Group (CBI Kings in New Minas and CBI Berwick). Seats are on a first come first served basis. **TIX:** no charge, but accepting donations for the Food Bank. **INFO:** alwhittletheatre.ca  
**On This Winter's Night With You** – *Horton High School, Greenwich 2pm & 7pm* • The Annapolis Valley Honour Choir's seasonal concert celebrates East Coast Celtic heritage with guest artists Sarah Pound Gaetz and Mike Butler for music and storytelling guaranteed to warm the heart. **TIX:** \$15 adults, \$5 students (plus Ticketpro fees, @ all Ticketpro outlets), \$20 adults, \$5 students at the door **INFO:** avhc.ca  
**Nativity Tea & Craft Sale** – *Baptist Church, Woodville 2-4pm* • Proceeds for the Church. **TIX:** Admission: no charge will offering **INFO:** tzinck@glinx.com  
**Christmas by the Sea: Christmas Home Tour** – *Lloyd Memorial Hall, Kingsport 2-5pm* • Included this year: St. Thomas Anglican Church – 10778 Pier Road, Anderson House – 26 Main Street, Eaton House – 116 Pleasant Street, Tarragon Cottage – 414 Longspell Road. Tea will be served at the Lloyd Centre. Tickets are limited. **TIX:** \$20 per person. Please call. **INFO:** Judy Bushnell, 902-582-2450  
**Parent Time/Free Childcare** – *Berwick Baptist Church, 3-7pm* • Join us for a time of games, movies, crafts and supper while parents and guardians prepare for Christmas or have some relaxing 'me time.' Ages infant-middle schoolers welcome. Please pre register by email by Dec. 7. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** natalie.cporter5@gmail.com  
**Christmas Ceilidh Dance** – *Cornwallis Inn, Kentville 6-9pm* • An enchanting night of Celtic music, dance and treats. **TIX:** \$10 advance (Age 5 and under at no charge), \$15 at door. Contact for family or group rates. Wilson's Pharmasave (Kentville), The Box of Delights Bookshop (Wolfville). **INFO:** 902-691-0719 / info@valleyirish.com  
**Kings Chorale Children's Choir** – *Baptist Church, Kingston 7pm* • Everyone welcome! **TIX:** \$10 adults, \$6 children **INFO:** Brenda@kingstonunitedbaptistchurch.ca  
**Four Seasons Orchestra Concert** – *United Church, Windsor 7-9pm* • The Four Seasons Orchestra, plus guest performers, perform some well-known light orchestral music, orchestral and choral Christmas pieces, plus a carol sing-along. **TIX:** \$10 at the door **INFO:** 902-798-1730 / dhmusic2000@yahoo.com  
**Wassail! Medieval, folk and traditional songs for Christmas** – *Manning Memorial Chapel, Wolfville 7:30-9:30pm* • Wassail! A Christmas concert featuring the 30-voice Manning Chapel Choir, joined by the high energy Folk/Trad duo Pennybrook, acclaimed harpist Ellen Gibling, and Nova Scotia's own virtuoso Nykelharpa player, Kirsty Money, directed by John Scott. **TIX:** \$10 **INFO:** 902-698-2337 / johnmatthewscott@gmail.com  
**War Child Benefit** – *Al Whittle Theatre, Wolfville 8pm* • 11th Annual War Child Benefit Concert featuring: Hupman Brothers Band, Darren Arseneault, Cuckoo Moon, Ken Shorley, Ryan Roberts, Harry Roberts, Morghain & Steve Lee, Bob Federer **TIX:** \$15 @ Just Us Cafe in Wolfville **INFO:** 902-915-7191 / warchild.ca  
**Dance: Big Deal** – *Royal Canadian Legion, Kentville 9pm* • 19+ Bar and kitchen available. **TIX:** \$8 per person **INFO:** kentvillelegion@eastlink.ca  
**Christmas Home Tour** – *St. John's Anglican Church, Wolfville 11-3pm* • Celebrate Christmas in three very historic private homes in the Wolfville area. Enjoy warm gingerbread along with cider or eggnog at St. John's Anglican Church, Wolfville. We

are very excited to have the 250 year old Jeremiah Calkin/Biggs House in Grand Pré and St. John's Anglican Church Rectory, both of which were on the Witnesses to a New Nation travelling exhibit this summer for Canada 150. The third private home is also more than 150 years old! **TIX:** \$20 @ Stirling's Farm Market (Greenwich) **INFO:** 902-542-3421 / missvicki@eastlink.ca

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

**Cafe & Market** – *Community Hall, 989 Deep Hollow Road., Black River 11am-2pm* • Last Cafe/Market until spring. Assorted soups and dessert. Vendors selling locally made items from food including baked goods to Christmas ornaments, etc. **TIX:** Cafe \$5 **INFO:** 902-542-3498 / darlene.hennigar@gmail.com  
**A Candy Coated Christmas Carol** – *United Baptist Church, Kentville 11am-12pm* • Kids for Christ children's choir presents the Christmas musical "A Candy Coated Christmas Carol". **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-678-3162 / info@kentvillebaptist.org  
**Community Arts Day** – *Ross Creek Centre for the Arts, Canning 1-4pm* • Get into the holiday spirit with art, food, festivities and friends! **TIX:** Admission by donation **INFO:** 902-582-3842 / mail@artscentre.ca  
**The Nutcracker** – *Festival Theatre, Wolfville 2-4pm* • Cadance Academy presents The Nutcracker, the much-loved ballet classic and traditional Christmas favourite. **TIX:** \$20 adults, \$15 students/seniors/children @ Cadance Academy (47 Roy Avenue, New Minas), Wild Lily (Wolfville) **INFO:** 902-679-3616 / info@cadanceacademy.ca  
**Christmas Variety Show & Auction** – *Lawrencetown Legion 2-5pm* • 50/50, food and drink available. **TIX:** free will offering **INFO:** wolf.aucoin@hotmail.com  
**Canada 150 Skating Day** – *Acadia Athletic Complex, Wolfville 3:15-5:15pm* • Skate and celebrate #Canada150 at Acadia Arena in Wolfville. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** / wolfvilleskatingclub@gmail.com  
**Fundy Cinema screens BREATHE** – *Al Whittle Theatre, 4 & 7pm* • Actor Andy Serkis' directorial debut is a heartwarming and inspiring biopic about polio survivor Robin Cavendish (Andrew Garfield) who, with the unwavering support of his wife (Claire Foy), contributed to the development of technologies that enhanced the mobility of the physically impaired and eventually became a global advocate for people living with disabilities. **TIX:** \$9 **INFO:** 902-542-1050  
**Christmas Décor House Tour** – *United Church, Kingston 4-8pm* • Tour 5 Homes and Kingston United Church where refreshments will be served. Get into the Christmas spirit with this wonderful Christmas event fundraiser! **TIX:** \$10 @ Kingston & Middleton Pharmasave, or call. **INFO:** Joann, 902-765-0105 / officekpc@eastlink.ca  
**Christmas Caroling walk** – *Lions Club, Canning 6-8pm* • Christmas carolling walk along Main St., Canning **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-542-9449 / rmichaelshreve@hotmail.com  
**Christmas with Matt Balsor** – *United Baptist Church, Wolfville Ridge 7-9pm* • A special Christmas show by Matt Balsor Fellowship time to follow. **TIX:** \$10 at the door. **INFO:** 902-542-3419  
**Christmas With Friends** – *Convocation Hall, Wolfville 7pm* • 8th annual Christmas With Friends w/host Rachel MacLean and special guests Jim Witter and Makayla Lynn. **TIX:** \$25 @ Independent Grocers in the Valley, Valley Pharmasaves from Windsor to Annapolis Royal, Stirling Fruit Farms (Greenwich), Acadia Box Office (Wolfville) **INFO:** 902-698-9692 / lenhawley@hotmail.com

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

**Council Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting** – *354 Main Street, Kentville December 11, 6pm* • Find out what staff are doing in Kentville! **INFO:** kentville.ca  
**Book shopping party** – *Coles, New Minas 6-8pm* • The Central Kings school book club is at Coles. 15% of sales support club members' purchase of group reading materials, author reading events and more. Gift wrapping by donation, music by CK band members. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-599-1833 / cskeddy@hotmail.ca  
**Valley Gardeners** – *NSSC Kingstec Campus, Kentville 7:30-9:30pm* • Christmas "kitchen party". Bria Stokesbury and Kate Adams from the Kings County Museum will discuss the history of Christmas ornaments and display some treasured family decorations. Allison Magee and Julie Benson will lead us in carol singing. Members: bring

your favourite holiday finger foods for sharing. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** valleygardeners.ca

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

**Town Council** – *Town Hall, Wolfville 6:30pm* • **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** wolfville.ca  
**Canadian Federation of University Women** – *Wu Welcome Centre, Wolfville 7-9:30pm* • Brief business meeting followed by a musical evening presented by the Dukes of Kent. Donations for the Food Bank. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** cfuwwolfville.com

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

**A Christmas Musical Celebration** – *Kings Riverside Court, Kentville 7-8pm* • The Kentville Baptist Church choir and friends! An enjoyable Christmas musical presentation that includes instrumentalists, ensembles, soloists, and the whole choir! **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-678-3162 / info@kentvillebaptist.org  
**India Gailey / Sam Wilson: double release concert** – *Manning Memorial Chapel, Wolfville 7:30-9pm* • A concert of solo instrumental music to celebrate the release of India Gailey's album *Lucid*, and Sam Wilson's EP, *Into a Heart*. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 902-233-9959 / india.y.gailey@gmail.com

## LIVE THEATRE

**Alice in Cuckoo Land** – *14 Wing Greenwood, Greenwood Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2, 7:30pm* • Presented by The Greenwood Players. Lewis Carroll's beloved characters (and a few new ones) travel to 'Cuckoo Land' to rescue Santa from the Queen of Hearts. **TIX:** \$8 adult, \$5 children 12 and under @ Pharmasave (Middleton, Kingston), 14 Wing Community Center, The GMFRC, at the door **INFO:** 902-844-0053 / gwdplayers@gmail.com  
**The Last Days of Judas Iscariot** – *Lower Denton Theatre, Wolfville Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2, 7:30pm, Dec. 2, 1pm* • Faith, Friendship, Betrayal: A Trial in Purgatory. Then Satan showed up. **TIX:** \$15 general, \$10 seniors/students, \$7 for groups of 8+ @ Acadia Box Office **INFO:** 902-542-5500 / box.office@acadiau.ca  
**The Rink** – *Al Whittle Theatre, Wolfville Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 9, 7:30pm, Dec. 2, 2:30pm* • A touching and hilarious look at how a Nova Scotia town and its citizens find a new lease on life. **TIX:** \$15 @ Box of Delights Bookshop (Wolfville) **INFO:** buttermike50@gmail.com  
**Scrooge! The Musical** – *CentreStage Theatre, Kentville Dec. 1, 2, 8, 7:30pm, Dec. 3, 2pm* • Scrooge! The Musical by Leslie Bricusse. **TIX:** \$15, \$12 senior/student. **INFO:** 902-678-8040 / centrestage@centrestagetheatre.ca  
**The Last Days of Judas Iscariot** – *Lower Denton Theatre, Wolfville Dec. 1, 2, 7:30pm, Dec. 2, 1pm* • Faith, Friendship, Betrayal: A Trial in Purgatory. Then Satan shows up. **TIX:** \$15 regular, \$10 students/seniors **INFO:** 902-542-5500 / box.office@acadiau.ca  
**A Christmas Carol** – *Fountain Hall Performing Arts Centre, Windsor Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9, 7pm, Dec. 2, 9, 10, 2pm* • A spectacular adaptation of Charles Dickens' most well-known story, presented by Quick As A Wink Theatre Society. **TIX:** \$20 adults, \$16 students/seniors, \$12 children 12 and under @ Mosaic Market (Windsor), Box of Delights Bookshop (Wolfville), QAAW.ca **INFO:** info@qaaw.ca  
**Scrooge's Tale** – *United Church, 2414 Hwy 1, Aylesford Dec. 8, 9, 7pm* • Aylesford and Kingston United Churches present "Scrooge's Tale" a musical, written by Rev. John Moses and William Treadgold. Free-will admission for Foodbank **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 902-847-3507 / aylesfordunitedchurch@gmail.com  
**Young Marx** – *Al Whittle Theatre, Wolfville Dec. 8, 7-9:30pm* • A new farce by Richard Bean and Clive Coleman, starring Rory Kinnear. **TIX:** \$20 **INFO:** kathy@justuscoffee.com  
**Dinner and a Show** – *United Church, 2414 Hwy 1, Aylesford Dec. 9, 5:30pm* • Roast Pork Dinner followed by Scrooge's Tale. Proceeds to Foodbank **TIX:** \$20 @ Aylesford United Church, or by phone. **INFO:** 902-847-3507 / aylesfordunitedchurch@gmail.com  
**The Nutcracker** – *Festival Theatre, Wolfville Dec. 9, 7pm, Dec. 10, 2pm* • Cadance Academy presents this much-loved ballet classic and traditional Christmas favourite. **TIX:** \$20 adults, \$15 students/seniors/children @ Cadance Academy (New Minas), Wild Lily (Wolfville) **INFO:** 902-679-3616 /



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 14, 2017

## LIVE THEATRE (cont'd)

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**The Rink** – *Evergreen Theatre, Margaretsville Dec. 9, 7:30pm* • An original production by The Lighthouse Theatre Company, THE RINK. This comedy focuses on three retirees who return to their old home town and decide to do something helpful to this fading town. The lawyer, engineer and old hockey player decide to build an outdoor rink since it was a focal point in their childhoods. There are a number of obstacles in their way including their own differences. **TIX:** \$15 **INFO:** 902-825-6834

**You Can't Catch Me! (The Cookie Caper)** – *Festival Theatre, Wolfville Dec. 15, 16, 7pm, Dec. 16, 2pm* • Toys are missing from Santa's workshop – and so is The Gingerbread Man. Is there a connection? Private eye Foxe heads north to investigate. **TIX:** \$15 adults, \$10 students, \$40 family rate (2 adults, 2 students) @ Box of Delights Bookshop (Wolfville) **INFO:** pat@daysend.ca

## EXHIBITS

**Bob Hainstock – Emptying Landscapes: An Altered Place** – *Acadia University Art Gallery, Wolfville. Until Dec. 1* • NS artist Bob Hainstock explores shifting rural landscapes that have been subjected to human, environmental and social alterations. **INFO:** artgallery@acadiu.ca

**Remembrance Road: Photographs from the Battlefields of Europe** – *Kings County Museum, Kentville. Until Dec. 12* • Justine MacDonald is a photographer, writer, and world traveller. **INFO:** kingscountymuseum.ca / aurora-lee.ca

**Apple Bin Art Gallery** – *Valley Regional Hospital, Kentville* • Affordable, original art created by Valley artists. Part proceeds go towards hospital equipment and Annapolis Valley health care programs.

## @ THE LIBRARY

For complete list of library events: [valleylibrary.ca](http://valleylibrary.ca)

All events are no charge/no registration unless otherwise stated. NOTE: When AVRSB schools are closed due to inclement winter weather, all children's library programs for that day in that area will be cancelled.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

**Fibre Ops** – *Library, Windsor 10am–12pm. Also Dec. 8* • For knitters, hookers, crocheters, weavers and spinners. Bring your own project. **INFO:** 902-798-5424

**Preschool Pals Storytime** – *Murdoch C. Smith Memorial Library, Port Williams 10:30–11:30am. Also Dec. 8* • Ages 3–5 w/caregiver. **INFO:** 902-542-3005

**Busy Babies Storytime** – *Murdoch C. Smith Memorial Library, Port Williams 11:30am–12pm. Also Dec. 8* • Ages 0–2 w/caregiver. **INFO:** 902-542-3005

**Kidz Book Club** – *Berwick and District Library, Berwick 6–7pm* • We are reading *The Adventurer's Guide to Successful Escapes*, by local author Wade Albert White. Snacks, fun discussion, and suggestions of what to read. Ages 9–14. **INFO:** 902-538-8060

**Book Talk for Teens** – *Berwick and District Library, Berwick 7–8pm* • We are reading *Airborn*, by Kenneth Oppel. Snacks and a fun discussion. Ages 15–18. **INFO:** 902-538-8060

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

**Popovers Learn and Play Group** – *Library, Kingston 10–11am. Also Dec. 11* • Weekly themes, w/stories, craft, and activities. Parents should be prepared to be silly. Preschoolers and under. Registration is required. **INFO:** 902-765-3631

**Kindermusik for Preschoolers** – *Library, Kingston 1:30–2:30pm. Also Dec. 11* • This program develops body and rhythm awareness for children from birth–seven. Malinda (Mindy) Ogilvie will be offering two consecutive 4-week sessions for preschool children. Registration is required. **INFO:** 902-765-3631

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

**Wee Reads Storytime** – *Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library, Middleton 10:30–11:30am* • A busy hour of reading, crafting and snacking! Ages 0–5 with caregivers. Registration is required. **INFO:** 902-825-4835

**Cookie Swap** – *Isabel & Roy Jodrey Memorial Library, Hantsport 12–8pm* • Bring a tin of

## @ THE LIBRARY (cont'd)

homemade cookies and swap it for another! Please include the recipe. All ages. **INFO:** 902-684-0103

**Afternoon of Games** – *Berwick and District Library, Berwick 1–3pm. Also Dec. 12* • A selection of games to choose from or bring your own. For Adults 55+. **INFO:** 902-538-8060

**Replicating Small Historic Items** – *Library, Kentville 4–6pm* • See how a 3D replicator will scan an historical artifact, and print it with a 3D printer. We'll do some post-production work to make it look more like the real thing. Ages 14+. Please register. **INFO:** 902-679-2544

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

**Tiny Tales** – *Library, Kentville 11–11:30am. Also Dec. 13* • Ages 2–5. **INFO:** 902-679-2544

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

**Renew Your Curiosity: After School Exploration** – *Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library, Middleton 3–4pm* • Riddle Me This: Riddles, jokes, tongue twisters & games. 5 and under must be w/ a caregiver. Registration required. **INFO:** 902-825-4835

**Creative Contraptions** – *Memorial Library, Wolfville 4–6pm* • Use simple mechanics, electronics and your imagination to create contraptions such as wearable robot arms, magical tiaras, and helms of power, w/Ian McKay. All materials provided. Ages 8–15. Adults very welcome with young inventors. Registration is required. **INFO:** 902-542-5760

**Art Night with Colleen Gerrits** – *Berwick and District Library, Berwick 6–7:30pm* • A painting class with local artist Colleen Gerrits for teens and adults. All supplies provided. Space is limited. Please register online or by phone. **INFO:** 902-538-8060

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

**The Hangout: Get Your Game On!** – *Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library, Middleton 6:30–8pm* • Games, games and more games! Hang out with your friends, listen to music and munch on snacks. For ages 10–14. Please register. **INFO:** 902-825-4835

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

**Cozy Corner Christmas Storytime** – *Isabel & Roy Jodrey Memorial Library, Hantsport 10:30–11:30am* • Christmas stories, rhymes, games and crafts. Ages 2–6 yrs w/caregiver. **INFO:** 902-684-0103

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

**Christmas Fun & Fables** – *Library, Windsor 10:30–11:30am* • Christmas stories, songs, rhymes and craft time for preschoolers (ages 2–5) w/caregiver. Registration is required. **INFO:** 902-798-5424

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Learn Aikido** – *Legion, 9802 Main St., Canning.* • Body, Sword and Staff. Youth and Adult Classes. Come explore a martial art dedicated to nonviolence and conflict-resolution. **INFO:** floatingbridgecfl.com / 902-890-7221

**Canadian Red Cross Stay Safe! Course** – *Sat., Dec. 2, 12:30–4:30pm @ Cotton Tale Cafe & Play.* • Be prepared for the unexpected! The Canadian Red Cross Stay Safe! Course teaches basic first aid and safety skills for youth ages 9–13 to prepare them for being home alone. Space for 12 children. Please register. **FE:** \$45 per child, includes workbook, certificate, and snack. **INFO:** 902-680-1691 / Braveheart, braveheartfirstaid.wordpress.com

**Gaspereau Yoga w/Sophie Bérubé** – *@ Gaspereau Elementary School.* • Hatha yoga classes, integrating the celebration of the heart, universal principles of alignment, and balanced energetic action in the performance of yoga poses. Winter 2018 session runs for 11 weeks. **MONDAYS:** 3:15pm Level 1, 5:15pm Level 2. **THURSDAYS:** 5:15pm Level 1–2. **FE:** \$85 one class, \$150 two classes **INFO:** gaspereauyoga@hotmail.ca

**TAOISTAI CHI™** – *Beginner's classes* • Starting mid-February @ Louis Millet Community Centre, New Minas. **INFO:** Mary Anne, 902-678-4609 / kentville@taoist.org

**Music Lessons** – *Banjo, ukulele, guitar lessons w/Kim Barlow.* • All ages, all levels, in Wolfville and Canning. **INFO:** kimbarlow77@gmail.com / 902-698-9611 / kimbarlow.ca

## THE DOME CHRONICLES: The Best Laid Plans

Garry Leeson

I don't know what I was thinking. I was in a province that prided itself on producing the best cultivated, well-groomed Christmas trees in the world but I had it in my mind that there might be an alternate market for the scrawnier wild variety of trees that abounded in the woods, ditches, and old deserted fields in our area.

I knew that the aromatic fir tree was the universal choice when it came to the iconic symbol of Christmas, but I also knew from my childhood days in Toronto that people there were less discerning in their choice of trees. To most city slickers a tree was a tree was a tree. In addition to the recently introduced artificial trees, there were pine, spruce, and even cedar, on offer.

The idea of tapping into the lucrative Christmas tree market in Upper Canada became a real option for me when I realized that the number of workhorses that I had mustered and was planning to take to the Mennonite community in Elmira, Ontario, would not be sufficient to fill the boxcar that I had booked for the trip. I would be riding the rails with the horses, all their food, and my gear but there would still be ample room for a sizable consignment of tightly wrapped trees.

My mind made up, I swung into gear. I hitched my old mare, Lady, to our high-wheeled hay wagon and, with axe and swede saw in hand, I started patrolling the old fields in the Cole Settlement, above Harmony, grabbing every tree that looked suitable. These trees would cost me nothing; we had plenty of them on our own property, and our neighbours, although curious as to why I would want them, were eager to get them out of their pastures. I was able to rent a device to compress and wrap my trees from a legitimate tree grower up in New Ross and it wasn't long before I had enough trees ready to truck down to Kingston where my boxcar was waiting on a siding. When my neighbours, who had come to watch me load my horses saw the kind of trees I had piled on the loading dock there was a lot of mumbling and strange looks coming in my direction. It was as if they wanted to say something but were holding back out of politeness.

With the trees piled high at one end of the boxcar, the horses settled comfortably at the other end, and the hay and my gear and I stationed in the middle by the sliding door, the engine backed into our coupling and we were off. I had insisted that my car be hooked directly behind the engine because I knew that that arrangement made for the smoothest ride for the livestock.

I was looking forward to the trip. It would be the third trip that I had made in that fashion and I always enjoyed drifting along in the company of my animal companions isolated from my day-to-day concerns. However, those trips had been made in summer and spring and I was not prepared for was about to happen as we moved out of Nova Scotia and headed west.

In the interest of brevity, I won't burden everybody with detailed descriptions of what I encountered. Instead, I will refer you to some scenes from the film, *Dr. Zhivago*, in particular, those involving the frigid mid-winter boxcar trips on the Trans-Siberian Railway. Winter set in with a vengeance as soon as I hit the New Brunswick border and didn't let up for the remainder of the trip. At various times I was soaked, frozen, battered, and bruised repeated-

ly mile after mile all the way to Ontario. While in Quebec, if a couple of engineers hadn't ventured out of their cozy cab and dragged me in with them for a while to thaw out, I'm confident I would have perished. I survived the rest of the trip by staying in my sleeping bag most of the time, and the rest mounted on one of the horses with a blanket wrapped around me draped over the animal's rump. The heat wafting up from the horse and under my cover was glorious.

I was quite the sight when my car was finally shunted into the Kitchener Livestock Sales Yard. My eyes were bloodshot from lack of sleep, my hair was matted with hay, straw, and God knows what other debris and my beard and mustache were both sporting slimy icicles. After seeing the horses safely off-loaded, I made my way to a nearby motel and set about rejuvenating myself in a hot shower.

The next day the Mennonites were as good as their word and I watched from a borrowed pickup truck, loaded with my trees, as my horses, hooked behind the new owners' buggies, trotted off into the distance. It was about an hour's drive to Toronto where I had arranged to meet with a man who ran a Christmas tree lot. I was looking forward to a quick friendly negotiation because he had identified himself, on the phone, as a Maritimer who had come down the road several years earlier. When I arrived at his place of business, after some friendly banter, he climbed up onto my truck for a closer look.

"Are all these trees the same?" he asked, stepping down from the tailgate.

"Yup, all the same breed and fresh cut last week," I bragged.

"You do know that they are pasture Spruce?" he continued.

"Yes, I do and most of them are right out of my own pasture."

"I guess you know what folks down east also call these trees?"

He had me there so I let him continue. "They're called cat spruce and with good cause."

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"Well, it's like this, sonny. When those trees get into a house with the heat on they smell exactly like cat urine. I'm surprised you didn't pick up on that when you were on the train with them."

I shot back defensively, "With all the horse manure and the diesel fumes I was inhaling, a real cat could have peed on my foot and I wouldn't have smelled it!"

After groveling and pleading for the better part of an hour, the man agreed to take the questionable trees off my hands for a dollar a piece saying he might find some buyers who intended them for outdoor display.

I took him at his word but, as I made my way home, poorer but wiser than when I had set out, I couldn't help but worry that I might be responsible for several kids in unsuspecting city homes waking up on Christmas morning convinced that the kitten they had been hoping for was concealed somewhere in one of the big brightly wrapped boxes under one of my trees.

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**AMUSE-BOUCHE:**  
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Sarah Anderson

Some of us buy a Christmas tree for the holidays. In French, we call our tree **le sapin.**

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## WHAT'S GROWING AT THE HARRIET IRVING BOTANICAL GARDENS – A LIVING GIFT

Melanie Priesnitz Conservation Horticulturist

If gift giving is part of your holiday tradition I encourage you to think about offerings that can continue to give all year long. A great choice is to give the gift of a living thing. Plants are generally a better option than puppies and provide some of the same benefits with way less work.

The act of caring for a living entity provides many physical and mental benefits to the caregiver. Individuals who struggle with negative feelings around self-worth can benefit greatly from knowing that something alive is depending on them for survival. The simple act of caring for a plant can help improve self-confidence and lessen feelings of depression. Plants can also make great friends for lonely people. When I was living alone in my twenties and not ready for a dog or cat, I named all of my houseplants. Fred, Sam, and Emily provided great companionship, helped clean the air of my many apartments, and suited my lifestyle as I could leave them alone for a week without complaint and they'd always be there to welcome me home.

Seniors who live in institutions often thrive when surrounded by plants. My grandmother's prized African violets followed her into various assisted living and long-term care facilities until she passed away at 99. The plants provided some continuity for her and were the only objects that remained with her from her home. Looking at the violets and talking about them with her granddaughter would help trigger memories of days gone by. I loved hearing tales of her gardens and houseplants and awards won at county fairs for her violets. Seniors also benefit from receiving cut flowers and other green gifts such as wreaths. No care is needed, however, memories can still be triggered by bringing small pieces of the outdoors inside.



The Acadia Mental Health Initiative (AMHI) recently held a very successful plant workshop to help students de-stress before the end of term exams and assignments. Over fifty students came out to transplant small houseplants into antique teacups to take home. Jenna Purkis, the AMHI coordinator, was disappointed that they didn't have enough supplies to accommodate all of the students who were interested in adopting a plant friend, so they'll be hosting additional events in the New Year. If you have cuttings, or unique pots such as small fish bowls, teapots or cups that you'd like to donate to the cause, contact me at the Gardens. Review your gift giving list this year and see if there are any individuals who would especially benefit from the gift of a plant.

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## ANNUAL FEZZIWIG SHOW WILL BE A TASTY TREAT! Cookie Caper Comes to Festival Theatre

Mike Butler

'Tis the season of friends, family, fun, trimmings, gifts, goodness, and cheer! I love the holiday season for all its busyness and chaos and for all the quiet moments it offers. I also love the incredible number of family shows that happen this time of year. One of my holiday treats is the annual Fezziwig show! Each year (for years) I've sat in the audience and watched a slew of adorable local faces grace the stage in beautiful costumes and perform a musical holiday show. Fezziwig always started off my holiday in many ways.

In December 2010, I was invited to step onto the stage with the Fezzi-gang for their pantomime of Cinderella and well, the rest is history. Now, the Fezziwig show is not something I look forward to seeing, it's something I look forward to being a part of!

This December, the Fezziwig gang is at it again with their twenty-third production entitled *You Can't Catch Me: A Cookie Caper*, which tells the story of the poor gingerbread man who's been accused of stealing Christmas toys and goes out on the run from the authorities. In true film noir style, detective Foxe enters the scene and tries to solve the case, meeting many unforgettable characters along the way including Santa, Mrs. Claus, Elves, Dwarves, Reindeer, and more!

Leave your troubles at the door folks, this show is a laugh out loud romp with local actors and Fezzi-regulars Alan Slipp (as Foxe), Wil Lang (as Cookie), Tim McFarland, Linda Levy-Fisk, Ray Baltzer, Ward MacDonald, Jamie Loughead, Ross Chapman, Devon Edmonds, Davina Melanson, and about 40 more adorable adults and children ready to make you laugh and smile! Oh, and did I mention I am returning to the Fezzi-show this year?



Keep your eye out for Cupid, the vainest, but most beautiful, reindeer you've ever seen!

*You Can't Catch Me: A Cookie Caper* plays evenings at Wolfville's Festival Theatre on Friday, December 15 and Saturday, December 16 with a start time of 7:00pm and there is also a 2:00pm matinee presentation on Saturday, December 16. Tickets are available at the door or in advance through The Box Of Delights Bookshop on Main Street, Wolfville. You can also email patsalmon@daysend.ca with questions and ticket information.

### EVENT INFO:

Tickets: Adults \$15, Students \$10, Family rate \$40 (two adults and two students). Available at The Box Of Delights Bookshop on Main Street, Wolfville, or at the door.



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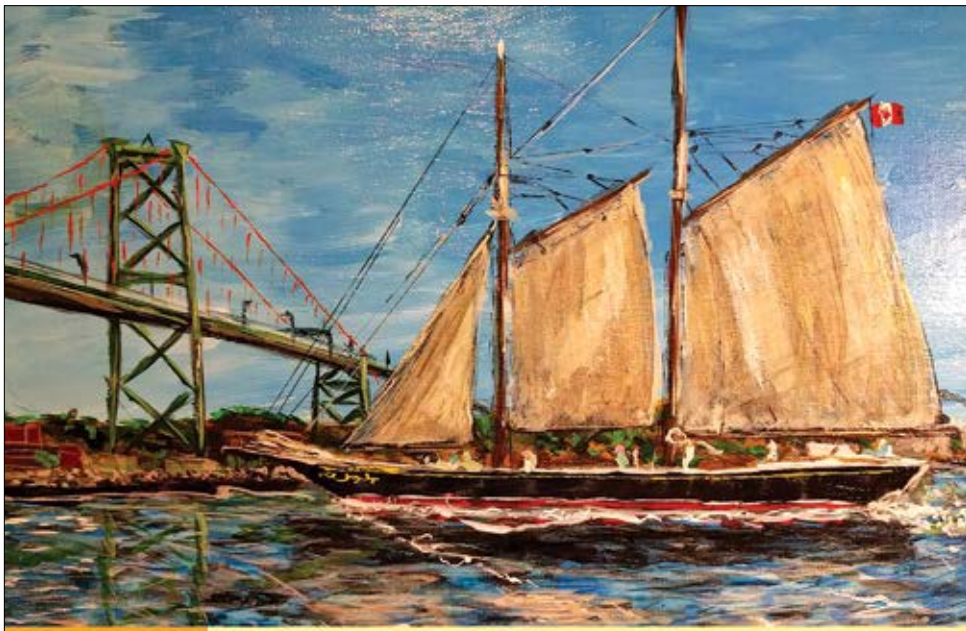


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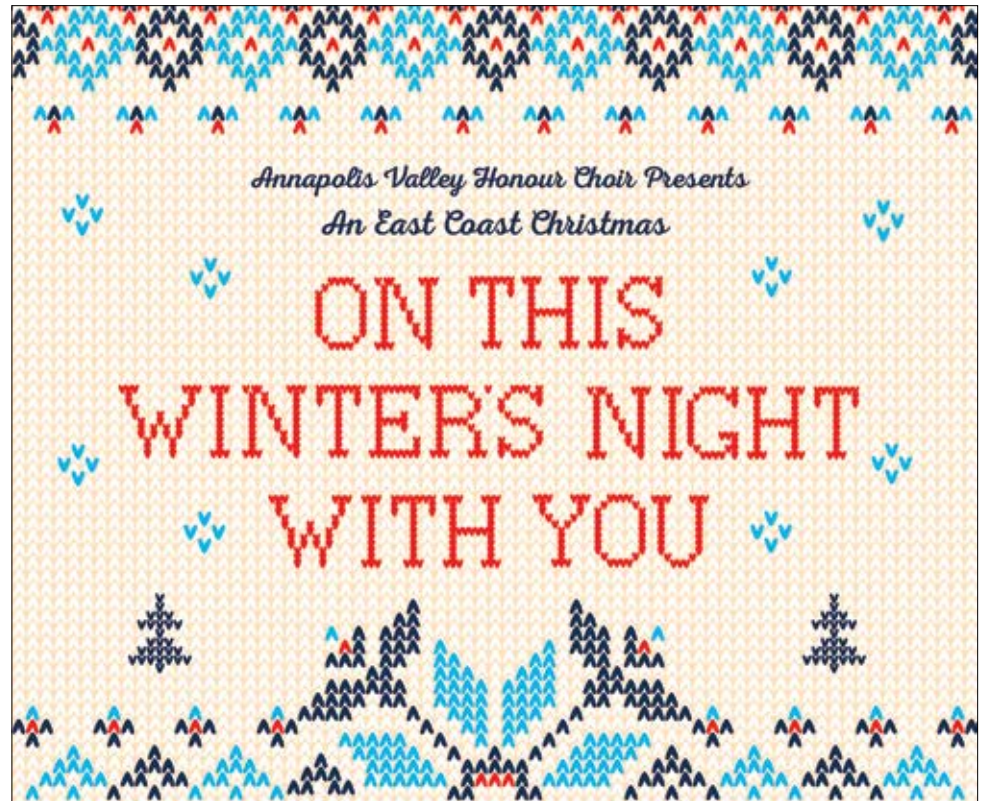
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