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# FODAR

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MARKET DANCES – Market Square

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Market Dances are always an audience favourite and no wonder. Soak in the scenery and the setting sun as you enjoy original works choreographed especially for FODAR 2022.

MAINSTAGE – King's Theatre

July 21, 22 - 8pm and July 23 - 2pm and 8pm

Our MainStage shows this year are a powerhouse collection of dance and movement performed by outstanding artists in a confluence works that touch on drama, theatre, comedy, and circus arts. Here are some of the highlights:

- Halifax/Montreal-based trapeze specialist Leah Skerry presents her new aerial silks trio which she performs with popular Halifax dance artists Lydia Zimmer and Anastasia Wiebe.
- Internationally acclaimed Sarah Murphy has performed works by choreographic greats who include Jiri Kylian and Ohad Naharin. She takes to the FODAR MainStage with "Enfant" by Netherlands-based choreographer Joeri Dubbe.
- Originally from Ghana now based in Halifax, Liliona Quarmyne choreographs and performs internationally and across Canada. She dances her original solo work "Warrior Boy" at the festival.
- Award winning dancer and choreographer Barbara Kaneratonni Diabo

is Kanien'keha:ka (Mohawk) from Kahnawake. She is the Artistic Director of A'nó:wara Dance Theatre and brings a stage version of her electrifying film "Smudge" which she performs with Marshall Kahente Diabo.

- An exquisite dancer, Toronto-based Nicole Rose Bond performs the riveting solo "The High Heart" created by Canadian dance icon Patricia Beatty (1936-2020).
- Blurring the boundaries of theatre and dance as it presents refreshingly approachable art, the surreal and unbridled company Rock Bottom Movement brings a new production to FODAR.

Tickets for all FODAR 2022 MAINSTAGE events go on sale in early June. Tickets can be purchased online from King's Theatre at [kingstheatre.ca/events](http://kingstheatre.ca/events) or by calling the theatre box office at: 902-532-7704. Tickets for MARKET DANCES can be purchased at the Gate before the shows.

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**June 24th & 25th**

We'll kick off the weekend with a Coffee House on Friday night, June 24th with comedy and music, finger foods and your favourite beverages.

Saturday, June 25th will be a busy day ~  
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**Fireworks** on the Beach at dusk.  
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**And see you soon.**

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WHO'S WHO

JESSE ROACH: SIMPLY THE PEST!

Mike Butler

Here is a piece of advice for my readers: sometimes there are benefits to talking to strangers. I, by no means, promote talking to strangers all the time or in unsafe situations but when a tradesperson comes to your workplace or home, it never hurts to strike up a conversation with them: you never know where it will lead! That is how I met and became friends with Jesse Roach. First, how great is that name? I met Mister Roach when he was my pest control person for a previous workspace. I thought I was being had with the name and profession, but it was an awesome coincidence. Jesse was one of the friendliest tradespeople I'd met at my time there. His work ethic and people skills were top notch. It did not surprise me when I heard he branched out and started his own business. Let's meet him, shall we?

Jesse was born at a very young age (his joke, not mine!) and his father was in the military, so he grew up moving around a lot and was fortunate to spend many of his formative years living all over Nova Scotia, including Greenwood, New Waterford, and Porters Lake.

"When I was 19, I left home, and I had no real direction," Jesse says. "I was a bit hyperactive, along with having some anxiety issues, and I had a really hard time finding where I fit in. While living in Dartmouth I was having a hard time holding down a job as I was easily bored, and I didn't feel I could find meaning or purpose in what I was doing. I was an artistic type and very cynical. I really enjoyed painting, writing, and playing music and was going with the flow for this part of my life."

Now comes the sappy part (there's always a sappy part, eh?). In 2012, Jesse met the love of his life, Kathy, followed her to Windsor and never left. In 2020, Jesse and Kathy were married and together with Kathy's son and their husky Meeka, they've settled nicely into a life of fun.

So, now let's get to the pest part of this article...oops, I mean BEST! "I've worked at every Tim Horton's in Windsor," Jess continues, "did a brief stint at Subway, and then finally spent a few years working at the Gold House. Soon after that was when pest control seemingly found me. It was 2016 and I didn't know that job satisfaction was possible and then pest control grabbed my interest. It was a way to help people, problem-solve, and enjoy the ever-changing scenery. It was a perfect fit for me as someone who has a hard time staying still or doing the same thing every day."

Jesse spent five years working for one of the largest pest control companies in the world, working his way up to the position of field trainer and supervising large jobs during this time. In 2021, after a lot of hard work and perseverance, Jesse created his own pest control company, Scotia Pest Solutions. With a ton of support from his community, family, and friends, it has been a wonderful experience so far.

In his work Jesse has been lucky to travel up and down Nova Scotia, and at the risk of being unpopular with those living in other parts of the province, Jesse says the Valley is

the most beautiful place to live by far, with all the beautiful walking trails, lakes, and wonderful small businesses full of smiling faces.

"When I'm not working," he says, "I enjoy playing guitar, fishing, and binge-watching silly reality television with my wife Kathy. I guess for the fishing side of things it's more about getting out and around the Valley, and taking walks around all the beautiful rivers and lakes the Valley has to offer, because to be honest, I never catch anything."

Jesse, being a new business owner, would love if your reached out with questions or passed his name around to those who might need the services of a pest control expert. Jesse handles all things buggy and insect-like, as well as whatever pest might be trying to take over your house, apartment complex, business, or cottage. I must tell you, Jesse is a genuine professional and a great man who cares about doing the job right the first time. For all commercial and residential pest control issues, Jesse is simply the PEST!

Jesse hopes to continue to grow Scotia Pest Solutions to be the preferred pest control company for Atlantic Canadians. He will keep building off his foundation of *honesty, quality, and action*, and in doing so creating jobs for other individuals who have the same kind of desire to help people as he does.

Eventually Jesse would like to get back into art again once things level out, or maybe start a small three-piece band. Until then, Jesse is here to make sure you're not bugged down by ants, wasps, mice, or earwigs.

Call Scotia Pest Solutions at 902 788 3166, email at [scotiapestinfo@gmail.com](mailto:scotiapestinfo@gmail.com), or visit the website: [scotiapest.com](http://scotiapest.com). You can also find Scotia Pest Solutions on Facebook. For the BEST of the PEST, call my good friend Jesse!

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Carolyn Nicholson was born and raised in Nova Scotia, but it wasn't until she began years of research into her Nova Scotia ancestors that she discovered how deep her roots were there. This lead to her decision to write her first book.

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Margaret Drummond's

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The sky is even water-tone behind suave poplar trees—  
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Excerpt from "In Envy of Cows" by Joseph Auslander

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Of August, they need  
No more: they have rose vapors, flushed  
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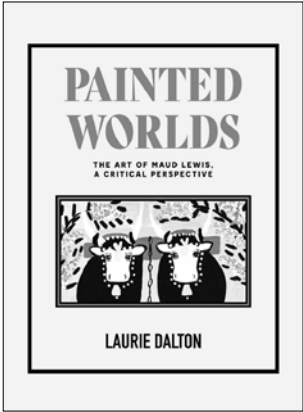
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## BOOKS BY LOCALS

### LAURIE DALTON VISITS PAINTED WORLDS

Maud Lewis' work is more than happy black cats  
Wendy Elliott



*Painted Worlds: The Art of Maud Lewis, A Critical Perspective* is a lovely clothbound hardcover book, but best of all the bright yellow cover encloses over 50 full-colour images. Many of them are not in the common lexicon.

Dr. Laurie Dalton, who is curator of the Acadia University Art Gallery and an art history professor, has just published a narrative and illustrated critical art history of the works of iconic Nova Scotia artist Maud Lewis.

Most of us know that Maud (1903-1970) is one of this province's most beloved and re-nowned artists. Living in a tiny house outside Digby, she was prolific, painting hundreds of works capturing moments of rural life. Tourists stopped at her house to purchase paintings for a few dollars. Recently her art has become sought-after by collectors, reaching record prices at auction. Mongrel Media's film *Maudie* (2017), starring Sally Hawkins and Ethan Hawke, shot in Newfoundland, was for many an introduction to Maud. Isn't there more to her story?

Perhaps best known today for her painted house, the house itself fell into a state of disrepair after Maud's death. Eventually it was acquired by the province, restored, and then moved to the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, which is where most people interact with the house today.

Dalton, who spoke at the Wolfville book launch on April 23, explained she had been

thinking about Maud since writing her master's thesis almost 20 years ago. In it she examined the installation of Maud's work at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. She continued with research into various aspects of her life, placing a focus on the narrations describing her.

Dalton said she wanted to find a way to focus more directly on the artworks themselves. Having access to John Risley's collection of Maud paintings offers the reader an opportunity to view stellar unknown images, like *Oakdene School*, *Bear River*. She delved into the quality of Maud's observation and compares her to far more celebrated painters.

Dalton said her approach as an art historian was to discuss the artwork against the cultural time in which Maud Lewis painted, looking at advertising culture and tourist ephemera, for example. Looking at scenes of towns that are filled with detail, humour, colour, light, shadow, and scale, Dalton was excited because they challenged preconceptions of Maud's work. Lewis often repeated her subject matter, and some minimize her contribution for that reason, yet they change. As Dalton says, her work is more than happy black cats.

She included many archival photographs and images that documented the area in which Maud was painting. Digitized databases like NovaMuse or the Nova Scotia Archives were invaluable resources. During Covid-19 restrictions, Dalton was able to continue her research when site visits would not have been possible.

Dalton hopes that readers will take away a more nuanced view of Maud as an artist and look at her paintings as serious works of art. They aren't just ethnographic objects of rural Nova Scotia. As a result of this rigorous analysis, Maud's legacy in the 21st century gains the dignity and respect it so richly deserves.



*Painted Worlds: The Art of Maud Lewis, A Critical Perspective, Nimbus Publishing Limited, \$34.95.*

## KINGS DISTRICT RCMP PARTICIPATE IN TWO HOCKEY GAMES IN SUPPORT OF KINGS COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Kings District RCMP recently participated in two hockey games versus Central Kings Rural High School and Northeast Kings Education Centre. Both games were played at the Kings Mutual Century Centre in Berwick, one on Friday April 22 and the other Monday April 25. Both events were organized by the respective schools in support of SafeGrad. The SafeGrad concept is a plan to organize an enjoyable but accident and incident free graduation celebration for high school graduates and students.

In Friday's contest Kings District RCMP topped the Central Kings Gators 8-5 in front of a crowd of friends, family, and supporters. The event raised over \$1,300 for the CKRHS Class of 2022. The Gators were comprised of the senior boys hockey team along with the grade 12s from the senior girls hockey team.

In Monday's game attendees were treated to an exciting game that finished with NKEC

going ahead of the RCMP with less than one minute to play and winning the game 6-5. The Titans team was comprised of the senior boys hockey team from Northeast Kings Education Centre. The game raised over \$1,100 dollars for the NKEC Class of 2022.

The Kings District RCMP hockey team was comprised mainly of RCMP members from various detachments in Kings County. RCMP partnered with Kingston Fire Department, EHS, Kentville Police Service, and the Canadian Armed Forces to round out the team. In Monday's game RCMP partnered with the Valley Wildcats Junior "A" hockey club with special guests Josh Crooks and Ethan Kearney.

Kings District RCMP are wishing the graduating students of 2022 the very best as they begin their journey outside of high school in the coming months. 🐾



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## MARGOT’S HIDDEN GEMS

Margot Bishop

Did you know that one of the meanings of *gem* is someone or something that is useful or highly valued?

This is the festival issue of *The Grapevine*: you’ll find dates, locations, and very cool hints and opinions from people about their likes and dislikes. You do not need that from me, except to say that I love the ones right here, Devour! and Deep Roots being my personal favourites.

I would like to tell you about the *gems*, that I find: the people of our wonderful Valley and the interesting and fun things that you can do here. Some are as simple as walking our great trails and byways. Others require a little more thought and preparation. While you are walking along, you can pick up garbage that has been covered by the snow. Put a pair of rubber gloves and a couple of bags in your pocket, and you will be amazed at the amount of trash that you have collected. As I have mentioned before, there is also an Adopt-a-Highway program, either in your town or county. Contact your own municipality for more information.

Things like rollerskating/blading and skateboarding are all fun. What about geo-caching, orienteering, map-making, fort building or scavenger hunts? Have you ever made plaster casts of your pets’ foot prints or set a trail and had your friends or family follow it? Most Scouts and Guides could tell you how, but also you can find out how easy and fun these things are to do by searching on the internet. Does anyone play marbles, or hopscotch or jump rope anymore? Ask your parents or grandparents about these timeless *gems*.

With the arrival of warmer weather, maybe an interesting jaunt would be to find the first violets and take pictures of them, or any other early blooming plants. There are websites that you can access to identify your discoveries. If you find something interesting, do not pick it or dig it up, as it could be a rare species. Not good for our native plants. Speaking of that, when you plant in your own garden, try not to introduce plants that will take over and become problems in the years to come. Victorians and other gardeners through the years did that and that is why we have some very nasty invasive

plants around like Japanese knotweed and gout weed. Ask at plant centres and gardening workshops, the vendors and assistants (some of those *gems*) are very helpful and informed. The members of gardening clubs are wonderful sources of information. There are some cool-weather-loving plants that can go in now or soon (check your local planting guide). Peas are a good example, and some people have started them now (in cold frames, etc.). But remember, if you are setting out tender plants, there is always a hard frost the first week of June, so protect those fragile seedlings.

Most towns have *gems* in the form of recreation departments that loan things. For example, Wolfville has spike ball, washer toss, ladder toss (maybe more). Do not forget the *gems* at the libraries, now lending more than books. Some branches lend bikes, and even e-bikes. Check out your local tennis and other outdoor courts.

More *gems* are our artists, musical and visual. Now that restrictions are letting up, go to a concert or dance. The Chimney Swifts have evenings at the Gaspereau Hall, and the West Brooklyn Speak-Easy is back up and running. Check out dates, times, and music. There are local galleries and shows. Films are being shown at the Whittle and the opera encores are back at Cineplex, and Stage Prophets is putting on a twenty year anniversary production at Festival Theatre, on June 3, 4 and 5.

The gratitude that I have for this wonderful country and province is sometimes hard to express or contain. The written word is a great way for me, but the spoken word is as, if not more, powerful.

Remember to be kind to one another. Pleasantness, thoughtfulness, and consideration go a long way. Simple expressions of caring and respect will stay with someone for a long time.

Our most vulnerable *gems* are the hardworking health care workers who are still on the front lines battling the Covid-19 virus. Please stay safe, and protect others. Wear your masks. There are still people who are at high risk, be responsible: be a *gem*. 🍷🌱

## NOVA SCOTIA AUTHOR WINS FIRST PLACE IN THE BOOKFEST AWARDS

Submitted

*Beyond the Shallow Bank*, Nova Scotia author David A. Wimsett’s historical novel with elements of Celtic mythology, won first place in the Magic, Legend and Lore category and third place for Historical Fiction at The BookFest Awards for spring 2022. The awards ceremony took place on 2 April 2022 in Los Angeles as part of the semi-annual conference. The ceremonies and panel discussions were held online this year.

*Beyond the Shallow Bank* is told through the perspective of an artist named Margaret Talbot who fights her way into the male-dominated world of publishing in the late 19th century to become a magazine illustrator. In 1901, she suffers a life-changing crisis and comes to a small Nova Scotia fishing village where she meets another woman rumoured to be a selkie, a magical being from Celtic mythology who walks on the land as a human and swims in the sea as a seal. With the influence of the villagers, and Margaret’s own self-determination, she strives to discover who she is and what she truly wants.

Publishers Weekly Booklife Prize says, “Wimsett’s novel is quickly paced without the events of the story feeling rushed...Engaging characters and the right amount of fantasy help elevate the novel above standard genre trappings while retaining enough of the

conventional elements of historical fiction. Margaret is an engaging protagonist...”

Nova Scotia writer Susan Haley, author of a number of Canadian titles including *A Nest of Singing Birds* and *Petitot* says, “The wonderful romantic plot of the book with its magical twist and turns gives substance and resonance to Margaret’s multiple dilemmas. *Beyond the Shallow Bank* presents a delightful picture of a Nova Scotia fishing village with all its characters: the madman inventor and the man who carries the ashes of his dead wife around with him. *Beyond the Shallow Bank* contains descriptive passages of the sea which are wonderfully poetic. The writing in this book has both depth and psychological complexity, as well as humour, in the interactions of its large cast of village characters. Perhaps best of all, for the lifelong reader, it is a book to sink into, put down reluctantly, and wonder about long afterwards.”

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David. A. Wimsett is a member of the Writers’ Union of Canada, the Canadian Freelance Guild and the Writers’ Federation of Nova Scotia where he sits on the Writers Council. His author’s website is [davidawimsett.com](http://davidawimsett.com)

## YOGA STUDIO COMING TO PICTOU ISLAND WOODEN TENTS

Submitted

Every spring, as the ice disappears, Pictou Island reopens and this year there is something special is in store. Pictou Island Wooden Tents is adding a yoga studio. Construction of the 832 square foot facility is scheduled to commence in May, as soon as the lobster traps are off the wharf. Over the past six years, the Wooden Tents have been hosting a growing number of yoga retreats and have eight scheduled for this summer. Instructors and students from across the Maritimes have been thrilled by the natural beauty and tranquil nature of the island.

But nature, from time to time, gets in the way. “In the past, we have even moved all the furniture in our cottage to get a yoga lesson in out of the rain,” said Wendy Foley, co-founder of the Wooden Tents. “There was nothing we could do about Hurricane Dorian in 2019, but everyone enjoyed being on an island for that storm!”

As with most things on an island, building a yoga studio presents its own set of obstacles. First, all materials must be transported by barge and boat from the mainland and with lobster season due to start May 01, most local wharves are loaded with traps. Once on the island, everything needs to be moved without the aid of a boom truck up a dirt road to the chosen site.

“We decided to position the new studio halfway up the wharf road with a wall of windows facing the lighthouse and fishing wharf,” said Lorne Matheson, the other co-founder. “We thought about putting it in the vineyard by the old homestead, but the view won out!” With no hardware stores on the island, material lists have to be meticulously prepared to ensure that everything is there when it is needed. “Running down to Hector’s for a few more two by fours isn’t really an option,” added Matheson.

Since the 1960s yoga has been a growing passion for people around the world, and after holding their first yoga retreat in 2017 hosted by Mary Zarei, a native of Merrigomish, Lorne and Wendy could see the need for a dedicated

site where Maritime yogis could practice - and what better site than an island with more blue herons than people? “The yoga communities in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and PEI have been very supportive of us and we see this new facility as our way of supporting them in return,” said Matheson.

The Studio is expected to be available for use starting with the first retreat this summer on July 4 featuring Devon Koeller of Wolfville who will lead yoga and offer instruction on the basics of getting a backyard vineyard off the ground. Lessons will still be held at various locations on the island, from sunrise yoga at the east end beach to sunset yoga at the west end point and plenty of neat locations in between. But now there will be a place for rainy day yoga and to gather in the evenings. “We also see this as a way to extend our season into June and September when the weather can present challenges,” added Foley.

Pictou Island is situated in the middle of the Northumberland Strait, a 45 minute ferry ride from Caribou, Nova Scotia. The Wooden Tents are a short walk from the island’s wharf and only store. The property also includes a lovely sand beach, a vineyard, and a blue heron colony. The six wooden tents are 8 feet square and 8 feet tall and built from local hemlock with shingled roofs and canvas on either end. Each tent includes two foam mattresses, a small picnic table, personal utensils, and two chairs. Attendees cook their own meals at a fully equipped cooking pavilion. There is also an enclosed fire pit, a solar shower, and three sweet outhouses. WiFi is available at the island’s community centre.

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For more information please visit [pictouislandwoodentents.com](http://pictouislandwoodentents.com) or call Lorne Matheson at 902.754.1234

For more information about Devon Koeller’s Wine Grapes and Yoga retreat, visit [pictouislandwoodentents.com/wine-grapes-and-yoga-devon-koeller](http://pictouislandwoodentents.com/wine-grapes-and-yoga-devon-koeller)

## MIKE UNCORKED: THE UNEXPECTED GUEST

Agatha Christie Mystery Takes CentreStage

Mike Butler

Who doesn’t know the name Agatha Christie? Honestly, besides Shakespeare and *The Bible*, Agatha is the best-selling author of all time, with billions of copies of her mysteries sold in countless languages. Her books are classics that always leave you guessing and wanting more. Her plays have been performed all over the world to sold-out audiences, and movie and TV adaptations have been entertaining us for decades through the BBC productions right up to the most recent version of *Death on the Nile*. Over the years, CentreStage Theatre has performed numerous Christie productions, including *Love from a Stranger*, *A Murder is Announced*, and the infamous *Mousetrap*.

Now you can see a stellar cast knock it out of the park with Agatha Christie’s *The Unexpected Guest* playing at CentreStage Theatre in Kentville. With brilliant characters, a plot to keep you on the edge of your seat, and that special touch that CentreStage always offers its audiences, you’re bound to have a mysterious, fun, and enjoyable night of theatre.

When a stranger runs his car into a ditch in dense fog in South Wales and makes his way to an isolated house, he discovers a woman standing over the dead body of her wheelchair-bound husband, a gun in her hand. She admits to murder, and the unexpected guest offers to help her concoct a cover story. But is it possible that Laura Warwick did not commit the murder after all? If so, who is she shielding? The house seems full of possible suspects. Join us as we follow the twisting plot of *The Unexpected Guest* to its unexpected conclusion.

Be aware that the show does depict smoking and gun play.

*The Unexpected Guest* is directed by Beth Irvine and produced by Suzie Blatt. The cast includes Kevin Irvine, Hannah Gerrits-Authier, Carole Ball, Allyson Higgins, Carson Ward, Bryen Stoddard, Richard Richard, Vincent Fredericks, Bob Cook, and Darrell Doucette. After months of hard work and dedication, this cast and crew are ready to take you on a mysterious and unexpected journey!

While we are all glad that health restrictions have been lifted for gatherings and mask requirements, CentreStage is still encouraging mask wearing and hand sanitizing, so if you have any questions, please reach out.

*The Unexpected Guest* continues to be performed on the Main Stage May 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 21. There will be a matinee performance on May 15.

Front of House opens at 6:45pm for the evening performances and 1:15pm for the matinee. Tickets are adults \$15; seniors/students \$12; children, age 12 and under, \$5. This play does have some stage smoking and mature subject matter. CentreStage takes cash and now they also take debit and credit card at the door! Reservations are strongly recommended and are held until 15 minutes before showtime. You can call 902-678-8040 for reservations. Please visit [centrestagetheatre.ca](http://centrestagetheatre.ca) to find out about upcoming shows, auditions, and special events happening at the little theatre with the big heart! 🍷🌱

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FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Poet Jennifer Willoughby writes, "I am so busy. I am practicing my new hobby of watching me become someone else. There is so much violence in reconstruction. Every minute is grisly, but I have to participate. I am building what I cannot break." I wouldn't describe your own reconstruction process during recent months as "violent" or "grisly," Aries, but it has been strenuous and demanding. The good news is that you have mostly completed the most demanding work. Soon the process will become more fun. Congratulations on creating an unbreakable new version of yourself!

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Rapper and entrepreneur Jay-Z tells us, "Don't ever go with the flow. Instead, \*be\* the flow." Here's what I think he means: If we go with the flow, we adjust and accommodate ourselves to a force that is not necessarily aligned with our personal inclinations and needs. To go with the flow implies we are surrendering our autonomy. To claim our full sovereignty, on the other hand, we are wise to \*be\* the flow. We should create our own flow, which is just right for our unique inclinations and needs. I think this is the right approach for you right now, Taurus. Be the flow.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): The Italian language used to be a dialect spoken in Tuscany. That area comprises less than eight percent of the country's territory. How did such a dramatic evolution happen? Why did a local dialect supersede other dialects like Piedmontese, Neapolitan, Sicilian, and others? In part, it was because three potent 14th-century writers wrote in the Tuscan dialect: Dante Alighieri, Francesco Petrarach, and Giovanni Boccaccio. Another reason: Because Tuscany is centrally located in Italy, its dialect was less influenced by languages in France and other nearby countries. I offer this as a metaphor for you in the coming months. One of your personal talents, affiliations, or inclinations could become more influential and widespread—and have more authority in your life.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): "Always strive to be more interested than interesting," said actor and activist Jane Fonda. That may not be easy for you to accomplish in the near future, dear Cancerian. Your curiosity will be at peak levels, but you may also be extra compelling and captivating. So I'll amend Fonda's advice: Give yourself permission to be both as interested and as interesting as you can imagine. Entertain the world with your lively personality as you go in quest of new information, fresh perceptions, and unprecedented experiences.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): "When in doubt, act like God," proclaimed Leo singer-songwriter Madonna. I wouldn't usually endorse that advice. But I'll make an exception for you Leos during the next three weeks. Due to a divine configuration of astrological omens, you are authorized to ascend to new heights of sovereignty and self-possession—even to the point of doing a vivid God impersonation. For best results, don't choose an angry, jealous, tyrannical deity to be your role model. Pattern yourself after a sweeter, funnier, more intimate type of celestial being.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): My Virgo friend Amanda told me she felt tight and overwrought. She was overthinking and on the verge of a meltdown. With a rueful sigh, she added, "I adore anything that helps me decompress, unwind, simmer down, stop worrying, lighten up, compose myself, and mellow out." So I invited her to take deep breaths, close her eyes, and visualize herself immersed in blue-green light. Then I asked her to name influences she loved: people, animals, natural places, music, books, films, art, and physical movements that made her feel happy to be alive. She came up with eight different sources of bliss, and together we meditated on them. Half an hour later, she was as relaxed as she had been in months. I recommend you try a comparable exercise every day for the next 14 days. Be proactive about cultivating tranquil delight.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Author Anne Lamott is renowned for her tender approach to expressing her struggles with addiction, depression, and other tribulations. One of her supreme tests was being a single mother who raised her son Sam. In this effort, she was her usual plucky self. Anytime she hosted playdates with Sam's young friends at her home, she called on the help of crayons and paint and pens and clay and scissors. "When we did art with the kids, the demons would lie down," she testified. I recommend a comparable strategy for you in the coming days, Libra. You will have extra power as you tame, calm, or transform your demons. Making art could be effective, as well as any task that spurs your creativity and imagination.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): "My heart has developed a kind of amnesia, where it remembers everything but itself," writes Scorpio poet Sabrina Benaim. If you suffer a condition that resembles hers, it's about to change. According to my astrological analysis, your heart will soon not only remember everything; it will also remember itself. What a blissful homecoming that will be—although it may also be unruly and confounding, at least in the beginning. But after the initial surprise calms down, you will celebrate a dramatic enhancement of emotionally rich self-knowledge. You will feel united with the source of your longing to love and be loved.

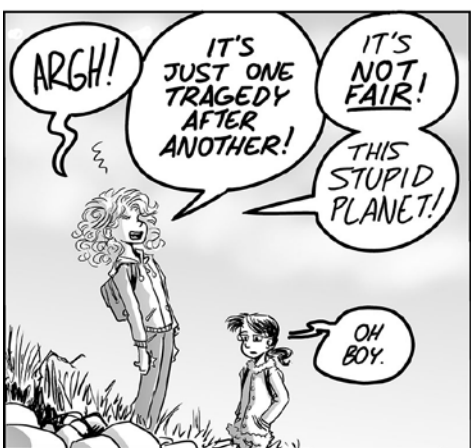
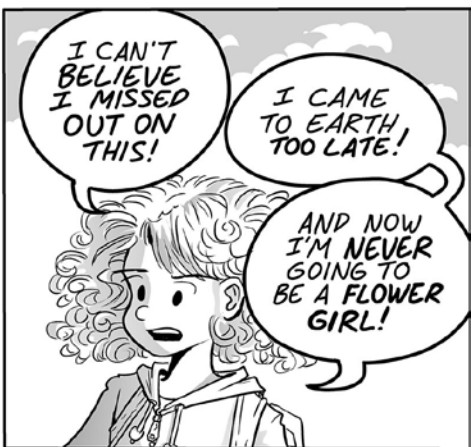
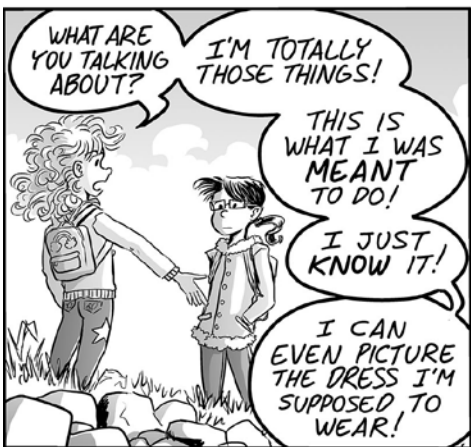
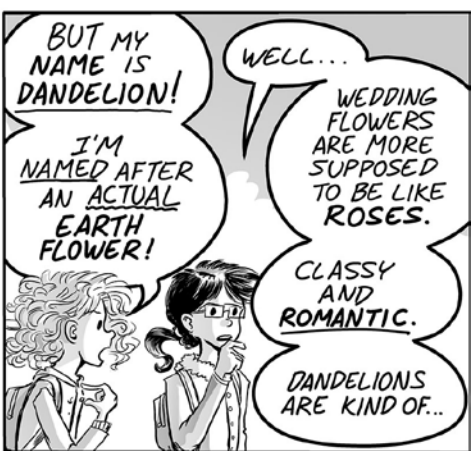
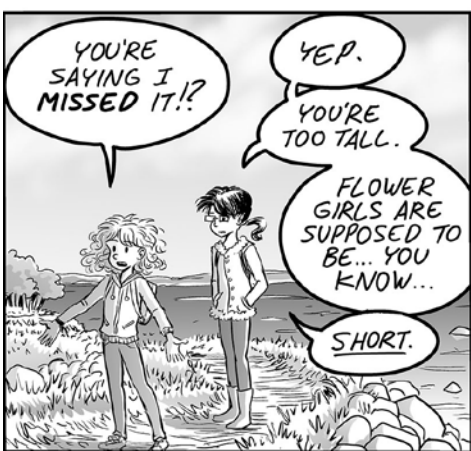
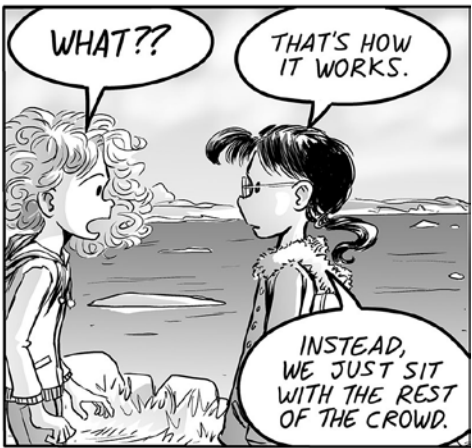
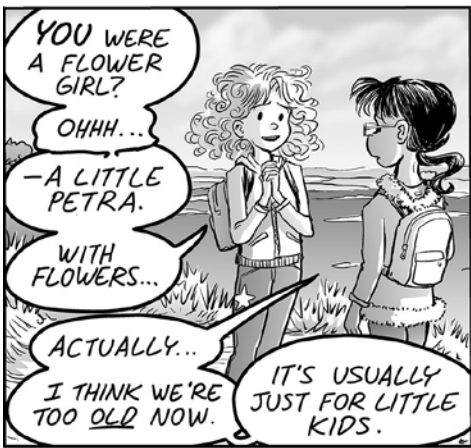
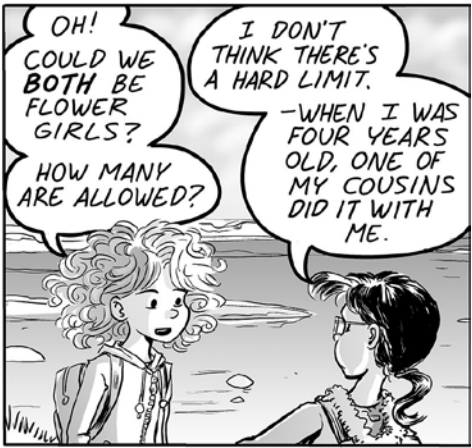
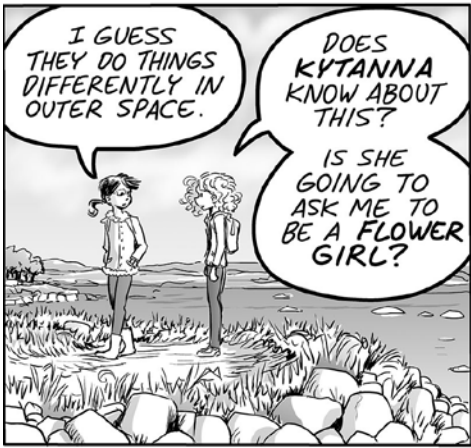
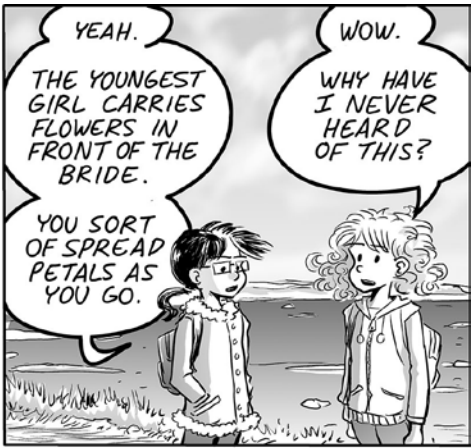
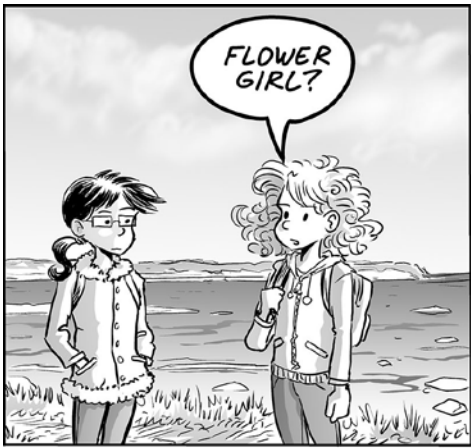
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): "Just because things hadn't gone the way I had planned didn't necessarily mean they had gone wrong," writes Sagittarian author Ann Patchett. Her thought may be helpful for you to meditate on. My guess is that you will ultimately be glad that things didn't go the way you planned. God or your Higher Self or the Mysterious Forces of Destiny will conspire to lead you away from limited expectations or not-big-enough visions so as to offer you bigger and better blessings.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Novelist Jane Austen (1775–1817) confessed she was a "wild beast." Really? The author who wrote masterfully about the complex social lives of wealthy British people? Here's my theory: The wild beast in her made her original, unsentimental, humorous, and brilliant in creating her stories. How is your own inner wild beast, Capricorn? According to my reading of the astrological omens, now is an excellent time to give it fun, rich assignments. What parts of your life would benefit from tapping into raw, primal energy?

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Aquarian poet Jack Gilbert wrote, "I lie in the dark wondering if this quiet in me now is a beginning or an end." I don't know how Gilbert solved his dilemma. But I suspect you will soon be inclined to pose a similar question. In your case, the answer will be that the quiet in you is a beginning. Ah! But in the early going, it may not resemble a beginning. You might be puzzled by its fuzzy, meandering quality. But sooner or later, the quiet in you will become fertile and inspirational. You will ride it to the next chapter of your life story.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): The genre of poetry known as haiku often relies on unexpected juxtapositions. Critic R. H. Blyth observed, "In haiku, the two entirely different things that are joined in sameness are poetry and sensation, spirit and matter." I suspect your life in the coming weeks will have metaphorical resemblances to haikus. You will be skilled at blending elements that aren't often combined, or that should be blended but haven't been. For inspiration, read these haikus by Raymond Roseliep. 1. in the stream / stones making half / the music. 2. horizon / wild swan drifting through / the woman's body. 3. birthcry! / the stars / are all in place. 4. bathwater / down the drain / some of me. 5. grass / holding the shape / of our night. 6. campfire extinguished, / the woman washing dishes / in a pan of stars.

**Homework:** You can now make a change that has previously seemed impossible. What is it? Newsletter.FreeWillAstrology.com.





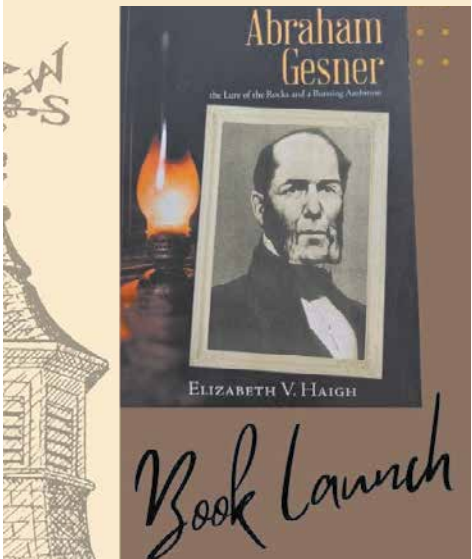
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Start your experience at the Visitor Information Centre on Park Street where you can pick up a map and enter your name for the prize draw. Then make your way downtown to park and walk the tour route! The tour will feature photo displays and mini-exhibitions curated with items from festivals past, hosted by downtown Kentville Businesses.

More details to come, save the date!



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The first hike will be held at Miner's Marsh (Kentville), and the last held at Cape Split (Scots Bay). During the first session, the participants and leaders will select where they would like to explore for the remaining four sessions!

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## AN AMBITIOUS 2022-23 ACADIA PERFORMING ARTS SERIES... AND A NEW MUSIC FESTIVAL IN AUGUST!

François Côté

On May 21, at Festival Theatre, the Performing Arts Series ends its 2021-22 season beautifully with a long-awaited (re-scheduled) concert by Laila Biali.

That evening, PAS will also unveil an ambitious 2022-23 Series and launch a new music festival that will take place on the August 13-14 weekend: "Back To The Gardens," a meeting of global and local music. International and Nova Scotian musicians and visual artists will create and perform together in the magical setting of the Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens, on the Acadia campus.

It all began with the opportunity to present one concert by the Skye Consort & Emma Bjorling, on August 13. They will be on a Nova Scotia tour organized by Musique Royale. We thought that it would be wonderful to present this concert outdoors, in the Botanical Gardens. This was quickly followed by the realization that if a professional stage and audio equipment were to be set up in the Gardens, it might as well be used for the whole weekend! With the Irving Centre quickly on board, and plenty of serendipity, we soon had a full festival bringing together a diverse yet interconnected community of musicians for a magical weekend "Back to the Gardens".

Official announcements, publicity, and ticket sales will all roll out later in May but for you, readers of this Grapevine's "Festival Guide" issue, here is a hushed pre-announcement of the confirmed acts:

In addition to the Skye Consort, we're so very happy to welcome back to Wolfville the great Brazilian composer and multi-instrumentalist Celso Machado, perhaps the most naturally musical person I've ever seen. Celso will be with us for a week, working on an ongoing collaboration with Acadia music faculty



members Derek Charke and Eugene Cormier, who will perform at the festival as well. We will also welcome Tania Chan, a wonderful singer-songwriter from Oaxaca, Mexico. Tania will spend three weeks in Wolfville; she is looking forward to musical collaborations with her peers from our region who will also be performing in the Gardens: Terra Spencer, Daniel James McFadyen Band, Kim Barlow & Mohammad Sahraei, The Bombadils, The Gilberts, Graham Howes & friends, Sahara Jane Nasr & Ken Shorley, and many more! You heard it here first. Stay tuned. Very reasonably priced festival passes and one-day passes will go on sale in just a few weeks.

And, as first mentioned, the Performing Arts Series unveils an exciting 2022-23 Concert Series on May 21. It will include performances by Lorraine Desmarais, "La Grande Dame" of Canadian Jazz and by the equally remarkable jazz/boogie pianist and singer Michael Kaeshammer, both in trio formations. The Series will also feature the Wolfville returns of Lennie Gallant, Symphony Nova Scotia, and of opera and ballet!

Before the end of May, all details will appear at [pas.acadiau.ca](http://pas.acadiau.ca); and Series subscriptions, tickets and festival passes will go on sale at the Acadia Box Office. 🎟️



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**Macael Baxter**

*to our team of Financial Advisors*



*Based in Greenwood, Macael will be working with Evangeline's clients throughout the Valley.*

Macael was born and raised in the Annapolis Valley and is an Acadia University graduate. Macael has spent time in corporate tax, internal controls and production reporting at two of the largest Canadian energy companies. Noticing his passion for investments and financial planning, Macael pivoted to personal advising roles with two retail banks in the valley area. Since the switch, Macael has spent many evenings and weekends upgrading his skill set, as he works to pursue his CFP designation.

Macael's early breadth of experience and commitment to financial planning is what makes this a perfect fit on both sides. Although Macael brings consistent value to his clients, he will constantly strive to add value by providing information and discovering behavioral economic trends and insights to pass along to clients.

Away from the office, Macael has been a citizen member of the King's County Audit Committee since 2018. Macael and his wife (Lacey) enjoy taking their daughter (Della) and dog (Daisy) for family trips around the province; always finding a beach to comb. Macael is also found golfing with friends, as well as cheering for the Green Bay Packers on Sundays.

*Contact Macael today to start working on your customized financial plan:*

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Madisyn Snow is our Guest Artist for May. Madisyn identifies as a queer, mixed race, self-taught artist whose work explores connections of cultures and generations. Opening reception Friday 7p.m, May 6. Susan Dalton, below left, returns to Tides with her signature strengths of color and floral form, and Jean Leung, below right, brings us a softer vision of Spring. Tides is now open most Friday evenings in the summer.



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## May - June

MAY 25 - 30 <b>ANNAPOLIS VALLEY APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL</b> <i>Locations across the Annapolis Valley</i> appleblossom.com	JUNE 10 - 11 <b>PORT WILLIAMS DAYS</b> <i>Port Williams</i> portwilliams.com
JUNE 17 - 19 <b>ROOTS TO BOOTS FESTIVAL</b> <i>Louisbourg &amp; Chéticamp</i> festivalracinesetbottines.ca rootstobootsfestival.ca	JUNE 17 - 19 <b>FULL CIRCLE FESTIVAL</b> <i>Newport Landing</i> fullcirclefestival.ca
JUNE 25 <b>TEDDY BEAR JAMBOREE</b> <i>Falmouth</i> falmouthcommunityhall@gmail.com	JUNE 24 - 25 <b>KINGSPORT GALA DAYS</b> <i>Kingsport</i> facebook.com/kingsportgaladays

## July

JULY 1 - 3 <b>KEMPT SHORE CHRISTMAS IN JULY</b> <i>Kemпт Shore</i> kemптshorefestivals.com	JULY 8-10 & 15-17 <b>PEGGY'S COVE AREA FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS</b> <i>South Shore</i> peggyscoveareafestivalofthearts.com	JULY 8 - 10 <b>LOBSTER BASH</b> <i>Digby</i> lobsterbash.blogspot.ca
JULY 8 - 10 <b>LOBSTER BASH</b> <i>Digby</i> lobsterbash.blogspot.ca	JULY 8 - 17 <b>SCOTIA DAYS FESTIVAL</b> <i>Mulgrave</i> facebook.com/ScotiaDaysFestival	JULY 13 - 17 <b>HALIFAX JAZZ FESTIVAL</b> <i>Halifax</i> halifaxjazzfestival.ca
JULY 14 - 17 <b>ACOUSTIC MARITIME MUSIC FESTIVAL</b> <i>Kemпт Shore</i> kemптshorefestivals.com	JULY 16 <b>BEAR RIVER CHERRY CARNIVAL</b> <i>Bear River</i> Facebook: Bear River Cherry Carnival	JULY 19 - 23 <b>FESTIVAL OF DANCE ANNAPOLIS ROYAL</b> <i>Annapolis Royal</i> fodar.ca
JULY 23 <b>HANTSPORT MUSIC FESTIVAL</b> <i>Hantsport</i> hhmf.ca	JULY 23 - 24 <b>SEA TO SHORE SEA GLASS FESTIVAL</b> <i>Berwick</i> Facebook: Ocean Zn Giftshop Mobile Boutique	JULY 28 - 31 <b>NOVA SCOTIA BLUEGRASS &amp; OLD-TIME MUSIC FESTIVAL</b> <i>Bible Hill</i> downeastgrass.com/annual-nova-scotia-festival.html
JULY 22 - 24 <b>STAN ROGERS FOLK FESTIVAL</b> <i>Canso</i> stanfest.com	JULY 22 - 24 <b>#WEARTKENTVILLE MURAL FESTIVAL</b> <i>Kentville</i> www.kentvillebusiness.ca/ murfestival	JULY 27 - AUG 1 <b>HALIFAX BUSKER FESTIVAL</b> <i>Halifax</i> info@pegentertainment.ca
JULY 29 - AUG 1 <b>ANNAPOLIS ROYAL NATAL DAYS</b> <i>Annapolis Royal</i> annapolisroyal.com	JULY 30 <b>WHARF DAY</b> <i>Newport Landing</i> avonriverheritage.com	JULY 31 <b>NOVA SCOTIA FOLK ART FESTIVAL</b> <i>Lunenburg</i> nsfolkartfestival.com

## MEADOWVIEW FARM MUSIC SERIES

Submitted

Meadowview Farm Music Series is pleased to announce a new concert experience at the Centre Burlington Community Hall in Centre Burlington, 3554 Highway 215 on the scenic Glooscap Trail. Two shows take place each month on Sundays from 2-4pm. A free-will donation can be made at the door, there will be a 50/50 draw, and the canteen has snacks and drinks for sale. All proceeds are used for upgrades and maintenance of the building and property, and to support local charitable activities.

Created by musician and retired scientist Dennis Jones, the sessions include a one hour

performance by an invited special guest, plus two or three shorter time slots for musicians who would like the opportunity to be onstage with a captive and friendly audience. Contact information is provided below.

Several genres of music can be heard from singer/songwriters and cover artists alike. Folk, country, rock, pop, soul, and blues are a few examples. Meadowview Farm Music Series has an account with Entandem, a RE:-SOUND and SOCAN company, so cover songs can be performed legally and ethically with compensation distributed to their creators.



# GUIDE 2022

## August

**AUGUST 4 - 7**  
**DIGBY SCALLOP DAYS FESTIVAL**  
Digby  
digbyscallopdays.ca

**AUGUST 5 - 7**  
**FOX MOUNTAIN COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
Aylesford  
foxmountaincampingpark.com

**AUGUST 13-14**  
**BACK TO THE GARDENS FESTIVAL**  
Wolfville  
pas.acadiau.ca

**AUGUST 13-14**  
**PAINT THE TOWN**  
Annapolis Royal  
facebook.com/  
paintthetownannapolis

**AUGUST 20 - 21**  
**KEMPT SHORE RETRO MUSIC CAMPOUT**  
Kempt Shore  
kemptshorefestivals.com

**AUGUST 15-20**  
**ANNAPOLIS VALLEY EXHIBITION**  
Lawrencetown  
annapolisvalleyexhibition.com

**AUG 28-SEPT 4**  
**HALIFAX URBAN FOLK FESTIVAL**  
Halifax  
halifaxurbanfolkfestival.com

## September - October

**SEPTEMBER 1-4**  
**WHARF RAT RALLY**  
Digby  
wharfratally.com

**SEPTEMBER 1-11**  
**HALIFAX FRINGE FESTIVAL**  
Halifax  
halifaxfringe.ca / 902-223-3873

**SEPTEMBER 10**  
**HONEY HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
Newport Landing  
avonriverheritage.com

**SEPTEMBER 15-22**  
**FIN ATLANTIC INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**  
Halifax  
atlanticfilm.com

**SEPTEMBER 16-18**  
**KEMPT SHORE APPRECIATION CAMPOUT**  
Kempt Shore  
kemptshorefestivals.com

**SEPTEMBER 16-18 & 23-25**  
**HANTS COUNTY EXHIBITION**  
Windsor  
hantscountyyex.com

**SEPTEMBER 22-28**  
**LUNENBURG DOC FEST**  
Lunenburg  
LunenburgDocFest.com

**SEPTEMBER 23-25**  
**DEEP ROOTS MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
Wolfville  
deeprootsmusic.ca

**OCTOBER**  
**NOCTURNE**  
Halifax  
nocturnehalifax.ca

**OCTOBER 24-30**  
**DEVOUR! THE FOOD FILM FESTIVAL**  
Wolfville  
devourfest.com

Please note: This is not a complete list of all the festivals in Nova Scotia. Please refer to [novascotia.com/things-to-do/festivals-events](https://novascotia.com/things-to-do/festivals-events) for a more comprehensive list.

## PRELUDE TO A KISS SET TO IMPRESS AT WOLFVILLE'S AL WHITTLE

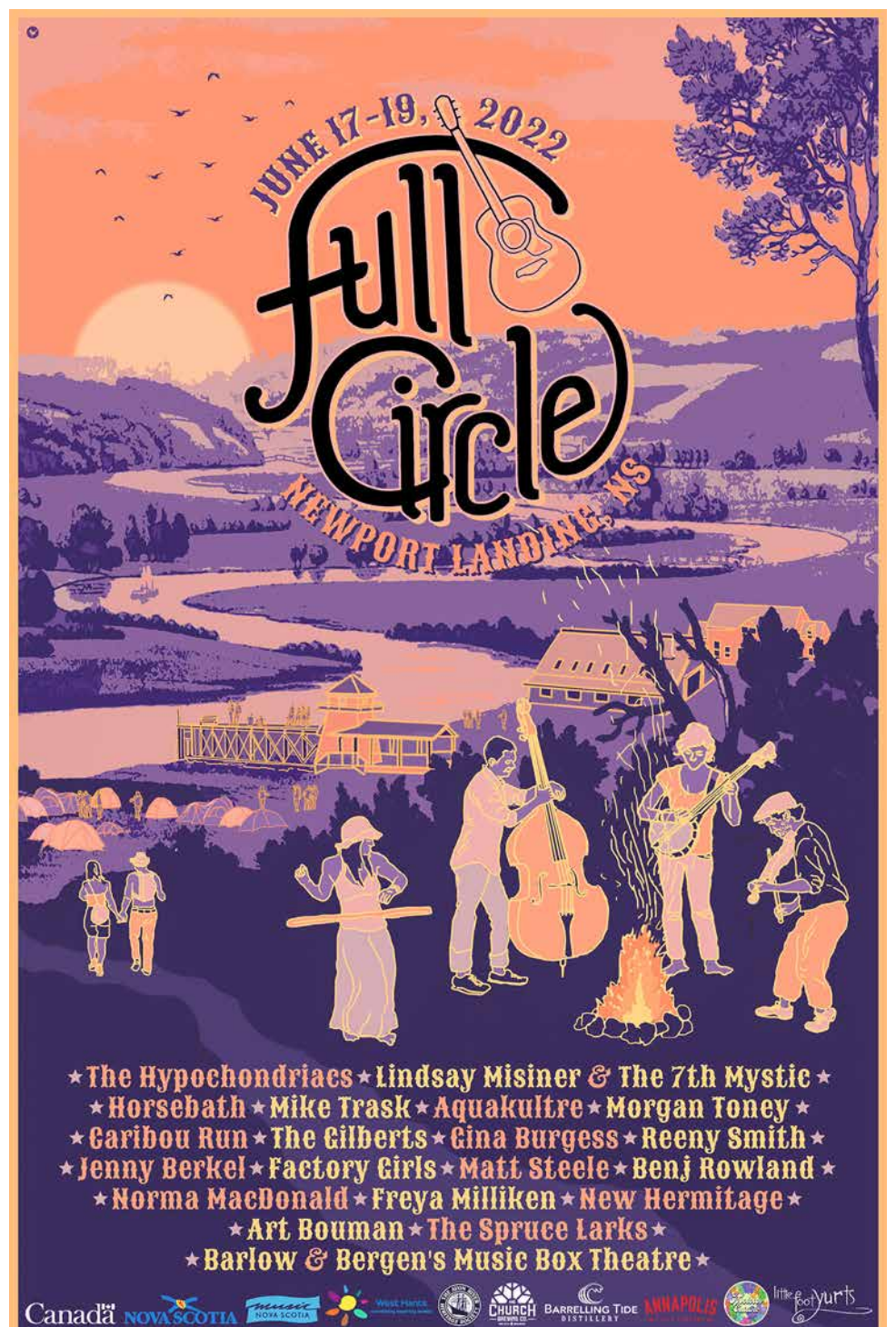
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Campbell on bass, this stirring new concert is an event not to be missed.

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★ Caribou Run ★ The Gilberts ★ Cina Burgess ★ Reeny Smith ★  
★ Jenny Berkel ★ Factory Girls ★ Matt Steele ★ Benj Rowland ★  
★ Norma MacDonald ★ Freya Milliken ★ New Hermitage ★  
★ Art Bouman ★ The Spruce Larks ★  
★ Barlow & Bergen's Music Box Theatre ★

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## Blooms

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# BRICKBEAN COFFEE OPENS IN ANNAPOLIS COUNTY

Marilyn Jones-Bent

After spending his early childhood in Mexico, Josué Duff returned to Canada in 2008 and settled near his parents in Brickton, Annapolis County. A coffee lover, his original plan was to establish a business of roasting and shipping coffee. Remembering the wondrous taste of a cup of coffee he once enjoyed in Chiapas, Mexico, he worked hard studying and researching coffee bean grinding and roasting methods, striving to produce the best-tasting coffee possible.

His experiments helped decide the preferred method: commence roasting the beans at a high temperature, 190-200 degrees centigrade, for between 10 and 12.5 minutes per batch. Roasting coffee generates a fair amount of smoke, especially when planning for bolder, richer roasts. If there isn't enough air flow through the machine, the lingering smoke particles will coat the beans and lend a bitter, smoky, ashy, burnt flavour. This can be corrected by periodically increasing air flow near the end of the roast, which helps clear the smoke out of the roaster and applies gentler heat to the beans. Josué decided the timing and magnitude of these adjustments would determine the profile of a roast and impact the entire experience. In time, he felt ready to open his specialty shop.

Once in Brickton, however, he discovered there was a local atmosphere he thoroughly enjoyed. He now prefers to see people and chat with them instead of mailing boxes to unknown souls in distant lands. His vision changed to bringing the coffee world to Brickton. To share and learn locally, he took time to get to know those who came into his shop and to learn their taste preferences for coffee. Some customers like only one roast and never change it, others like different coffees and like to try his new roasts. Either way, Josué tries to understand and remember what they want and not impose his personal preferences on them as is sometimes the case in the coffee world.



There's lots to know about coffee. Its use goes back to ancient times, and coffees grown in different countries have unique flavours. Well-roasted coffee has good taste, smooth flavour, and should never smell burnt. The beans Josué uses are organic and fair trade coffee beans, meaning every single bean was picked by the loving hand of a farmer.

Not shy about experimenting, Josué recently combined the flavours of beans, some from Peru and some from Mexico, to develop a springtime blend called *Primavera*, the Spanish word for springtime. He also has beans from Honduras, and in the past has featured a small lot from Guatemala, and another from Bolivia.

So say goodbye to the large canisters and bags of pre-ground coffee that line grocery shelves. Drive to Brickton and visit Brickbean Coffee, located at 12025 Highway 1, between Middleton and Lawrencetown. Josué will be happy to show you his shop and explain the process he uses to prepare and grind the wonderful Brickbean coffee he's become known for.



For more information, visit [brickbean.ca](http://brickbean.ca)

# PLANT A SEED, NOURISH A PLANT, AND BUILD A COMMUNITY: ONE GARDEN AT A TIME

Sarah MacDonald

Gardens and people are similar in that we both need clean water, sunshine, nutrients, and a wee bit of love in order to grow strong and reach our full potential.

Spring is a good time to ask yourself some important questions: are you getting enough time spent in nature? Where does your food come from? How far is it travelling to get to your plate? After a long winter, do you have positive ways to connect socially with your neighbours and community outdoors? How are you making this earth a richer, more fertile place? Participating in a community garden can be an exciting way to address all of these questions!

Community gardens are urban agricultural green spaces that can help to supplement fresh fruit and vegetable intake, provide educational, social connections, and have a bushel of environmental benefits. Gardens are often designed on underutilised or undervalued land and started and operated primarily by volunteers. Community gardens allow members to shop at the farm, not a retail outlet, therefore knowing exactly where their nutritious, flavourful food comes from.

Stewardship of community gardens and appreciation of the land can take different forms: private or public community gardens, school gardens, market gardens, large urban agriculture farms (fringe farming, peri-urban food production), family gardens or home gardens, rooftop gardens, and botanical gardens, to name a few. Through gardens we all sprout ideas and seeds in the spring, maintain crops and provide love to the plants all summer, and harvest the bounty in the fall. We can then rest, enjoying and planning all winter for the spring to come.

Food miles are not the only reason you may want to check out a community garden. We know that food is at the centre of health, our community, and the environment, but so often we don't have any connection to it. Growing more food locally will not only improve the ecology of our economics and physical environment but also provide opportunities for ownership and pride for

community members. The act of gardening reduces stress, gives opportunity for positive community connections and shared experiences, therefore, increasing our social capital.

Want to plant a seed? There are spaces throughout the Valley!

- Cornwallis Park: Cornwallis Community Garden (contact Elizabeth at [elizmcm@mail.com](mailto:elizmcm@mail.com)).
- Middleton: NSCC, in partnership with the Farm Cafe ([farmtofeastcafe@gmail.com](mailto:farmtofeastcafe@gmail.com)).
- Kingston: Outreach Community Garden (Behind the United church. Contact John Morash at [john.morash@hotmail.com](mailto:john.morash@hotmail.com)).
- Berwick: Berwick & District Elementary School ([heather.pozdnekoff@bellaliant.net](mailto:heather.pozdnekoff@bellaliant.net)).
- Kentville: Community Gardens at Oakdene Park and the Valley Community Learning Association ([vcsla.learning@gmail.com](mailto:vcsla.learning@gmail.com)).
- Canning: Volunteer with Taproot Farms and Franklin Bishop ([franklin@dayspring.privacyport.com](mailto:franklin@dayspring.privacyport.com)).
- Wolfville: Acadia Farm ([info@acadiafarm.org](mailto:info@acadiafarm.org)).

Community food production can happen anywhere or everywhere, and all it takes is a seed!



*Sarah MacDonald runs Farm to Feast Cafe at the Middleton NSCC and has been an avid gardener since she could toddle. She's also a founding member of Kings County Community Food Council. The Council's vision is to have a sustainable, local food system in Kings County, where everyone has access to enough nutritious, safe, ecological, and culturally-appropriate food. For more information on our work and how you can get involved please contact us! [info@KCCFoodCouncil.ca](mailto:info@KCCFoodCouncil.ca).*

*If there is a Community Garden near you that we didn't list, let us know! We want to promote you!*

# KENTVILLE'S EQUILIBRIUM ENGINEERING WINS \$1 MILLION GRAND PRIZE

Submitted

Equilibrium Engineering and its project partners StorTera (Scotland, UK) and the Dalhousie University's Renewable Storage Lab have won \$1 million in the Canada-UK Power Forward Challenge for their work piloting clean energy storage units in the Town of Berwick, Nova Scotia.

The announcement took place on March 30 during the GLOBE Forum 2022 in Vancouver.

"Our government challenged innovators to find breakthrough clean-tech solutions to help solve some of Canada's biggest problems—and they delivered," said the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Natural Resources Canada. "I'm proud to award the grand prize for the Power Forward Challenge to Equilibrium Engineering and their UK partner StorTera."

The group created the Alba Nova project in 2019 after teaming up to respond to the Power Forward Challenge which was aimed at accelerating smart grid technology in a collaborative initiative between the Canadian and UK governments. They developed an intelligent energy system, partnered with the Town of Berwick and held a lottery for Berwick residents interested in having a free residential storage system installed in their homes. Ten (10) household systems were installed in homes making them more energy efficient, saving money, and being part of the Town of Berwick's plan to provide value to Berwick Electric (the energy grid operator) through the uptake of renewable energy. In addition, two (2) commercial properties participated in the pilot; Town Hall and the Kings Mutual

Century Centre, and they too saw benefits such as lower energy costs by managing their demand, increased resilience with onsite storage, and coordination of overall performance with Berwick Electric.

"This is a game changer for our company. The pilot has been a big success and winning the \$1 million grand prize means we can focus on scaling up," says Will Marshall, President, Equilibrium Engineering, "We will continue to lead the low carbon energy transition movement in Nova Scotia through advanced energy storage."

Through the Alba Nova project, Equilibrium Engineering (Canada) and StorTera (Scotland) are introducing a unique smart grid solution that integrates intelligent energy storage, energy efficiency, renewable energy generation, and demand side response to revolutionize the electric grid in the Town of Berwick, Nova Scotia, and beyond. The key innovation is the artificial intelligence (AI) platform that provides accurate forecasting, manages data and provides real time control. The AI platform utilizes large data sets including battery cell performance and sophisticated algorithms that predict solar and wind energy generation and demand of customers for the day ahead.

The Alba Nova solution brings multiple stakeholders together and provides stacked benefits simultaneously, which addresses some of the key challenges in the wide scale roll-out of smart grids. The team plans to roll this solution out to other utilities and market segments across Canada and the UK. 🌱

# STAGE PROPHETS IN REVUE!

Theatrical society celebrating twenty years of musical theatre

Submitted

It has been twenty years since Stage Prophets Theatrical Society launched its first-ever production. We started in the basement of a local church, sixteen youth wearing tie-dyed shirts and singing their hearts out to *Godspell*. Over the past twenty years, our Stage Prophets family has grown and flourished and we have shared many magical moments with our community and our audiences. It was our hope that we would be celebrating our 20th Anniversary with our most ambitious production to date: an epic stadium-style production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* featuring a mass choir, rock and roll band, pyrotechnics, and even motorcycles. Unfortunately, the circumstances of the last two years have made this impossible for now, so we have postponed this show until 2023.

Though we have postponed *Jesus Christ Superstar*, we are thrilled to be able to gather once again and share the magic of live musical theatre with our community through our 2022 Production of "Stage Prophets in Revue!" With this Production, we will present all your favorite songs, show-stopping dance numbers, and heart-warming stories from the past twenty years.

Our company lives by the adage "Go Big or Stay Home", and this year is no exception. Our incredible cast will be supported by a sensational group of musicians, gorgeous costumes, dramatic lighting, and a truly

stunning multimedia projection system and design. The show will take us on a journey through the worlds of *Mary Poppins*, *Anne of Green Gables*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Sound of Music*, *Les Misérables*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*. Our grand finale will give the audience a small taste of what they can look forward to in our production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* in the spring of 2023.

We're so excited to welcome back audiences and share the magic and joy of live musical theatre. Join us! You will not want to miss these limited performances!

## Show Times

- Friday, June 3, 2022, 7:30pm
- Saturday, June 4, 2022, at 2:00pm
- Saturday, June 4, 2022, at 7:30pm
- Sunday, June 5, 2022, at 7:30pm

## Location

Acadia Festival Theatre  
504 Main Street, Wolfville NS

## Tickets

Availability: Starting April 11, 2022  
Location: Acadia University Box Office: [acadiau.universitytickets.com/](http://acadiau.universitytickets.com/)  
Ticket Prices: \$25.00.

For more information visit [stageprophets.ca](http://stageprophets.ca). 🌱





Artwork by Monique Silver

## VISUALLY SPEAKING: MONIQUE SILVER

Anna Horsnell

Monique Silver’s enthusiasm for what lies ahead is a shot of positive. As an emerging artist facing a wide horizon of possibilities, she is both eager to explore and willing to put in the work to establish her art career. That determination will make all the difference in the highly competitive and challenging world of fine art.

Her recent exhibit, entitled “Form Interrupted,” saw her showcased as guest artist at Tides Contemporary Art Gallery in Kentville for the month of March. If sales of artwork and buzz are any indication, the reaction was definitely positive and even more noteworthy as it was only her second solo presentation. The black and white relief prints composed an intelligent interpretation of, in her words, “the power of societal pressures and the psychological impact of body and beauty standards.” Each piece was a thought-provoking view on the human form spoken through fine draftsmanship and imaginative vision.

It’s not uncommon for art students to hit a bit of a wall once they graduate. Where to turn, how do you begin as an artist entrepreneur, especially in a time of lockdowns and restrictions? Silver explains, “I’m originally from Canning and graduated from Mount Allison University in 2020. I had wonderful professors who encouraged interdisciplinary explorations. My education prepared me for studio work and helped me become a resourceful creator. However, in most BFA programs, students are not taught how to structure their own business, how to approach sales or seek funding, so that has been the biggest learning curve so far.” Luckily, she found help, “The 2021 New Grad Program through Visual Arts Nova Scotia was a fantastic experience and helped me keep momentum through the

pandemic. I don’t have an established practice so without this support and network I would have struggled to make connections within the Halifax art community and get my practice rolling.”

Through it all, Silver has maintained a positive outlook in following her passion. “Thankfully I grew up around artists and had a realistic understanding of what an artist’s career could be. Mainly going through the general growing pains of a young adult, learning to prioritize, sticking to my studio schedule and being confident in my choices. It was really scary making the choice to take up space for this practice. I’ve been so thrilled with the amount of support from both the art community and general population here in Nova Scotia. When asking for guidance, especially as an emerging artist right out of the gates, people are willing to give you a hand. Returning those favours is also important!”

What’s next? Completing an art therapy degree over the next few years is on her agenda, but in the meantime, “I enjoy collaborating and look forward to working on community art projects. I have been teaching drawing classes and helping develop art programming at Laing House in Halifax. I also started working at The Prow Gallery which just recently opened on the Halifax waterfront. I’m looking forward to learning more about the industry and making connections through this new job.”

See what the future holds for this promising young artist by visiting moniquesilver.squarespace.com, on Instagram @moniquesilverstudio, or email Monique.d.silver@gmail.com. 🍷

## BACKYARD BIODIVERSITY: REGENERATING HABITAT AT HOME

Caroline Beddoe, Blomidon Naturalists Society

We are in a biodiversity crisis. Climate collapse, habitat loss, pesticides, invasive species, and many other factors, are causing a serious loss in the variety and number of organisms. Biodiversity loss reduces ecosystems’ abilities to provide life-sustaining services, like producing oxygen, cleaning water, buffering extreme weather events, and sequestering carbon. Pollinators, including bees, butterflies, and beetles, are declining, yet they are essential for supporting 80% of all plants, and directly pollinate a third of our food. We all depend on biodiverse ecosystems for survival.

The good news is that we can help! Biodiversity doesn’t just exist “out there in the wild,” rather we are all a part of nature. With only 4.5% of Kings County currently protected, and with most land privately owned, it is important to support biodiverse habitat in addition to parks and nature preserves.

Entomologist Douglas Tallamy proposed the idea of a “homegrown national park.” Why shouldn’t our homes also be seen as nature preserves? I encourage you to think about how your land, your backyard, your balcony, or other areas in your community can be a space for supporting and regenerating biodiversity. In big or small ways, with a handful of suggestions offered below, we can support backyard (or front yard) biodiversity.

As spring weather brings birdsong and the buzz of bees, it also heralds the drone of lawnmowers. The concept of *No Mow May* is perhaps already familiar. Take up the pledge and don’t mow your lawn in May, so pollinators have access to early food like dandelions and clovers. Join a growing movement! Acadia University will not mow the area north of Crowell Tower during May to support pollinators. Take inspiration and do the same. Plus, it means less work!

Indeed, doing less is sometimes the answer. Can you resist tidying up your yard as much, at least until the weather is consistently warm, so that overwintering pollinators can emerge from their winter nests in leaf litter and old hollow or pithy stems? Leaving fallen leaves shelters many insects and caterpillars, retains moisture, and adds nutrients back into the living soil. Perhaps plant more perennials, which

improve soil health and are less work yearly. Or designate part of your yard as meadow, allowing wildflowers like goldenrod to flourish.

Can you shrink your lawn? While useful for recreation, lawns serve scarce ecological benefit. Replace parts of your lawn with low wildflowers (like wild strawberry), native flower gardens, trees, or a meadow. Try sheet mulching to build rich garden beds on top of existing lawn!

Plant native plants, like perennial flowers, shrubs, and trees. Native plants of the Acadian forest region are adapted to our climate and pests, and will best support local wildlife (like native pollinators) and overall ecological health. Maybe plant large clumps of native pollinator-friendly flowers like milkweeds, coneflowers, and Black-Eyed Susan. Native trees provide many ecosystem functions. Add early-blooming willows for pollinators, and plant other native trees like red oak to support innumerable wildlife. A hedgerow of native berry bushes provides shelter, windbreak and food for you and wildlife. Integrate pollinator-friendly flowers like wild bergamot into your vegetable gardens. Add native plants in abundance and diversity! Can you add more plants, different types, or plants of different heights and functions? Think about mimicking nature, like a forest with all its layers. While you’re at it, remove invasive species and replace them with native ones! Check out the Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens for inspiration.

Even if you don’t have access to land, you can help. Add pots of native flowers (or flowering herbs) to a balcony or window box to support pollinators. Encourage friends and neighbours who have property to support biodiversity. You can also support community work, like that of the Blomidon Naturalists Society. Through the Butterflyway Project initiative we are planting pollinator gardens and would love your engagement and support. Learn about this project and our other nature education and conservation work at blomidonnaturalists.ca.

We can play a part at home in preserving and regenerating habitat, supporting pollinators and other wildlife, and sustaining necessary biodiversity. It’s time to garden as if life depends on it! 🍷

## DEEP ROOTS MUSIC COOPERATIVE CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

*Deep Roots Music Festival 2022 is happening Sept 23-25!*

*Lisa Hammett Vaughan, Festival Coordinator, Deep Roots Music Cooperative*

Every time I go into town, someone stops me and asks, “What’s happening with Deep Roots?” For those of you who don’t know, the Deep Roots Music Cooperative is a non-profit organization in the Annapolis Valley dedicated to celebrating our musical and cultural heritage. The co-op was founded by Don and Anna Osburn in 2003. Deep Roots community members give freely of their time and expertise so we can meet our organizational mandate to develop musical programs and events, including an annual festival, and to encourage meaningful connections between cultures, community groups, artists, and audiences. Members also bring new and creative ideas, special skills, and a genuine love for musical expression to our programs and to the direction of our organization. In the 19 years since its birth, Deep Roots has produced two mini blues fests, two emerging artists series, two benefit concerts, an online music series, numerous school music programs for kids, film nights, dances, potlucks, community meetings, a concert series in Nordic tipis, and sixteen phenomenal festivals. Our team had to get creative during the Covid-19 lockdown, but now we are gearing up for our 17th Deep Roots Music Festival, September 23 – 25, 2022.

Do you have skills to add to the team? Our festival committee has a few vacancies that we would love to fill with some new volunteers who will bring diversity and strength to

our group. These are management roles that include about five hours a week of planning activities and coordinating a team of people to reach organizational goals. In particular, we would like help in publicity, sales, and hospitality.

I encourage you to join us: collaborate with community members to create home-style fun and wonderful music. Getting involved with Deep Roots can help you:

- support and encourage artistic expression and celebrate our rich and diverse heritage
- work creatively with others and promote teamwork and team spirit
- learn or develop skills and discover your potential while building on your abilities
- get to know your community, make new friends, and develop important networking contacts
- gain work experience
- make a difference in your community

Too busy? We can work with you to provide rewarding experiences, whatever your schedule.

Please contact me to talk. Come to our May meeting to get the Deep Roots feeling. We are looking forward to meeting you. 🍷

## GREENWOOD’S 7ARTS REOPENING

*Submitted*

7Arts is very excited to be fully reopened after Covid restrictions. They have spruced up their art space and are planning a grand reopening at the end of May.

7Arts is also excited to announce that Veterans Affairs Canada has approved a grant for an expressive arts therapy program.

7Arts is a not for profit organization and a community art space. Amber Juby is the founder and President of 7Arts and is the creator of this community. She wanted to engage the local community by providing an inclusive, creative space with a mission to teach, support, and promote the arts and art education. Inclusive means that the 7Arts space is a safe and encouraging environment accessible to all abilities. The organization is run by a volunteer board of directors as well as a group of hard-working local artists and volunteers. All are welcome here. Check the events calendar and you can find something for everyone: youth, teens, and families. Along with scheduled events, 7Arts can host private events and parties. Themed birthday parties with crafting events, family paint pours, or workplace teambuilding exercises are just some of the activities that 7Arts has held in the past. Amber has also created the NOVA Club: New Opportunities for Valley Artists. This group of local artists collaborate and congregate to help inspire each other. If you are interested in being part of a creative group

or joining their team of volunteers, drop in for a visit to learn what 7Arts is all about.

Making Art Accessible is the theme for 7Arts Grand Re-Opening, Art Show & Sale. Friday, May 27, 4-8pm and Saturday, May, 28 12-4pm, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood. Meet 7Arts artists; tour the space with gallery, studio, makers space, and kitchen; and view upcoming classes. Shop in the Little Art Shoppe: there are many tiny treasures and you never know what you may find there. All gallery artwork is original, completed by local artists, and will be priced at \$50 each. Light refreshments will also be served.

7Arts is extremely proud of the financial support received from Veterans Affairs Canada. The purpose of the grant is to bring awareness to the practice of expressive arts therapy and ongoing clinical research behind the arts therapies as psychological treatment methods for individuals struggling with their mental health. Amber Juby is a formally-trained artist with a passion for art making and Sarah Osborne is a registered counselling therapist, RCT, specializing in expressive arts therapy. Along with the support of 7Arts, together, they will deliver a four-week program, “Life Through A Mask”. This program has been developed by Sarah and is primarily aimed at art therapies for serving the military personnel and the veterans community. 🍷



\* Shaded events take place weekly or more than once, as noted

THURSDAY, MAY 5

**David Chamberland – Live @ Lunch** – *Kings Theatre, Annapolis Royal 12–1pm* • LIVE AT LUNCH! is a free live performance series. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-532-7704 / boxoffice@kingstheatre.ca

**Open Studio** – *Avon River Heritage Museum, Newport Landing 2–5pm. WEEKLY!* • Drop-in sessions for artists and hobbyists. Arrive with a project, join the conversation and let the majestic Avon River be your inspiration! **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-757-1718 / infoavonriver@gmail.com

**Willy Wonka the Musical** – *West Kings District High School, Auburn. May 5, 6, 7pm, May 7, 8, 2pm* • Enigmatic candy manufacturer, Willy Wonka, stages a contest by hiding golden tickets in five of his scrumptious candy bars. The finders receive a free tour of the Wonka factory, as well as a lifetime supply of candy. But, the winning children must learn to follow Mr. Wonka's rules in the factory... or suffer the consequences. **TIX:** Adults \$15, Students \$10. Email to RSVP. **INFO:** 902-760-1499 / westkingstickets@gmail.com

**Trivia Night** – *Oaken Barrel Pub, Greenwood 7–9pm. WEEKLY!* • Teams of 6 encouraged. Win prizes! **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-765-8933 / info@oakenbarrel.ca

**Teen Open Studio** – *7 Arts, Greenwood 7–9pm. WEEKLY!* • Ages 13 and up. Work on your own project or collaborate with others. Be part of a creative group. **TIX:** \$25 for each class or \$80 for 4 classes, \$10 if you bring your own supplies **INFO:** 902-765-7278 / 7Arts@7arts.ca

**FRIDAY, MAY 6**

**Artist Talk with Lorna Mulligan** – *ARTSPPLACE Gallery, Annapolis Royal 7–8pm* • "Of Water & Rock." Montreal-based artist Lorna Mulligan will talk about her work and practice. With Q&A via Zoom. **TIX:** No charge, but registration is required. **INFO:** 902-532-7069 / arcacartsplace@gmail.com

**Celebrate Recovery** – *New Hope Wesleyan, Kingston 7–9:30pm. WEEKLY* • A faith-based 12-Step program for all who need help with hurts, habits & hangups. Are you struggling with broken relationships, stress, anger, fears, addictions? All welcome. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-678-2222 / davetheman161@gmail.com

**The Unexpected Guest** – *CentreStage Theatre, Kentville. May 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 7:30pm, May 15, 2pm* • Join us as we follow the twisting plot of Agatha Christie's The Unexpected Guest to its... 'unexpected'... conclusion. **TIX:** \$15 adults, \$12 seniors. Call to RSVP, pay at the box office. Cash, credit, debit. Masks strongly encouraged. **INFO:** 902-678-8040 / centrestage@centrestagetheatre.ca

**Peace by Chocolate** – *Kings Theatre, Annapolis Royal 7:30–10:30pm* • Based on the inspirational true story of a Syrian Family in Nova Scotia. **TIX:** \$9.95 Adult, \$6.95 Youth (+HST) **INFO:** 902-532-7704 / boxoffice@kingstheatre.ca

**SATURDAY, MAY 7**

**Breakfast** – *Lions Club, Kentville 8–10:30am* • scrambled eggs, 2 slices of bacon, 2 sausage, baked beans, hash brown patties, pancakes, toast, apple juice, coffee/tea **TIX:** \$10 Adult, \$5 children under 10 **INFO:** 902-679-2367 / myrna\_harnum@hotmail.ca

**Mother's Day Breakfast** – *Community Hall, White Rock 8–10am* • Breakfast, prepared by the men! Includes a cake auction, silent auction table, and a draw for a beautiful Mother's Day basket worth over \$230! Tickets through S MacAskill 542-3014 **TIX:** \$10 breakfast, \$2 each Basket Tickets, or 3/\$5. **INFO:** 902-542-3014 / saritamacaskill@gmail.com

**Farmers Market** – *Farmers Market, Wolfville 9am–1pm. WEEKLY!* • Socially distanced indoor market featuring over 50 vendors. Get fresh and local food. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-697-3344 / wfmassistant@wolfvillefarmersmarket.ca

**Petite Patrie Chocolate Factory – Grand Opening!** – *2 Webster St, Kentville 10am–6pm* • Join us for our official grand opening! There will be chocolate treats, deals and prizes! **INFO:** 902-713-5084 / info@petitepatriechocolate.com

**Makers Space** – *7Arts, Greenwood 12–3pm. WEEKLY!* • Great for all ages and families. Different projects. **TIX:** \$10 with 7Arts supplies, bring your own supplies for \$5. Max 10 guests. **INFO/Reg:** 7arts@7arts.ca

**Craft Fair and Plant Sale** – *7089 Brooklyn St., Brooklyn Corner 10am–3pm* • Craft Fair is Hosted by Debs Crafty Goods and the plant sale is Hosted by the Lakeville Women's Institute. 12 crafters will be selling bath bombs, signs, beard oil, soaps, macrame, etc. Raindate May 8. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 1902-300-9367 / debbie\_917@hotmail.com

**Mother's Day Tea** – *Community Hall, Millville 2–4pm* • Mother's Day Tea **TIX:** Donation **INFO:** 902-698-7146 / palmerallister@gmail.com

**It's A Match! Exclusive Speed Dating Event** – *Wolfville Wedding Chapel, 360 Main St, Wolfville 8–10pm* • For ages 28–40. You will have 8 seven-minute dates with each member of the opposite sex, marking on your sheet who you would like to see again. The matches will be compiled and emailed to you, and you take it from there! **TIX:** \$40 per person (+tax). Includes champagne! Limited space available. **INFO:** jematchmaking@gmail.com

**SpeakEasy** – *Community Hall, West Brooklyn 8–11pm* • IRON WHEEL Original Americana/blues and rock. A great band of veteran musicians. **TIX:** \$10. Tickets must be reserved in advance. **INFO:** Ruth, 902-542-5424

**Adult Dance with Wayne Parker** – *Royal Canadian Legion, Kentville 9–12pm* • Bar, Kitchen, 50-50 and Door Prizes. **TIX:** \$10 **INFO:** 902-678-8935

**SUNDAY, MAY 8**

**Chocolate & Coffee Pairing Event, w/FullStrong Coffee** – *Petite Patrie Chocolate Factory, 2 Webster St, Kentville 10–11am. ALSO June 26* • **TIX:** \$35 **INFO:** 902-713-5084 / info@petitepatriechocolate.com

**Mother's Day Supper** – *Forties Community Centre, 1787 Forties Road, New Ross 4–6pm* • Chicken breast dinner, dessert, tea / coffee. Fully accessible facility. **TIX:** Adults: \$15, Under 12: \$7, Under 5: \$3. Eat in or Take-Out. **INFO:** 902-689-2147

**Mothering Sunday** – *Al Whittle Theatre, Wolfville 4pm & 7pm* • A maid living in post-World War I England secretly plans to meet with the man she loves before he leaves to marry another woman. **TIX:** \$12. Cash or debit/credit at the door OR eventbrite.ca **INFO:** manager@alwhittletheatre.ca

**MONDAY, MAY 9**

**How to Succeed in the Workplace** – *PeopleWorx, Middleton 1–2pm* • This workshop will explore if you are ready for work, what it means to be a successful employee, understanding workplace culture, how to manage your career and creating a work-life balance **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 866-609-9675 / workshop@peopleworx.ca

**TUESDAY, MAY 10**

**Community Luncheon** – *Lions Club, Kingston 12–1pm* • Roast beef, mashed potato, vegetables, roll & dessert. Call to pre-order only May 5 & 6, 8am–noon. Pick up starts at noon, May 10th. **TIX:** \$12 pick up, \$13 delivery **INFO:** 902-765-2128 / klionsclub@eastlink.ca

**Life Through A Mask, Intro to Expressive Art for Military Personnel and Veterans** – *7Arts, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood 6:30–8:30pm. WEEKLY!* • **INFO:** artstherapyandwellness@gmail.com

**Guided Forest Bathing Wellness Walk** – *Watershed Nature Preserve, 1351 Forest Hill Rd, Wolfville 7–8:30pm* • Forest bathing is a guided, mindful and sensory based walk to boost mental and physical health. **TIX:** \$40 each, \$70/two, \$20/kids 8-13 **INFO/Reg:** 705-279-4479 / softpinewellness@gmail.com / softpinewellness.ca

**Night of Adventure** – *Al Whittle Theatre, Wolfville 7–9:30pm* • Exploring the human spirit through storytelling. Featuring: 1. Kevin Walch – Climbing Mt. Everest 2. Dave Greene – Canoeing 1360km 3. Robyn Manning – An ultra running story **TIX:** \$12 **INFO/Reg:** nightofadventure.com

**Celebrate Recovery** – *New Hope Wesleyan Church, Kentville 7–9:30pm. WEEKLY* • A faith-based 12-Step program for all who need help with hurts, habits & hangups. Are you struggling with broken relationships, stress, anger, fears, addictions? All welcome. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-678-2222 / davetheman161@gmail.com

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11**

**Wolfville Legion Coffee/Tea Social** – *Community Hall, White Rock 9:30–11:30am. WEEKLY!* • Drop in for a fresh baked treat and enjoy fellowship (masks are optional). **TIX:** \$2 **INFO:** 902-542-5869 / wolfvillelegion@gmail.com

**Storytime** – *Memorial Library, Wolfville 10:30–11am. WEEKLY!* • Join us for Storytime. Each week, we will sing songs, share books, and more! For ages 2-5 years, accompanied by parent/caregiver. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** valleylibrary.ca

**Storybook Theatre** – *CentreStage Theatre, Kentville 2pm* • Join Sharon Churchill-Roe, Linda Levy-Fisk, Mike Butler and Brian Smit as this Valley-famous theatre troupe performs some of your favourite children's stories. Fun for all ages! **TIX:** Adults \$7, Children \$5. Call to RSVP, pay at the door. Cash or debit/credit. **INFO:** 902-678-8040 / feirvine@gmail.com

**Jam Session** – *Lions Club, Kentville 6:30–9pm. WEEKLY!* • Bring your instrument and plan to sing along! **TIX:** Suggested \$2 Donation **INFO:** 902-679-2367 / myrna\_harnum@hotmail.ca

**Embracing Your Career Journey** – *Valley Women's Business Network – Zoom, New Minas 6:30–8:30pm* • Come and discover how local businesswomen have transformed early career choices into businesses they love! **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** programs@vwbwn.ca

**Youth Art Lessons** – *7Arts, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood 7–8pm. WEEKLY!* • Ages 12 & younger. Learn to draw, paint and more. Meet new friends and develop your skills. **TIX:** \$25 per class. **INFO/Reg:** 7arts@7arts.ca

THURSDAY, MAY 12

**Resumes and Cover Letters** – *PeopleWorx, Middleton 11am–12pm* • This workshop will provide you with an understanding of how your skills and qualifications can be presented, resume and cover letter formats, NSWorks Online, and submitting electronically. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 866-609-9675 / workshop@peopleworx.ca

**Paper Flower Bouquet** – *Berwick and District Library, Berwick 7–8pm* • Thanks to the showers the May flowers are here – and they're paper! Make a bright paper flower bouquet to display or give away. Ages 16+. Registration is required. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** valleylibrary.ca

**Prelude to a Kiss** – *Al Whittle Theatre, Wolfville 7:30–9:30pm* • Exclusive concert featuring the love songs of the legendary Ella Fitzgerald & Nat King Cole. Starring international recording artists, Leina DeBoer & James Rich with Morrissey Dunn. **TIX:** VIP - \$60, Adult: \$50, Senior: \$45. Call for tickets. **INFO:** 778-587-9488 / nationalstageoffice@gmail.com

**Laila Biali** – *Kings Theatre, Annapolis Royal 7:30–9:30pm* • Multi award-winning Canadian singer-songwriter, pianist and CBC Music national radio host. **TIX:** \$32 Adult, \$5 Youth (+HST) **INFO:** 902-532-7704 / boxoffice@kingstheatre.ca

**Man In Plaid** – *Paddy's Pub, Kentville 8–10pm* • Come listen as The Man In Plaid plays some great classic rock and Maritime tunes. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-483-9261 / maninplaidmusic@gmail.com

**FRIDAY, MAY 13**

**Book Launch – William Forsyth: Land of Hopes and Dreams by Carolyn Nicholson** – *Kings County Museum, 37 Cornwallis St, Kentville 1:30–3:30pm* • In 1798 William Forsyth arrives in the New World from Scotland, trained as a clergyman. William finds his place in the Annapolis Valley of NS and begins a forty-year ministry. **INFO:** 902-678-6237 / kinscountymuseum.ca

**The Outfit** – *Kings Theatre, Annapolis Royal 7:30–9:30pm* • An expert tailor must outwit a dangerous group of mobsters in order to survive a fateful night. **TIX:** \$9.95 Adult, \$6.95 Youth (+HST) **INFO:** 902-532-7704 / boxoffice@kingstheatre.ca

**SATURDAY, MAY 14**

**Apraxia Awareness** – *Virtual Annapolis Valley, Anywhere in The Annapolis Valley 8am–8pm* • May 14th is Apraxia Awareness Day!! Apraxia is a speech disorder that affects 1 in 1000 children. Children with Apraxia have a neurological disconnect between what their brain wants to say and what their mouth will allow them to. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** stevens.cms@gmail.com

**Church & Yard Sale** – *United Church, Kingston 8:30am–1pm* • Great deals! Masks required inside the Church. BYOB (bags) **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-765-3621 / officekpc@eastlink.ca

**Nature Journaling Club** – *Miners Marsh, Kentville 11am–1pm* • Connect with nature and record your observations and thoughts. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** avnatrejournaling@gmail.com

**"Tomorrow Will Be Kinder"** – *Annapolis Valley Honour Choirs – Wolfville Baptist Church, Wolfville 1pm & 7pm* • "Tomorrow Will Be Kinder" focuses on the important topic of mental health. All three choirs will share music that addresses this subject in interesting ways, exploring messages such as self confidence, authenticity, technology, relying on family and friends, and the importance of remaining grateful and keeping a positive outlook. **TIX:** \$20 general, \$5 students. Limited seating. **INFO:** AVHC.ca

**Country Music and Dinner** – *Lions Club, Kingston 5:30–10pm* • Featuring Matt Balsor. Roast beef, potatoes, vegetables, Nova Scotia cake for dessert. Adult beverages available. **TIX:** \$25 (Kingston Pharmasave, Kingston Needs Store, Aylesford Needs Store, Kingston Superstore). **INFO:** 902-765-2128 / klionsclub@eastlink.ca

**Opening Reception: Exhibit – Posturing, the art of the body** – *ArtCan Gallery, 9850 Main St, Canning 7–9pm* • Artists: Michael Greer, Peter Bustin, Kate Church, Mark Schwartz, Ian McKinnon, Simon Labuschagne and Ron Hayes. Show continues until June 18. **INFO:** artcan.com

**ABBA: The Movie Fan Event** – *Al Whittle Theatre, Wolfville 7–9pm* • A special two-day fan event celebrating 50 years since the Swedish pop sensation was formed and 45 years since the film's original release. **TIX:** \$12 Cash or debit/credit at the door OR eventbrite.ca **INFO:** manager@alwhittletheatre.ca

**Terra Spencer and The Gilberts** – *Evergreen Theatre, Margaretsville 8–10:30pm* • All tickets from the December 2021 postponed show will be honoured. **TIX:** Adults \$35, Military \$30, Students \$20 **INFO:** 902-825-6834 / evergreentheatre@gmail.com

**SpeakEasy** – *Community Hall, West Brooklyn 8–11pm* • PATRICK & DANIELS – Brothers in Groove Patrick and Daniels are back with their new blues and big grooves! **TIX:** \$15. Advance tickets only. **INFO:** Ruth, 902-542-5424

**Pub Night & Dance with The Non-Refundables (band)** – *Forties Community Centre, 1787 Forties Road, New Ross 8:30 - 11:30pm* • Open Bar. Enjoy Irish, Newfoundland and Old Rock'n'Roll music. **TIX:** \$5. Have a birthday in May, get in free! **INFO:** 902-689-2147

SUNDAY, MAY 15

**Up-cycle Sunday** – *7 Arts, Greenwood 12–4pm* • Up Cycle Sunday with chalk paint. Try a small project provided by 7Arts or bring an item from home. **TIX:** \$40 project provided by 7Arts, or \$20 project from home. **INFO/Reg:** 902-765-7278 / 7Arts@7arts.ca

**Jam Session** – *Royal Canadian Legion, Kentville 1–3:30pm* • This week hosted by David Arenburg & Friends. All Ages. Kitchen and 50-50. Dancing Welcome. Masks are optional. **TIX:** \$2 **INFO:** 902-678-8935

**Sofa Sundays** – *Avon River Heritage Museum, Newport Landing 1–3pm* • Performances by Eric Stephen Martin + Sam Wilson, surrounded by visual art from our collection exploring the Golden Age of Sail in Avondale. **TIX:** \$10 or pay what you can **INFO:** 902-757-1718 / infoavonriver@gmail.com

**Fantastic Beasts: Secrets of Dumbledore** – *Kings Theatre, Annapolis Royal 2–4:30pm* • Albus Dumbledore assigns Newt and his allies with a mission related to the rising power of Grindelwald. **TIX:** \$9.95 Adult, \$6.95 Youth (+HST) **INFO:** 902-532-7704 / boxoffice@kingstheatre.ca


**All My Puny Sorrows** – *Al Whittle Theatre, Wolfville 4pm & 7pm* • The story of two sisters-one a concert pianist obsessed with ending her life, the other, a writer, who in wrestling with this decision, makes profound discoveries about herself. **TIX:** \$12 Cash or debit/credit at the door OR online eventbrite.ca **INFO:** manager@alwhittletheatre.ca

**Memorial Stone Placement in Wolfville Clock Park** – *Clock Park, Wolfville 4:30pm* • Clock Park placement of a stone with a Mi'kmaq inscription as a memorial of our desire to walk this earth as ONE PEOPLE. Ceremony followed by refreshments. Rain or shine. Host: Wolfville Baptist Church **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-542-5415 / jean\_leung@hotmail.com

**Flowering Full Moon Pop Up by Molotov Cuisine** – *2865 Brooklyn St, Aylesford 6:30pm* • Celebrate the sun's growing warmth and blossoming spring. Be entranced by gazing through telescopes to view the constellations while devouring a wild array of delectable delights. With Live Music by Sam Wilson. **TIX:** \$50 **INFO/Reg:** fionagenevieve@molotovcuisine.com

**Rachel MacLean** – *Wolfville Baptist Church, Wolfville 7–8:45pm* • A concert featuring well-known and beloved songs, sacred and secular. **TIX:** \$15 Adult, \$10 students at the door **INFO:** 902-542-5524 / main.office@wolfvillebaptist.ca

TIDE PREDICTIONS



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MAY	HIGH	LOW
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27	11:16am	5:24pm
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**MONDAY, MAY 16**

**Job Search** – *PeopleWorx, Middleton 3–4pm*  
• Learn about using social media in your job search, networking, cold calling, following up, NS Works Online job search features, and myths and misconceptions **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 866-609-9675 / workshop@peopleworx.ca

**TUESDAY, MAY 17**

**Committee of the Whole** – *Municipality of the County of Kings, Coldbrook 9am* • **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 888-337-2999

**Caregiver Stress Management Workshop** – *United Baptist Church, Centreville 9:30am–12:30pm*  
• Workshop for family and friend unpaid caregivers. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-680-8706 / valley@caregiversns.org

**Miniature Art Show** – *Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library, Middleton 10am–5pm* • Register to receive a miniature art kit which will help you recreate a famous painting, with your own twist! Once you are complete, return your artwork to the Middleton library to be included in our art show in June. Registration is required. Ages 15+ (Adults too)! Pick up your kit May 17–21. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** valleylibrary.ca

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18**

**Take Out Luncheon** – *United Baptist Church, Port Williams 11:30–12:30pm* • “Last of the Season – See You In September” Take Out Luncheon. The Loyal Workers’ Corn Chowder/Hamburger Soup luncheon will include a bowl of your chosen soup, bread and butter and either Apple Crisp or Cheesecake. Call by May 16 and we’ll give you a pick-up time on May 17. **TIX:** \$10 **INFO:** Carol, 902-542-3681 / Ruth, 902-542-7141

**Atlantic Tours and Travel Meet & Greet** – *Lions Club, Wolfville 1:30–3:30pm* • Chance to win a \$500 travel credit! Light refreshments and snacks will be served. RSVP to Atlantic Tours. **INFO:** Reservations@atlantictours.com / 1-800-565-7173, Ext 1

**THURSDAY, MAY 19**

**Interview Skills** – *PeopleWorx, Middleton 10–11am*  
• Information on types of interviews, sample questions, what to do during and after an interview, and more. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 866-609-9675 / workshop@peopleworx.ca

**Capella Regalis Men and Boys Choir** – *Christ Church, Windsor 7pm* • Musique Royale 37th Summer Festival. Other dates: May 20, 7pm @ First Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow / May 22, 7pm @ St. G & St. A., Annapolis Royal. **TIX:** \$25 at the door, \$20 advance, \$10 students **INFO:** musiqueroyale.com

**Paper Flower Bouquet** – *Library, Kingston 7–8pm* • Thanks to the showers the May flowers are here – and they’re paper! Make a bright paper flower bouquet to display or give away. Ages 16+. Registration is required. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** valleylibrary.ca

**Prelude to a Kiss** – *Kings Theatre, Annapolis Royal 7:30–9:30pm* • An unforgettable evening of popular love songs made famous by the ‘first lady of song’, Ella Fitzgerald and the legendary Nat King Cole. **TIX:** VIP: \$50, Adult: \$40, Senior: \$35 (+HST) **INFO:** 902-532-7704 / boxoffice@kingstheatre.ca

**FRIDAY, MAY 20**

**Community Yard Sale** – *Community Hall, 989 Deep Hollow Rd, Black River 4–6pm. ALSO Sat. May 21, 8am–noon* • Lots of items, some plants, BBQ hot dogs, Canteen available. **TIX:** Tables inside \$5, outside free – bring own table **INFO:** 902-542-3180 / claraspinner123@gmail.com

**Chocolate Exploration & Tasting Event** – *Petite Patrie Chocolate Factory, 2 Webster St, Kentville 7–8:15pm. ALSO June 17* • **TIX:** \$24.95 **INFO:** 902-713-5084 / info@petitepatriechocolate.com

**Watercolour Class Fairy Frog** – *7 Arts, Greenwood 7–9pm* • Join Artist Sarah Shortliffe for a fun watercolour class painting a cute Fairy Frog. Ages 12+, all supplies included. No experience necessary. **TIX:** \$40 **INFO/Reg:** 902-765-7278 / 7arts@7arts.ca / shortliffeillustrations@gmail.com

**8:37 Rebirth** – *Kings Theatre, Annapolis Royal 7:30–10:30pm* • Every second is a lifetime. With the four-pound trigger pull, Jared and Sergei, two youth from vastly different backgrounds become forever linked. From that split second as the hand of the clock hits 8:37, each of their lives veers onto a path that set the seeds of their mutual destruction. Director Juanita Peters will be present for a Q&A! **TIX:** \$9.95 Adult, \$6.95 Youth (+HST) **INFO:** 902-532-7704 / boxoffice@kingstheatre.ca

**SATURDAY, MAY 21**

**BIG Breakfast** – *Lions Club, Wolfville 8–10am* • Your plate will be overflowing with scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausages, bacon, hash browns, homemade baked beans, toast, plus coffee, tea and juice. This month proceeds go to our After the Bell Program to support children having food insecurity. **TIX:** \$10 adults, \$4 children under 10 **INFO:** 902-542-3805 / shellywsphill@gmail.com

**Book/Plant Sale (w/BBQ & Raffle)** – *Merritt Gibson Library, Canning 10am–1pm* • We are back! Plant and book sale, houseplants, herbs, spring blooms, coffee, perennials, baked goods, raffle and more. Rain date: May 22. Donations of books can be dropped off on Tuesdays, 6–8pm and Thursdays 2–5pm before May 21 (no textbooks, encyclopedias, condensed books, or magazines, please!) **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-582-7699 / canninglibrary@gmail.com

**Laila Biali** – *Festival Theatre, Wolfville 7:30–10pm* • Juno-winning Canadian jazz chanteuse/pianist, and CBC Radio host, Laila Biali’s long awaited Wolfville performance! **TIX:** \$30 (general) \$15 (students) Acadia Box Office **INFO:** 902-542-5500 / pas@acadiu.ca

**SpeakEasy** – *Community Hall, West Brooklyn 8–11pm* • TRAGEDY ANN WITH SARAH MCINNES This duo of singer/songwriters from Ontario team up with the Valley’s treasure, Sarah McInnes, for an evening of songs to touch the heart and soul. **TIX:** \$15. Tickets must be reserved in advance. **INFO:** Ruth, 902-542-5424

**SUNDAY, MAY 22**

**The Outfit** – *Al Whittle Theatre, Wolfville 4pm & 7pm* • An expert cutter must outwit a dangerous group of mobsters in order to survive a fateful night. Masks recommended. **TIX:** \$12 Cash or debit/credit at the door OR eventbrite.ca **INFO:** manager@alwhittletheatre.ca

**Capella Regalis** – *St. George & St. Andrew United Church, Annapolis Royal 7–8:30pm* • King’s Theatre is delighted to present this special choral performance at St. George & St. Andrews United Church **TIX:** \$22 Adult, Youth no charge (+HST) **INFO:** 902-532-7704 / boxoffice@kingstheatre.ca

**TUESDAY, MAY 24**

**Guided Forest Bathing Wellness Walk** – *Evangeline Beach, Bayview Rd., Grand Pré 7–8:30pm* • Forest bathing is a guided, mindful and sensory based walk to boost mental and physical health. **TIX:** \$40 each, \$70/two, \$20/kids 8–13 **INFO/Reg:** 705-279-4479 / softpinewellness@gmail.com / softpinewellness.ca

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25**

**Nova Scotia Works Online** – *PeopleWorx, Middleton 2–3pm* • Nova Scotia Works Online is a digital tool to help individuals access tools and resources in their job search. We will discuss what it is, how it will help you as a job seeker and how to get started **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 866-609-9675 / workshop@peopleworx.ca

**Paint Nite** – *Lions Club, Wolfville 7–9pm* • Paint Night with Artist Stephane Richard. Project: Blossom Time. Supplies included. Door prizes & desserts! **TIX:** \$45 individual OR \$40 each for group of three or more. Prepaid. **INFO/Reg:** 902-542-3805 / shellywsphill@gmail.com

**THURSDAY, MAY 26**

**Lynnea Rose – Live @ Lunch** – *Kings Theatre, Annapolis Royal 12–1pm* • A free live performance series. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-532-7704 / boxoffice@kingstheatre.ca

**Mix & Mingle & Open Mic Social** – *Recreation Centre, Kentville 4–7pm* • Enjoy live music, bring your instruments, band or acapella and sing us a song at our open mic with sound system! Canteen on site. **TIX:** \$2 **INFO:** kentvilleneewhorizons@outlook.com

**FRIDAY, MAY 27**

**Making Art Accessible** – *7 Arts, Greenwood 4–8pm. ALSO May 28, 12–4pm* • Grand Gallery reopening! Meet 7Arts artists, tour the space, review upcoming classes, enjoy light refreshments and the gallery. **TIX:** Each artwork is priced at \$50. **INFO:** 902-765-7278 / 7Arts@7arts.ca

**Roast Pork Takeout Dinner** – *Lions Club, Wolfville 4:30–6pm* • Roast pork, potatoes, carrots, peas, applesauce & roll, plus lemon or apple pie. **TIX:** \$15 adults \$8 under 10yrs **INFO:** 902-542-4508 / wolfvillelionsclub@hotmail.com

**Everything Everywhere All At Once** – *Kings Theatre, Annapolis Royal 7:30–9:30pm* • An aging Chinese immigrant is swept up in an insane adventure, where she alone can save the world by exploring other universes connecting with the lives she could have led. **TIX:** \$9.95 Adult, \$6.95 Youth (+HST) **INFO:** 902-532-7704 / boxoffice@kingstheatre.ca

**SATURDAY, MAY 28**

**Apple Blossom Breakfast** – *Lions Club, Kentville 8–10:30am* • Eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes etc. **TIX:** \$10 Adult, \$5 children under 10 **INFO:** 902-679-2367 / myrna\_harnum@hotmail.ca

**Kingston Lions Yard Sale** – *Lions Club, Kingston 8am–1pm* • Books, toys, furniture, decor, appliances, sporting goods! **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-765-2128 / klionsclub@eastlink.ca

**Plant Sale** – *Wolfville Baptist Church, 487 Main St, Wolfville 9am–12pm* • Green Keepers Indoor and Outdoor plant sale. Rain or shine! **INFO:** wendy.raeside@gmail.com

**Rum Ragged** – *Kings Theatre, Annapolis Royal 7:30–9:30pm* • Newfoundland Trad at its finest. **TIX:** \$32 Adult, \$8 Youth (+HST) **INFO:** 902-532-7704 / boxoffice@kingstheatre.ca

**The Bombadils** – *Evergreen Theatre, Margaretsville 8–10:30pm* • The Bombadils bring together bluegrass, Celtic, and singer-songwriter traditions with front-porch style and classical grace. **TIX:** Adults \$35, Military \$30, Students \$20 **INFO:** 902-825-6834 / evergreentheatre@gmail.com

**SpeakEasy** – *Community Hall, West Brooklyn 8–11pm* • JOHN EBATA & ANDREW JACKSON DUO These masters of jazz will present “Music thinking outside the box”. We know it will be exceptional. **TIX:** \$20. Tickets must be reserved in advance. **INFO:** Ruth, 902-542-5424

**SUNDAY, MAY 29**

**Jam Session** – *Royal Canadian Legion, Kentville 1–3:30pm* • This week hosted by County Heat! All Ages. Kitchen and 50-50. Come to jam or listen. Dancing Welcome. Masks are optional. **TIX:** \$2 **INFO:** 902-678-8935

**Sunday Music in the Garden Room** – *K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre, Wolfville 2–4pm* • The Bouey-Doucet Duo, violin and piano, in the inaugural Olsen Memorial Concert. An exciting all French program, works by Debussy, Nicole Lizée, Chaminade, Ravel, Lili Boulanger, Saint-Saens, and Couperin. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** artsacadia.acadiu.ca

**Paint Pour Party** – *7Arts, Greenwood 2–4pm* • All ages welcome. Create your own abstract artwork with acrylic fluid pouring. Fun, relaxing class. **TIX:** \$40 **INFO/Reg:** 7arts@7arts.ca

**Petite Maman** – *Al Whittle Theatre, Wolfville 7–9pm* • Nelly has just lost her grandmother and is helping her parents clean out her mother’s childhood home. She explores the house and the surrounding woods and meets a girl building a treehouse. **TIX:** \$12 Cash or debit/credit at the door OR eventbrite.ca **INFO:** manager@alwhittletheatre.ca

**TUESDAY, MAY 31**

**Land of Hopes and Dreams** – *Kings County Museum, Kentville 1:30–3:30pm* • Author Carolyn Nicholson shares readings from her new book, William Forsyth: Land of Hopes and Dreams. **TIX:** Donation **INFO:** 902-679-6237 / info@kingscountymuseum.ca

**Guided Forest Bathing Wellness Walk** – *Black Rock Trails, 4404 Black Rock Rd, Waterville 7–9pm* • Forest bathing is a guided, mindful and sensory based walk to boost mental and physical health. **TIX:** \$40 each, \$70/two, \$20/kids 8–13 **INFO/Reg:** 705-279-4479 / softpinewellness@gmail.com / softpinewellness.ca

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1**

**Book Launch** – *Kings County Museum, Kentville 2–4pm* • Author Elizabeth Haigh shares excerpts from her book, Abraham Gesner The Lure of the Rocks and a Burning Ambition. **TIX:** Donation **INFO:** 902-678-6237 / info@kingscountymuseum.ca

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2**

**Caregiver Support Group** – *Library, Kingston 2:15–4:15pm* • Do you give unpaid care to a parent, spouse, child, friend, or relative due to frailty, advanced age, chronic illness, mental illness, or disability? You Are Not Alone! The NS Caregivers Support Group meets on the 1st Thursday of each month, and is facilitated by trained staff members. **TIX:** no charge **INFO/Reg:** Jennine Wilson, 1-877-488-7390

**Market** – *Macdonald Museum, Middleton 4–7pm. WEEKLY* • Farmers and Crafters Market featuring fresh produce, eggs and meats, baked goods, plants, jams and jellies, kombucha and body care products, soaps, candles, jewelry, paintings, books, Instant Poetry, quilts, multiple crafters and much more! **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-825-6116 / contact@macdonaldmuseum.ca

**Integrity Cheer Empire Cheer & Tumble Team Placement Dates** – *Windsor & Kentville Locations. ALSO June 2* • Interested in trying something new? We’d love to welcome you to the EMPIRE! **INFO:** info@integritycheerempire.com / integritycheerempire.ca

**Ben Caplan w/ Terra Spencer** – *Kings Theatre, Annapolis Royal 7:30–9:30pm* • Ben Caplan re-appropriates ancient sounds and themes with a decidedly contemporary twist. Terra Spencer charms audiences with deft fingerstyle guitar, gospel piano, butterscotch voice, and easy onstage conversation. **TIX:** \$30 Adult, \$5 Youth (+ HST) **INFO:** 902-532-7704 / boxoffice@kingstheatre.ca

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The Gallery is located at 450 Main St., Wolfville, NS, and will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily.

Hope to see you at the Show! Sales will be arranged by contacting Diana Baldwin, Gallery Director, [dianajbaldwin@gmail.com](mailto:dianajbaldwin@gmail.com) or 902 680 2432.



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A wood carver for 40 years, working with knives, chisels and chain saws, Bill prefers to let each piece of wood reveal itself as he cuts away excess material to produce one of a kind small scale statues and carved busts of notable figures like Pope John Paul II, Barack Obama and Samuel de Champlain.

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## WHAT'S GROWING AT ACADIA FRIENDS OF THE ACADIAN FOREST NATIVE PLANT SALE

Melanie Priesnitz, Conservation Horticulturist, Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens

Imagine if this year, every homeowner in Nova Scotia planted two native trees in their backyard. This would give us almost a million new carbon sequestering trees that would help clean our air, increase biodiversity, provide habitat for wildlife, capture rainwater, provide shade, and help improve the mental health and wellbeing of humans. Imagine what could happen if these same people also planted native shrubs and perennials on their land; the benefits to people and the planet as a whole would be immense.

You can help make this dream a reality by attending the **Friends of the Acadian Forest Native Plant Sale at the Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens on Saturday, June 4.** The sale takes place on the campus of Acadia University at 32 University Avenue from 9am to 12pm. There will be a wide variety of native perennials available that staff and volunteers have been growing in pots at the Botanical Gardens since 2019. These plants have spent the last 2 pandemic years growing strong roots and waiting to be adopted by new caretakers such as you! There will also be a wide selection of trees, shrubs, groundcovers, grasses and perennials all native to the region available for sale from Baldwin Nurseries.

If you are looking to add new plants to your garden this year, we hope you will consider including native species. Growing native plants

is a great way to give back to the earth that supports us. Humans today often forget about the importance of reciprocity and giving back more than we take from our planet. Since European settlement, the Wapna'ki (Acadian) Forest has changed drastically due to human disturbance and a disregard for reciprocity with the natural world. The time is long overdue that we make giving back to the land a priority. Choosing to plant native species is a simple way that we can do this. While there are many beautiful and useful horticultural varieties of introduced plants, they do not support the Wapna'ki Forest in the same way that plants indigenous to the area do.

For more information on some of the plants that will be available at the Native Plant Sale visit our website: [kcirvingcentre.acadiau.ca/nativeplantsale/](http://kcirvingcentre.acadiau.ca/nativeplantsale/). Other vendors at the sale will include Helping Nature Heal from Bridgewater and the Nova Scotia Invasive Species Council. Please note that the plants for sale from Baldwin Nurseries will be available by CASH ONLY so visit the bank machine first! Friends plants will be available by CASH or CREDIT CARD and all proceeds support plant conservation and education projects. In the event of heavy rain, the sale will take place on Saturday June 11. We look forward to welcoming you back to this popular event and releasing more native plants into the wild. 🌱



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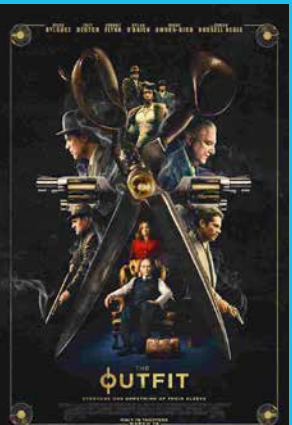
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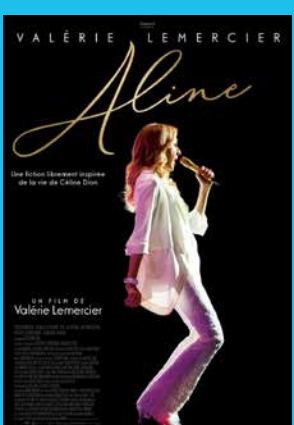
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