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NEW BROCHURE FOCUSES ON THE VILLAGE AS A DESTINATION

SAIL AND CANVAS

The Bayfield and Area Chamber of Commerce's Sail and Canvas Festival will celebrate its 11th anniversary on the weekend of June 15-16. The Sail and Canvas Committee are excited to have exciting, fresh talent and veteran exhibitors lined up to showcase their work.

Some fun family friendly activities are also in the works for the festival and the Sail and Canvas Committee could use some help in preparing for one of these – a craft that will transform pop can tabs into jewelry!

A page from the new Bayfield brochure that was created with the destination in mind is now available for distribution. (Photo by Erin Samuell - A Simple Photograph)

Spring may be slow in arriving but summer is now fast approaching and that is why the Bayfield and Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) is pleased to have just released a brand new promotional tool – a brochure with a whole new look.

The multi-page brochure format came from a suggestion by BACC board member Judy Keightley (BKL Engineering). She had been collecting a variety of brochures from other municipalities and suggested, "Lets make it pocket size and focus on the destination."

The new direction was all that was needed and work on the brochure commenced in fall of 2012.

Erin Samuell (A Simple Photograph) decided to take on the development of the brochure, with the help of other BACC board members, and other community volunteers.

Samuell said, "I really wanted to capture the essence and feel of the community. The brochure has similarities to the new BACC website being launched soon, and will give a consistent feeling to all that we do."

“Tourism is a pillar of Bluewater and the wider Huron County economy, and the brochure will help attract visitors to the area,” said Roger Lewington, president of the BACC. “Much of the work that our chamber does focuses in on our Heritage Village on a Great Lake. We our proud of our new brochure and look forward to getting it out to places through Southwestern Ontario so that potential visitors will pick it up."

The brochure was launched recently at the Huron Tourism Association's 24th Annual Brochure Swap in Exeter as well as at the Bayfield Lions’ Club’s Home and Garden Show. Twenty thousand copies of the brochure have been printed and are currently being distributed.

Vview an online version of the brochure.

THEATRICAL PRODUCTION EXAMINES BLOODLESS BATTLE

But first they need the pop can tabs – lots of them. If our subscribers would be so kind as to start saving these, colored ones in addition to the regular silver tabs, it would be very appreciated. They can be dropped off at Inspirations on Main Street during regular business hours from now until festival weekend.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Following the positive feedback on the quality of photographs included in the 2013 Bayfield Calendar, the Photography Club of Bayfield (PCoB) will again be coordinating the photographic submissions for the 2014 Bayfield Calendar.

This year the PCoB are looking for photos that, in addition to being recognizably of Bayfield, also reflect the many different aspects of the village. Some suggested topics are: beach or marina scenes, the artistic side of village life and views of historic buildings and sites.

Gary Lloyd-Rees, co-president of the PCoB, said, "We encourage every Bayfield Breeze reader, and their friends or family, to look through their digital photographs and to submit any that they would like to be considered for inclusion in the 2014 calendar.”

Images can be sent to the dedicated Flickr site at http://www.flickr.com/groups/bayfieldcalendar2014/. Anyone who is not a regular user of Flickr can email their digital photographs directly to the PCoB at bayfieldpc@gmail.com.

The PCoB will host their next regular meeting on May 2 at 7 p.m. at the Bayfield Lions’ Community Building. Casey Lessard will be the guest speaker, presenting on travel photography, a topic about which he is highly qualified.

Lessard, who lives in Park Hill, ON, has traveled extensively across northern Canada to every Nunavut community as far north as Resolute, to Yellowknife, NWT and White Horse, YK where he was witness to the 2012 Arctic Winter Games. As a past publisher of the Grand Bend Strip, he has won numerous awards both provincial and national for his photography.

In addition to this presentation, the club will be launching their first Photographic Scavenger Hunt. This should be a fun opportunity for all members to create some imaginative photographic solutions to a not-so-standard scavenger hunt list. There will be prizes including one free membership to the PCoB for 2014.

WOMEN'S SHELTER

The Bayfield Town Hall will be the location for a very special night of “story telling through song” when Juno-nominated songwriter Maria Dunn graces the

The next theatrical production organized by the Bayfield Historical Society will explore the history behind the Fenians and how they kept villagers on edge in the 1860s. (Submitted photo)

The Bloodless Battle of Bayfield is the next theatrical undertaking of the village's merry band of thespians.

The production is a fundraiser for the Bayfield Historical Society and a new play written by Judy Keightley and Dave Gillians.

This next installment in the history of Bayfield will draw audiences in to a time when local men and women were preparing to rage battle against the dreaded Fenians.

The Fenians are coming! The Fenians are coming!

In 1866, there were over a half-a-million Irish settlers in the United States. Many had fought in the American Civil War and continued to nurture a burning hatred of the British. After the war there was considerable unemployment and thousands of Irish soldiers drifted into Fenian Military Clubs that grew into a self-styled army. They planned to conquer Canada and then use the country to bargain for the surrender of Ireland from British rule.

On May 31st, 1866, the Fenian Secretary of War, Major General "Fighting" Tom Sweeney, ordered the Fenian units to attack Canada on multiple fronts, both land and water. Yet only 1,500 troops rallied in Chicago. As a result General Tevis, the commanding chief, failed to follow Sweeney's orders to set sail.

The men of Bayfield and Stanley Twp., were in the meantime, getting ready to fight and to die for their country. Captain W.W. Connor was the Commanding Officer of Bayfield's Militia Unit Number 5 Company of the 33rd Huron Battalion. His men were poorly trained and ill equipped to fight since Unit 5 Company consisted of mostly farmers and local trades' people.

Rumors ran high that the Fenians were marching across the eastern part of the country and Lake Huron to attack Goderich and Bayfield. The seizure of these two ports would be a vital part of the Fenian military strategy. If they could control the harbors then they could dominate Lake Huron. But the perceived invasion that Huron County had been nervously anticipating never happened. No shots were fired and no battles took place.

Performances of The Bloodless Battle of Bayfield are set for May 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. and May 26 at 2 p.m. at the Bayfield Town Hall. Tickets cost $15 and are available from Sandy Scotchmer, at 519 565-2830 and Barbara Brown, at 519 565-5187. Refreshments will also be available at the performances.

RESERVATIONS NEEDED FOR BREAKFAST WITH THE MAYOR

stage in a fundraising event for the Huron Women's Shelter, May 3.

Dunn, a singer whose instruments of choice include the guitar and accordion, draws deeply on the folk tradition of storytelling through song.

According to her website, she is a true preserver of the spirit of folk music and is often compared to Woody Guthrie for her keen social awareness and her unvarnished songs about the lives of working men and women.

Her biographical notes go on to say that her music melds her North American roots with her Scottish-Irish heritage. She celebrates the resilience and grace of "ordinary" people, past and present. This appears to be evident on her new album "Piece By Piece which was released in 2012 and was inspired by women working at a Canadian clothing factory.

Local talent, Danielle Durand, who is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Huron Women's Shelter, will perform as the evening's opening act. Another highlight of the evening will be an excerpt from Western University's "Vagina Monologues".

The concert will begin at 8 p.m.

Tickets are now available for $20, adults and $12, students 16 and under. They can be purchased at Main Street Optometric in Bayfield, Ernie King Music in Goderich, or online at www.ticketscene.ca.

MEET THE ARTIST

JMR Gallery on Main Street in Bayfield will hold the next in their "Meet the Artist" Series for 2013 with a reception on May 4 to introduce new works by two Ontario Artists.

Olive Coughlin Walsh and Steve Walsh, of Listowel, will be on hand to share "their exhibit of classic style married with Canadian inspiration" from 1-3 p.m. and during that time some light refreshments will also be served.

Olive creates traditional oil paintings of Canadian landscapes and her husband Steve will be exhibiting his woodcarvings including a new selection of wine bottle stoppers.

This show will run until May 12 so if Saturday proves hectic there is some extra time to drop by and take in the work of this talented couple.

FILM SOCIETY

The Bayfield Film Society's new season is now underway and with the updated audio-visual equipment at the Town Hall the society film nights promise to be even better.

Anyone wishing to attend the Mayor's Breakfast for 2013 should reserve a spot as soon as possible. (Submitted photo)

The Bayfield and Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) Executive is hosting the annual Mayor's Breakfast on May 17 at the Bayfield Town Hall.

Mayor Bill Dowson, Bluewater Council members, Ben Lobb MP and Lisa Thompson MPP will be attending and giving updates plus there will be an update on the current and future projects of the BACC.

The guest speaker this year is Cultural Development Officer, Rick Sickinger, from the Huron County Cultural Services Department. He will be speaking on the development of a cultural plan in Huron County, and the value of the many cultural assets in Bayfield and area that were revealed through the mapping process that was completed last year.

Huron Tourism Marketer, Jenna Ujiye, will also be giving an update on the current season.

DaVinci Ristorante will be providing breakfast this year, along with some special treats from the newest additions to Main Street - The Pink Flamingo Bakery and Boutique and Charles Street Market.

There is no charge for tickets for BACC members and guests or interested business peope in the Bayfield area, however, all tickets must be reserved in advance of the event. Donations will be collected for the Bayfield Food Bank (Feed My Sheep). The BACC appreciates and recognizes OLG for sponsoring this event.

To reserve tickets please email Roger Lewington at rlewington@tcc.on.ca as soon as possible.

DOG GUIDES A MEANS TO INDEPENDENT LIVING FOR MANY

To some people, their Dog Guides are their eyes, to others, their means to live independently.

On Sunday, June 2, the Bayfield Lions' Club will once again be hosting the annual local "Purina Walk for Dog Guides" to raise funds so that more Canadians with disabilities may have a Dog Guide. Although Dog Guides cost approximately $25,000 each to raise and train they are provided at no cost to eligible program participants. This walk takes place in 250 communities across Canada.

According to Lion Jack Pal, "We need you, your family, friends and colleagues to dedicate one hour to walk with us. You are encouraged to bring your dog!"

Dogs are now being trained to offer six different kinds of support: Canine Vision, for people who are blind or visually impaired; Hearing Ear, for people who are deaf or hard of hearing; Special Skills, for people with a medical or physical disability; Seizure Response, for people

The spring schedule includes the films: Inch'Allah, May 9; and The Intouchables, June 13.

Tickets are available now. They can be obtained by calling Lynne Gillians at 519 565-5884

GARDEN CLUB

The Bayfield Garden Club members are gearing up to hold their annual Plant Sale on May 11.

Donations of plants, in pots and labeled will be accepted at the Kale residence, 55 Victoria Street on May 10 from 6:30-8 p.m.

The sale itself will be held on the South Side of Clan Gregor Square, across from the Bayfield Town Hall, on the Saturday from 9-11 a.m. Organizers note it is a good idea to come early for the best available selection.

UNITED CHURCH

The St. Andrew's United Church Women (UCW) will be hosting their annual May Pole Luncheon at the church on May 15. Continuous seating will be offered starting at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $12 per person.

The Stewards of St. Andrew's would like to remind people of their upcoming Yard Sale on June 15 and to ask them to consider donating items to the sale as they empty closets and cupboards as part of the spring-cleaning ritual.

GLEE SISTERS

The Glee Sisters have almost wrapped up singing for the season but there is one more opportunity left to see and hear them.

Their last performance of the season will be May 24, at 2:30 p.m. at the Bluewater Rest Home in Zurich. There will be space for visitors and a social time will follow.

BRVTA

The executive of the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association would like to remind everyone that in accordance with their agreement with their trail landowner partners, the Woodland Trail will be closed from now until May 31 as a precaution during the spring Wild Turkey Hunt.

Other local trails such as the Sawmill Trail, the Varna Nature Trails, Bannockburn and Naftel's Creek Conservation Areas will remain open; all offer wonderful opportunities for walking.

CHURCH ON THE WAY

with Epilepsy; Autism Assistance, for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder; and Diabetic Alert, a new Dog Guide offering as of this year.

The walk will start from behind the Bayfield Arena at 9 a.m. Registration and check-in starts at 8:30 a.m. Participants can also register and obtain pledge forms on-line at www.purinawalkfordogguides.com or by calling Lion Jerry Stirling at 519 482-7625 or Pal at 519 565-5340.

“People do not have to have a dog to take part in the walk. Anyone who would like to make a pledge toward the overall Bayfield total can do so by contacting Jerry or myself at the numbers listed above. Donations over $20 will receive a receipt for tax purposes,” said Pal.

After the walk, the human participants will be treated to free hot dogs, cookies and coffee while the canines have an opportunity to compete for prizes that have been donated by Purina.

BRICK AND BENCH PORTION OF SPLASH PAD CAMPAIGN ENDED

The brick and bench portion of the Bayfield Optimist Club’s Making A Splash Campaign has now ended. The club members would like to extend their gratitude to all those, from close to home and far a field, who purchased either a brick or bench to grace the area around the soon to be installed Splash Pad in Clan Gregor Square.

“Response was truly overwhelming and we can now look forward to reading all the inscriptions on the bricks when they are laid into the Splash Pad landscape in time for the scheduled June 30th opening day,” said Optimist Mike Dixon, chair of the project.

Although the brick fundraiser is finished there is still money needed to be raised and people can still donate to the campaign. The Baker Family Foundation has agreed to match all donations received for the campaign up to May 15th to a total of $37,500. The Municipality of Bluewater will provide tax receipts for donations over $25.

In addition to the brick fundraiser the club has got two more irons in the fire with funds going to the Making A Splash Campaign.

The Rubber Duck Race is scheduled for May 19 at 1 p.m. at the South Pier of the Bayfield Harbor. Tickets are now available from club members and are selling for $5 each or five chances for $20. Only 750 ducks will be “sold” and to date over 225 have already been claimed – so don’t wait to the last minute to purchase.

The club’s annual Golf Tournament, sponsored by Nahuel Painting, is set for June 1. Organizers report that this event is already sold out! Anyone who would like to donate a prize or sponsor a hole should contact Optimist Jay Fisher at 519 482-5557.

The Municipality of Bluewater approved the Optimist Club’s proposal for creating a Splash Pad in Clan Gregor Square in September of 2012. At their Apr. 15 meeting council gave the final go ahead for the Splash Pad. It was also announced at the council meeting that Openspace Solutions Inc., of Waterloo, ON had been selected to oversee the project.

The Church on the Way will be hosting a Victorious Ministry Through Christ (VMTC) retreat at The Bayfield Lions’ Community Building on the weekend of May 17-18.

VMTC is an international ministry serving in nine countries. According to the retreat brochure, they are a scripture based, Holy Spirit led ministry of healing and deliverance, bringing people into wholeness.

The retreat is for anyone looking to be refreshed and renewed spiritually.

The weekend will begin on the Friday evening from 6-9 p.m. and continue on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The retreat will be an interactive workshop with teaching and prayer, times of fellowship and reflection. A qualified team of lay people and ordained leaders will facilitate the weekend.

There is no charge for the retreat but offerings will be accepted to cover expenses. Gifts of $20 or more will receive a tax-deductible receipt.

For more information or to register please contact Helen Harvey, administrator for VMTC Canada, at 519 236-7871.

REMEMBER ME?

ISSUE 198

There are countless photographs of people in the Bayfield Historical Society's Archives collection, but sadly their names were never recorded. In this section we will showcase an image with the hopes that one of our subscribers might be able to identify the individual(s) in the photo. Please email your information to the Editor's attention at the address listed near the bottom of the page in "Submissions" or you can email the archivist directly at bayarchives@tcc.on.ca or click on the image and make a comment on Flickr. You can view the entire Collection of Remember Me Photos: Volume 2 on Flickr as well.

This week, Neil Duffy was kind enough to send in two images of his home at 16 Bayfield Terrace. The photo with the people seated on the front porch was taken in 1928 and three of the individuals are identified to be Vera Sprague (older lady), Mrs. "Tony" Trippe and Holley. The other photo was taken in 1922. The home was known as Holley Lodge and Robbie Webb's grandfather among others helped to build it. If anyone has any other history to share it would be most appreciated.

Make your comments...click on any image and it will take you to Flickr.

In Issue 198, records indicate that in the spring of 1967 Emerson Heard was the owner of this home. Maureen Nummelin shared that the home is at 18 Bayfield Terrace and her family are the current owners. Elaine Sturgeon also wrote in to say that a front porch in the craftsman style has been added in recent years making it hard to recognize today.

ISSUE 199

In Issue 199, this house at 21 Louisa Street was featured. Notes on the photo state that John Falconer lived here for many years but in 1969 when the image was taken the Johnston family were the owners.

Geoff Fellows wrote in to share some more history about the property, "My parents bought this place from Mrs. Johnston (or her estate) in the late seventies, and used it as our family cottage for about ten years. It was a collection of additions on to the original piece in the front, which is quite old, with low ceilings and tiny little bedrooms upstairs. My grandfather, former Reeve George Fellows, lived next door, and my great grandparents, Winnie and Fred Fraser lived over the back fence. Rev. George Youmatoff built a new house on the lot to the South of this place in the early 1980s."

Another subscriber shared that in the 1980s the house was owned by Jan and Arlene (Rodgers) Koch. She also noted that the current owners are Terry and Carolyn Brophy.

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BAYFIELD LIONS' CLUB

EAGER GARDENERS AND HOME OWNERS TAKE IN SHOW

Rachel Hill (left) and Maitland Roy marvelled at the ease at which Snippety the Clown created their balloon wishes Saturday afternoon at the Bayfield Lions' Club's Home and Garden Show.

Over 70 exhibitors filled the arena, community centre and outdoor spaces in Agriculture Park as part of the annual Home and Garden Show.

PHOTOS AND STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

The lack of spring we are currently experiencing has everyone very eager to get started on their outside projects so the Bayfield Lions' Club's Home and Garden Show was no doubt a much needed respite for anxious gardeners and home owners this year.

The club members held their 16th annual show this past weekend at the Bayfield Community Centre and Arena with 70 exhibitors registered from across Huron County.

The show featured interior decorators, renovation specialists, hot tub and pool dealers, and a cross section of household necessities from furnishings to lawn mowers. Plus the growing trend to enhance a homes value through curb appeal was highlighted by the landscape designers and garden specialists in attendance.

The members of the Bayfield Lions' Club stated that this is their major fundraiser of the year with the proceeds from the event going back into the community through their many projects and causes.

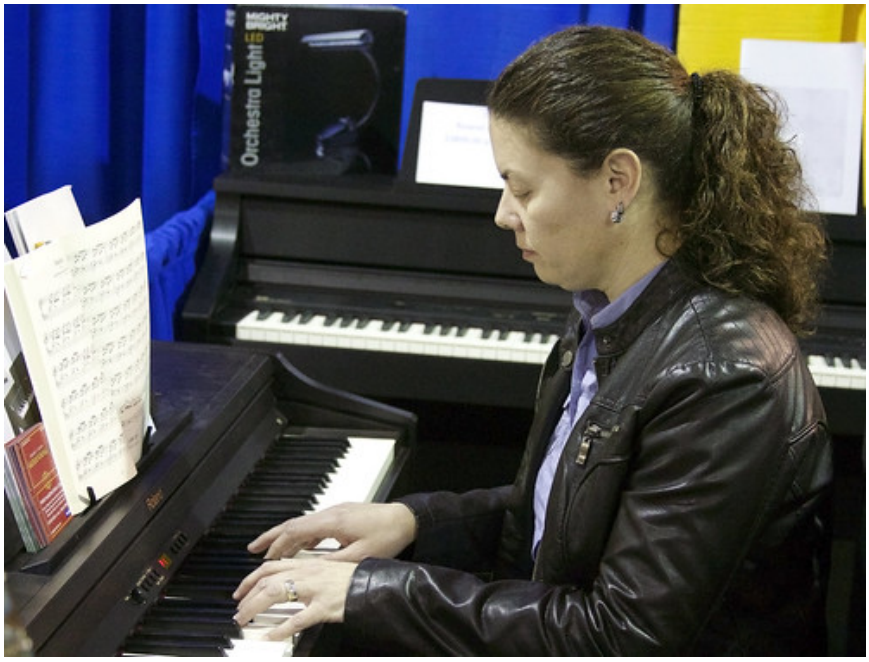
There is no admission fee and those who attended were invited to fill out a ballot at a chance at several great door prizes. Bayfield Foodland generously donated five $100 food vouchers that were won by Fred Nyland, of Goderich, David Beecroft, of Belgrave, and Rosemarie Wiese, Mary Thomson and Pat Morgan, all of Bayfield. Greta Brautigan, of Goderich, was the winner of a propane gas barbecue donated by the Bayfield Garage.

Pat Dixon, of Bayfield, chatted with Joy Boyce (right), regarding the Benmiller Construction and Insulation display at the show.

Taylor Tree Service, of Grand Bend, raised the flag using their impressive looking crane as part of their outdoor display at the show.

Interior Trends, of Clinton, created a cozy little vignette in their booth at the Lions' Club's 16th annual show.

Dan Caslick, of Huron Tractor in Exeter, was prepared to speak to visitors about the comfortable rides he has available for maintaining their lawns in the upcoming summer months.



Tamara Andre, one of the owners of Pianovations of Blyth, demonstrated one of her products on Saturday afternoon at the show.

For many homeowners it is all about curb appeal and a variety of doors and windows were on display to suit a variety of tastes. This door was found in the booth manned by D&D Glass and Mirror of Vanastra.

Deb Grasby, of Cabin in the Woods Design in Bayfield, provided an eye catching display at the Home and Garden Show held this past weekend.

The exhibit provided by Blue Horizons Pools and Spas, of Goderich, had visitors to the show imagining their own backyard summer oasis.

PIXILATED — TIME LAPSE EVENT

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Every 30 secs...*By Dennis Pal*

Ever wonder what Bayfield's Main Street would look like if it was photographed every 30 seconds from early morning to mid-afternoon? Well, we did. This is how it looked on Apr. 25, 2013.

Email your photo in Jpeg format to bayfield.breeze@villageofbayfield.com with the subject line Subscriber Photo of the Week. or...Upload your photo to Flickr.

I am looking for the Bayfield that is a delight to the eye – please share photos with a touch of whimsy, beauty, humor or a sense of fun. If you are to include people in your photos be sure to have their permission to publish their picture on-line and also send in their names and where they are from. And don't forget to tell me who took the photo for proper credit to be issued

Melody Falconer-Pounder

SUBMISSIONS

My husband and I planted two Tulip Trees on the home farm yesterday morning. Finally the weather was pleasant enough to dig down into the rich soil and make a home for these two "little ladies". They have a lot of growing to do. And hopefully under my watchful eye they will grow strong alongside the aging grand Sugar Maples I played under as a child. The trees my great grandmother is said to have planted as a young women in the late 1800s or early 1900s.

These young samplings were to be a gift to my Mother for her 70th birthday but try as I may I couldn't find two that suited her until the Bayfield Communities in Bloom group had their tree sale a couple of weeks ago. So happy soon to be 76th birthday, Mom! – Melody

P.S. A little shout out to my cousin Kimberley who I had lunch with on Sunday followed by my annual guilty pleasure – on ice seats for Stars on Ice at Budweiser Gardens. Once again it was a terrific show made all the more magical when they made it rain in the arena for Kurt

Browning's, "Singing in the Rain". It was fun going with my cousin who grew up on skates herself and now is encouraging her own children in the sport.

Ideas and contributions to the Bayfield Breeze are always welcome.
Deadlines for submissions are Sundays at 4 p.m.

Please email me at bayfield.breeze@villageofbayfield.com or call 519-565-2443.
Hope to see you online soon at www.villageofbayfield.com

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