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THE SECRET GARDEN WHERE IDEAS ARE BORN AND GUESTS WELCOMED

Joseph Rapai(left), and his son, Joe, along with their dog, Carlos, enjoy spending time in the back yard at 12 The Square in Bayfield. This lovely and tranquil green space was the impetus behind the name for the Rapai's new business, The Secret Garden Bed and Breakfast.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

Joseph Rapai has found a way to combine two of his favorite things – Bayfield and automobiles.

COVENTREE GARDENS

Bayfield residents, Pat MacDougall and Shelagh Sully were recently featured in an article that appeared in the Life Section of thestar.com.

The prize wining garlic they grow on their six-acre property known as CovenTree Gardens is highlighted as is their participation in the Undiscovered Gardens of Huron-Perth Tour.

See the full article

MUNICIPALITY OF BLUEWATER

Residents of Bayfield may be interested in attending a special council meeting for the Municipality of Bluewater on July 30.

This will be a Facility Review meeting and such items as the possible discontinuation of an ice surface in the Bayfield Arena will be discussed.

The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. in the council chambers at the Stanley Complex in Varna.

AT THE GALLERIES...

Rapai, has been in Business Development and Sales for Fiat of London for just over a year and just a few weeks ago he became the owner of a bed and breakfast located at 12 The Square in Bayfield. Known for 25 years as Clair on the Square, Rapai has rebranded it “The Secret Garden Bed and Breakfast”.

Visitors to the property will find Fiats parked in the driveway, guests over 25 years might even be enticed to take one for a turn about town.

“I have always loved cars. I once owned a vintage 1983 Porsche 911. I’ve driven Porsche, Mercedes, BMW and Lincoln. I discovered the Fiat by accident, as it was the only car left at a car rental place when I went to pick up a car. I fell in love with it,” he said.

His passion for the Fiat blends with his plan to focus on ways to draw tourists year round by working with events already on the village schedule as well as creating events of their own at The Secret Garden. He has lots of ideas for both.

Fiats in the fall fair parade, an Italian festival weekend, children’s birthday parties in The Secret Garden’s back yard with the nearby Splash Pad as an added bonus, and the perfect spot for a bridal party to prepare for their big day or take wedding photos…these are all ideas that pour out of Rapai as he talks about his newest venture.

Guests at The Secret Garden Bed and Breakfast can enjoy the solitude that can be found in the backyard from a Muskoka chair placed attractively on the shady porch of the home's nearby garage.

One of his ideas has already come to fruition as he has teamed up with The Beach 104.9 in Goderich as part of their Sizzling Summer Tunes contest. The prize is to be used on the Bayfield Fall Fair weekend, Aug. 16-17, and includes a two-night stay at The Secret Garden Bed & Breakfast, free use of a Fiat for the whole weekend, and two passes to the Bayfield Ribs and Music Festival concert featuring Elliot Brood.

Rapai isn’t the kind of person to remain idle having worked in education for many years included on his resume is Director of Education for the London District Catholic School Board from 2002-07.

“I retired and I was bored,” he said.

There has been little time to be bored since Rapai took ownership of the Bed and Breakfast in early July. A friend of his, Barb Allen, was asked to decorate the home giving it a more contemporary cottage feel.

“The beds are all new. We wanted the design to be fresh, clean and inviting,” he said. He added that he is very pleased with what Allen has achieved.

The Secret Garden has three rooms – two Queen Size Bedrooms with ensuite baths and one room with a Double Bed as well as Single Bed. They also have a room they refer to as their “contingency plan room” if the need ever should arise. They are pet friendly by prearrangement – and why not as Carlos, the Rapai’s family dog is a regular visitor to the property. They have also established themselves on booking.com

They officially opened three weeks ago and so far Rapai is enjoying the new business.

One of the unique celebrity drawings that will be on display at JMR Art Gallery's Customer Appreciation Night on July 27. (Submitted photo)

Hollywood’s golden era will be reflected at a Customer Appreciation Night hosted by JMR Art Gallery on July 27.

The gallery will close at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday to prepare for this special evening of unique art exhibits as well as food catered by DaVinci’s Ristorante.

The doors will reopen at 6 p.m. on a special Celebrity Exhibit from a private collection that has never been offered before. This exhibit includes original drawings by Carol Burnett and Shelley Winters, as well as many autographs from celebrities of the golden years of Hollywood. The celebrity exhibit will also include well-known London Artist Cliff Kearns’ original drawings from his years as an Illustrator at CFPL. The Flip Wilson Show and Dick Van Dyke Show are just two of the many illustrations included. Adding to their collectability are the cell overlays of the date and time the TV show was on, as they would have been aired as promo/commercial clips.

In addition to the celebrity exhibit, JMR will be featuring Bayfield’s own, Tatiana Vlasova. She creates rich oil paintings of Bayfield as well as florals and portraits. There will be an opportunity to meet Vlasova as well as view approximately 40 of her original works.

THE ROSS FIRM

"We've only been open for three weeks but so far everyone of our guests have become friends," he said. "It has been a wonderful experience. I think it is important to enjoy what you do – enjoy your business – why do it if you don't love it?"

Patsy Bunn has been hired to work as their hostess through the week ensuring that delightful breakfasts are served in the dining room. A self-serve coffee bar is also available for guests just outside their rooms on the second floor.

And on those hot and hazy days of summer The Secret Garden can open up their garage door and what should appear? A small concession stand that sells ice cream and ice to visitors.

The Secret Garden Bed and Breakfast was formerly known as Clair on the Square for 25 years. The property sold about a month ago.

"It's a simple little thing we can do for people using the park across the street. We are supplied by Gardiner's Dairy, are licensed and have been inspected by the health department," he said.

What sold Rapai on this yellow brick, farmhouse style, residence built in the 1860s possibly as a cottage for Dr. Richard Stanbury?

"The trigger was The Square – the heritage concept drew me. The park is tranquil, the town hall beautiful," he responded.

Rapai is no stranger to Bayfield. He has been coming to the village since 1976 living on Stark and Louisa Streets prior to purchasing Rev. Pitt's lakefront property in 1989. He is also no stranger to getting involved in the community having at one time been the president of the Bayfield Ratepayers' Association. His son, Joe Rapai, has been coming to the village since he was a newborn. A recent graduate of the Travel Tourism program at Fanshawe College in London he will be working toward managing the bed and breakfast.

Rapai currently has a home in London but also a condo at Harbour Lights as he wishes to be in the village as much as possible. And he will be, as there will always be more ideas and more work to be done. The gardens beautifully kept by former owner Clair Soper will always need tending and he has plans to move a rusted out old Fiat into the southwest corner of the property and design a new garden around it. Just another way for Rapai to blend his passions as well as create an interesting conversation starter for guests who stroll the garden…

Quinn Ross

Bayfield area resident, Quinn Ross has been elected, in a province wide election, as Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Ontario Bar Association (OBA).

A lawyer at The Ross Firm, Professional Corporation, with offices in both Goderich and Stratford, Ross practices in the areas of real estate, corporate/commercial law and estate law. He joined the firm in 2005.

According to the firm's website, he also has broad experience in administrative and civil litigation where he has appeared before the Ontario Court of Justice, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, the Divisional Court of Ontario and the Court of Appeal for Ontario.

These work experiences will hold the 37 year-old in good stead as he joins the five-member Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the OBA for a one-year term. The OBA advances the interests of 44,000 Ontario Lawyers, the justice system and the rule of law in Ontario.

RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

The executive members of the Bayfield Ratepayer's Association (BRA), Ainslie Willock, Paul Hill and Carol Thornley-Hall would like to extend an invitation to all Bayfield residents and village property owners to attend the association's Annual General Meeting on the morning of Aug. 3.

The meeting will start at 10 a.m. at the Bayfield Community Centre.

"We'll be presenting a report on Bluewaters' use of your tax dollars; plan for the 2014 municipal election; launch a new website to be used as a "Community Home Page" and get your advice," said Willock, president of the BRA.

TOWN HALL

MURDER MYSTERY INCORPORATES HISTORY WITH INTRIGUE

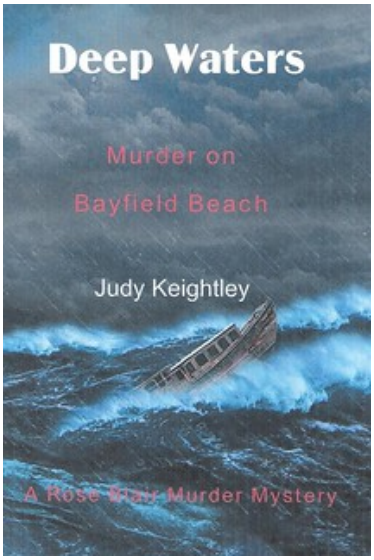
Judith Keightley has published her first novel and net proceeds are going to the Bayfield Historical Society. (Submitted photo)

Author and playwright Judy Keightley has penned her first novel and the net proceeds from its sale will be given to the Bayfield Historical Society.

On July 27, Keightley will be signing prelaunch first edition copies of her new murder mystery, 'Deep Waters, Murder on Bayfield Beach' at The Village Bookshop on Main Street from 1-3 p.m.

This is the first in a new series of Rose Blair Murder Mysteries that will be set along the shores of Lake Huron. This first novel is set in Bayfield and blends fiction with reality as characters utilize current local restaurants, hotels and public spaces. It should appeal to everyone who enjoys the Lake Huron lifestyle and/or has a love for historical detail.

According to Dave Gillians, who is helping Keightley with promotion of the book, it is written in a style that is similar to Agatha Christie's and makes a great summer read.



The Great Storm of 1913 figures prominently in this fictional tale about murder on the Bayfield Beach.

In 'Deep Waters', the peaceful harmony of Bayfield, is shattered when Rose Blair's family dog discovers a body buried under the sand on the beach. The police follow their leads but it is Rose, a retired village resident, who keeps stumbling across key information from her friends at the library, from her research at the Bayfield Historical Society Archives and other people in the village. The story revolves around the 'Great Storm of 1913', a newly discovered shipwreck and a Kincardine family's missing fortune. Inevitably greed and evil collide and the bodies start to pile up.

Keightley has written over twenty novellas and is well known in southwestern Ontario for the plays that she has written, produced and directed.

YOUTH RISE 2 FAME AT THE FAIR

Rise 2 Fame Youth Talent Search is once again coming to the Bayfield Fall Fair.

On Aug. 16, the Bayfield Agricultural Society will bring talented youngsters to the stage as part of the search for Junior Talent, ages six to 12, and for Youth, ages 13 to 21.

Winners go on to perform at the Western Fair as part of a 32-year tradition that has touched the lives of thousands of talented youngsters from across the province. The Western Fair Rise 2 Fame Youth Talent Search, along with the preliminaries, has been the start to many careers in the arts and continues to encourage young people to pursue their talents, by giving them a chance to perform in front of a live audience.

Bayfield's preliminary contest, the last one in Huron County, takes place upstairs in the Bayfield

The Goderich Celtic Roots Festival and the Bayfield Town Hall are teaming up to bring traditional folk and contemporary music to the village in the form of an award winning Canadian group from Vancouver known as The Fretless on Aug. 5.

Now in its fifth year, the Rural Roots Concert Series is designed to bring world-class Celtic music into rural venues across Huron County. According to the Goderich Celtic Roots Festival website, this allows festival organizers to "maximize the benefit of the caliber of musicians visiting Huron County during the week of the Celtic Roots Festival."

The Fretless earned the title of Ensemble Group of the Year at the 2012 Canadian Folk Music Awards.

Tickets are now available for the 7:30 p.m. concert at the Bayfield Town Hall. They are selling for $20 per person. Please call 519 565-2572 for tickets or more information. Tickets may also be purchased at www.ticketscene.ca. A cash bar will also be offered.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Bayfield Fall Fair, Aug. 16-18, will kick off with a Ribs and Music Fest on the Friday evening.

A ribs cook-off competition will occur between the Bayfield restaurants. This friendly rivalry will be at 6 p.m. There will be music from 4:30 p.m. to midnight with the headline band Elliott Brood.

Tickets for the music from 8 p.m. to midnight can be obtained from Brandon's Home Hardware and the Nip 'N Tuck. A rib meal can be purchased from 4:30 to 8 p.m. It should be an exciting beginning for the fair.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Knox Presbyterian Church in Bayfield is once again frying up the fish – Pickerel to be exact - at their third annual Fish Fry.

This will be held on July 27 at the Bayfield Community Centre from 4:30-7 p.m.

Advance tickets for this full course dinner are available now. The cost will be $17 for adults and $10 for children. For tickets please call Brenda at 519 565-5404 or Deb at 519 565-5238.

BETWEEN THE LINES...

Douglas Gibson, arguably Canada's most influential editor and publisher, will take to the stage in the Bayfield Town Hall on the evening of July 28.

"Stories About Storytellers: An Evening with Douglas Gibson...and Many Famous Canadian Authors" will find Gibson telling stories about the authors he came

Community Centre at 7:15 p.m., with the Junior group performing first. Check-in is at 6 p.m. This ensures that all registration documents are complete and that music can be lined up for the show.

Participants are asked to read the rules very carefully online by visiting the website at rise2fame@westernfairdistrict.com or catch the link on the Bayfield Fair website at http://www.bayfieldfallfair.ca under the Events tab. Entry forms must be submitted in advance, and can be downloaded from here. Registration can also be done online on the Western Fair site or can be emailed to dougyeo@tcc.on.ca. Forms may also be mailed in duplicate to Charlie Kalbfleisch, 17 Chiniquy St., P.O. Box 521, Bayfield ON N0M 1G0. Whichever way a participant applies they should call Kalbfleisch at at 519 565-2244 before August 9 to ensure they are on the contestant list.

Categories of competition are: Vocal Solo, Instrumental Solo, Dance Solo, Dance Group, Vocal and/or Instrumental Group, including bands; Variety Solo and Variety Group.

Winners of the Bayfield preliminary Rise 2 Fame contest will perform again at the Western Fair on the Anne Eadie Stage during the first two weeks of September. At the Western Fair competition there are big cash prizes and trophies for final winners. The top prize includes a trophy and $1,500 in cash.

YEAR IN INDIA RECALLED AT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

On July 29, Jane Davidson-McKee will be the guest speaker at the Bayfield Historical Society meeting.

She will talk about the year in the early 70s she spent with her five children in Kurseong, West Bengali, India, teaching English at a regular Bengali high school.

A Jesuit priest, Father Murray Abraham, founded this school and developed its curriculum. About 350 or a sixth of its students were from the lowest strata of the Indian caste system, for example, the Sudras, who were given an opportunity to learn side-by-side with students from the Brahmin class. The school integrated classroom education with farming projects, such as, raising chickens, rabbits and silk worms and tending to vegetable gardens for this group of students. The school received substantial funding from donors who lived across Canada.

Since her year in Kurseong, Davidson-McKee has worked as a volunteer with Father Abraham for over 40 years. She acknowledged that the year spent in Kerseong with her children had a significant impact on her philosophy of life.

The Bayfield Historical Society's meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Lions' Community Building.

to know well during his distinguished career as founder of Douglas Gibson Books and publisher and president of McLelland and Stewart.

Those who attend the evening that will begin at 7:30 p.m. should prepare to "meet" Alice Munro, Pierre Trudeau, Robertson Davies, Alistair MacLeod, John Diefenbaker, Mavis Gallant, Hugh MacLennan, Peter C. Newman, Brian Mulroney, Morley Callaghan, Paul Martin, James Houston, Peter Gzowski, W. O. Mitchell and many others.

More information on this one-man show, which has played to rave reviews across Canada, can be found by visiting at douglasgibsonbooks.com

Tickets are only $20 and are available at The Village Bookshop, 24 Main Street North, by calling 519 565-5600 or by email: vbookshop@gmail.com.

PIONEER PARK AFTER DARK

Families will want to stick around Pioneer Park after the sun sets on several weekends this summer as the Pioneer Park Association has some fun stuff planned when darkness falls.

Three free movies are scheduled most with families in mind: Akeelah and the Bee, Aug. 3; Because of Winn-Dixie, Aug. 17; and The Sandlot, Aug. 21.

CAMP KINTAIL

Camp Kintail has returned to Bayfield for the fourth consecutive summer.

Knox Presbyterian Church is partnering with Camp Kintail, the area Presbyterian Church camp, to offer a Christian based Day Camp every Wednesday at the church during July and August. This Day Camp will run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The very capable and well-trained young adult staff of Camp Kintail will lead the program and activities. The camp will be for children who have completed JK up to Grade 6. The children are welcome to attend all eight sessions or just one or two.

Camps will be held from now until Aug. 21. Lunch and snacks are provided.

Registration for each session is held at 8:30 a.m. on the day but participants may also pre-register by calling Brenda McLean at 519 524-8645 or by calling the church 519 565-2913 and leaving a message.

REMEMBER ME?

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, a photo taken at the annual Garden Party held in 1978 at Camborne House located at 27 Main Street South owned at the time by Canon F. H. Paull (shown front left). Does anyone recognize the other clergy in the photo?

ISSUE 210

In Issue 210, a photo from 1969 features the Gairdner House on Main Street the day it went up for Public Auction. It would appear that quite a crowd gathered for this event. Gardner Auctions was in charge of the sale. Does anyone remember this day?

ISSUE 211

In Issue 211, it would appear that the last bit of precious film was used to catch this image of Jean Bell's house. Notes indicate it was taken in the 1970s and in addition to the Bell's owning the home it was also owned by Mary Simpson and before that Mrs. MacDougall who had added the west end. A couple people responded about this image, including Jeff Sauve, who believes that this home can be found at 28 Bayfield Terrace. Anyone have any more history to add?

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BICYCLE OPERA PERFORMERS CYCLE THEIR WAY INTO THE HEARTS AND HOMES OF VILLAGERS

Starting at Toronto Island early in July the group had cycled to and performed in Hamilton, Guelph, Elora, Fergus and Kitchener-Waterloo. After Bayfield, London and Stratford remained as stops on their tour.

Completing the whole tour by bicycle, with no accompanying entourage carrying their baggage, the group has managed to keep to the essentials.

PHOTOS BY GARY LLOYD-REES

Now in its second year, the cast of the enterprising Bicycle Opera Project cycled their way into Bayfield this past weekend. What began last year as a bit of fun for a young group of opera singers, when the group cycled and performed concerts eastwards from Toronto to Kingston, has now turned into an annual summer event, with this year's destinations being in Southwestern Ontario.

From their first performance this July at Toronto Island, they have since traveled to Hamilton, Guelph, Elora, Fergus and Kitchener-Waterloo. After their Sunday concert in Bayfield, they set off to perform in London and will end up with a 3-day residency of concerts in Stratford.

The group delighted many Bayfield residents by taking to the streets Sunday morning for a short bike ride around the village, ably guided by Outside Projects owner Tyler Hessel.

“Tyler not only led the group of almost 40 cyclists, he also provided a running commentary on the history and heritage of Bayfield as we passed various points of interest. The cycle ride was followed by a charming impromptu mini "taster" of the concert in Clan Gregor Square - giving folks an idea of what was in store that evening,” said Kate Lloyd-Rees, president of the Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society.

At the evening concert held at the Bayfield Town Hall, an enthralled full house watched this talented group perform their interpretations of vignettes from six contemporary Canadian operas - some humorous, some thought-provoking and some dramatic.

Soprano Larissa Koniuk commented that the Bicycle Opera Project had sent out a call across the country for operatic scenes that would fit the theme, which she aptly called "an arc of women's stories".

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Katherine Watson on flute and Wesley Shen on piano accompanied the vocalists during the evening

Larissa Koniuk, soprano; Michelle Simmons, mezzo soprano; William Reid, tenor; and Geoffrey Sirett, baritone, comprised the quartet of singers. They were able assisted by a trio of accompanists: Wesley Shen, pianist, Katherine Watson, flautist, and Leslie Ting, violinist.

“Their vision is all about encompassing emerging talent and social relevance that is harnessed to an ancient art form,” said Lloyd-Rees. “ Pianist Wesley was also the first artist to try out the new, Town Hall piano, a digital Roland upright, and he gave it his "thumbs up"!”

Completing the whole tour by bicycle, with no accompanying entourage carrying their baggage, the group has managed to keep to the essentials. Community support has been paramount for the tour - with venues providing a piano for each concert, along with other items of stage equipment. The group has also been lucky enough to be offered billets in each town along the way, including three Bayfield families hosting them for two nights this past weekend.

"We have been overwhelmed by the reception and warm welcome we have received here. Bayfield also wins the prize for being the most adorable town on our tour…" said Koniuk, of their visit to the village.

Soprano, Larissa Koniuk and Tenor William Reid are caught in a dramatic moment during the sold out performance at the Bayfield Town Hall held on Sunday evening.

The Bicycle Opera Project was a sold out

performance at the town hall. Shen was the first person to try the hall's new piano.

Mezzo Soprano, Michelle Simmons and Soprano, Larissa Koniuk performed their interpretations of vignettes from six contemporary Canadian operas - some humorous, some thought-provoking and some dramatic.

Mezzo Soprano, Michelle Simmons and Soprano, Larissa Koniuk are shown during a scene from the Bicycle Opera Project. The group had sent out a call across the country for operatic scenes that would fit the theme, which Koniuk aptly called "an arc of women's stories".

The ensemble was overwhelmed by the welcome they received during their stop in the village.

performance at the Bayfield Town Hall on Sunday evening.

Baritone, Geoffrey Sirett performs to a sold out audience at the town hall on the evening of July 21.

Violinist, Lesley Ting accompanied the singers during their performance.

A group of about 40 people joined the opera singers for a cycle around the town on Sunday morning. They were led along the route by Tyler Hessel, of Outside Projects, who also provided a running commentary of the history of Bayfield and the heritage sites they saw along the way.

PIXILATED — IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Morning Dew...*By Bonnie Sitter*

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SUBMISSIONS

Well even if I wasn't a monarchist I would probably have to weigh in on the 8 lb 6 oz bundle of joy born to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on Monday. Social media was all a buzz and the door to the Lindo Wing at St. Mary's Hospital was something akin to the Yule Log Channel at Christmas time – mesmerizing yet unmoving.

"Baby Cam" as I like to think of him is in for quite the adventure as the third in line to the throne of the British Monarchy. And his arrival really did cause quite a stir with light shows, gun salutes and crowds of well wishers gathered to catch a glimpse of him.

The official public relations team at Clarence House invited people to Tweet the news and photos of other babies that will share His Royal Highness the Prince of Cambridge's birthday and the results were quite endearing. Posts came from Canada, the US, El Salvador, Northern Ireland and England, many others didn't give a location just names. "Baby Cam" will be sharing his birthday with Michaela, Jack, Diego, Amelia, Cameron, Ryan, Amelie, Alexa, Kassidy, Arthur, Hudson and Imogen just to name a few.

So what will the royal moniker be? Odds on favorites seem to be James and George - but it may be some time before we know, his father, William Arthur Philip Louis, wasn't officially named until a week after his birth in 1982. And it was almost a month after his arrival that his grandfather, Charles Philip Arthur George, had his name announced to the realm.

So for now welcome to the world he who shall be named – eventually. - Melody

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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