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Photo Judith Harrower

A few of the participants enjoying themselves at the fishing derby.

# Art McGinn Memorial Fishing Derby

- Judith Harrower

I had the opportunity to participate in the Art McGinn fishing Derby held June 25. Up early, not as early as I was supposed to be, and on the water by 5:45 a.m. with my fishing partner Bonnie Baker. As we ladies were not right into it at that time of the morning, we motored gently out of Wemp's (or O'Drain's Bay) and anchored in a small cove.

First off coffee was the priority and we used our life jackets against the inside of the boat and talked for about an hour and a half. Getting no where with our fishing which could have been that we were using both live worms and lures at the same time, we didn't get a nibble. Our theory was to use both at the same time and attract what ever was down there, killing two birds with one stone, so to say.

The morning was misty and cool for awhile but warmed up considerably mid-morning. There was a good wind and no bugs at that time so it was very pleasant on the ruffled waters.

See the rest of the story and photos on Pages 12 and 13

### THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray, editor

Next issue we hope to have a photo of Vicki Keith arriving in Kingston: setting a new butterfly record!

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### TO OUR NEIGHBOURS

- Ian Murray, Topsy Farms

This summer, as in summers past, Island farmers have been struggling along doing our best to make a living. In the doing, we often crowd the roads with our large slow moving equipment creating problems for those rushing for the boat or charging home to air conditioning.

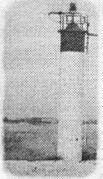
So, on behalf of Topsy Farms and (I hope) other Island farmers, I offer this apology for disrupting traffic: SORRY.

Also, to our neighbours whose properties were invaded by various of our sheep during the past week or so: forgive us our trespasses. This has been a very dry summer, which means the pasture has become sparse and the electric fence is not as effective when the sheep are standing on dry ground.

Our big white sheep guarding dogs are not always where they should be. If you see them on your lawn or on the road, they will (probably) run back to the sheep if you yell, clap your hands, or honk your horn. (Without these dogs the coyotes would have us out of business in a season.)



An illustrated 'travelogue' by Peter Large  
Travels with my Sketchbook - Episode One - Ninstints, Queen Charlotte Islands  
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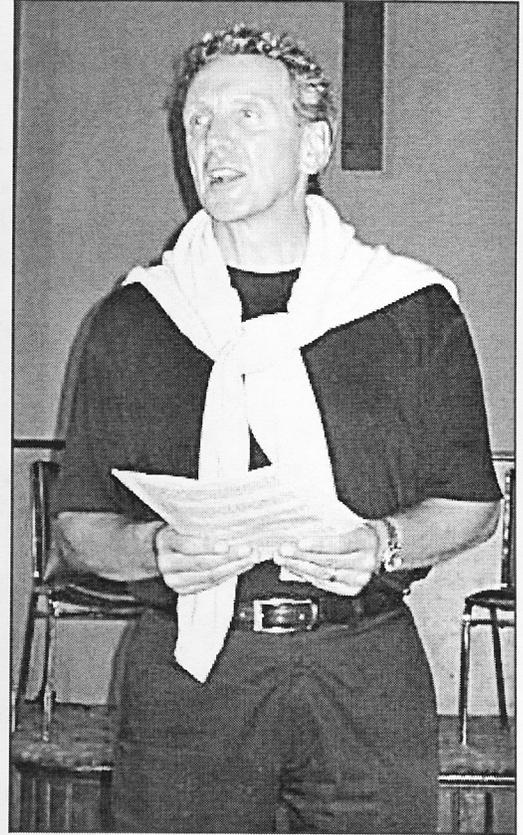
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# Waterside Summer Series



Above: Quartetto Gelato performed highlights from their latest CD, "Quartetto Gelato Travels the Orient Express".

Right: Amherst Island resident Eric Friesen, host of CBC Radio's Studio Sparks, heard Monday through Friday from noon to three on CBC 2, introduced Quartetto Gelato to a packed audience at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Friday evening, July 29th. This was the third of a five part concert by the Waterside Summer Series.



Photos Terry Culbert

# Canada Day 2005



Left: The Youells with Tuppy Lou  
 Below: Zelma Koenders with her grandchildren at the start of the parade.



Photos JH

## JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

### Communication

The sounds of our nesting birds are every-



Boreal Owl

where as parents sing to one another to reassure each other that the parent or baby is near. If you hear a Robin chirping loudly you can be sure that there is a young one hiding under a nearby bush waiting for that fast food delivery. The Great Horned Owl hoots constantly to reassure that sitting female that help is only a hoot away, during those cold February incubation days. The Osprey only has to keen with a high pitched shriek from her nesting platform and father like a dot against the blue comes stooping in.

A series of caws from one crow

will bring a whole flock in to haze a sleeping great Horned Owl trying to catch a well-deserved nap in the sheltering Pine. The crows come from miles away and congregate in the area of the roosting Owl, shattering

the peace and quiet and driving the bird out to seek another more secluded perch. The Chickadees also will haze a roosting Saw-whet or Boreal Owl almost unmercifully which draws us to the roosting site. Nearby Chickadees from neighbouring woodlots come to join in with lots of noise. What a cacophony of sound in the quiet of the country!

However, when the woods go silent and still, and the woodpecker suddenly freezes to the nearest trunk, this is also communication. When you look up there is probably a falcon poised in a position to strike the unwary bird. Follow the line of sight from Woodpecker up into the sky and you will probably find our assailant. The message is silently passed from bird to bird and you will see Mourning Doves frozen under bushy areas in the trees and the pheasant crouched against a grassy knoll. The clever Goshawk uses this tactic to its advantage and enters a conifer near the bottom, works its way up the tree on

the inside and flushes its lunch out with a whirl and a quick demise.

At the Land Fill site the other day the cheery greetings of Visitors and the effervescent Keith were only exceeded by a Northern Cardinal which sang out loudly and clearly with its unmistakable whistle. We might see the location as not quite ideal but he was praising the day and the place with all his might. What a wonderful place to be!

Birds that flock such as House Finches or Red-winged Blackbirds feed noisily because their survival depends on the larger numbers of their flock so they call everyone when food is at hand. The feeding noises of such birds will catch the attention of both the rarer birds you're hoping to see and also the predators that they're hoping not to see but their lifestyle is safety in numbers and it seems to be working.



Goshawk

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**COUNCIL GLEANINGS**

- Ian Murray

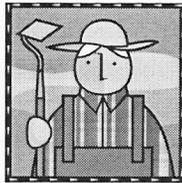
The only thing I could see in the Council documents - thick with subdivision, treated water and sewage issues - that related to Amherst Island was a request by Millhaven Store. The store's septic system is being overwhelmed by ferry users who are unable to wait to get on the ferry so the store owners asked if the toilets on the Millhaven dock could be re-opened. The request was denied because of the costs involved.

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**AMHERST ISLAND MEN'S SOCIETY**

-Terry Culbert

On Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, sixteen AIMS members attended the breakfast meeting at St. Paul's Church Hall. Executive Vice-Chairman Neil Johnston brought the meeting to order at 8:30am. He thanked AIMS member John Kuti and helpers for the breakfast.



**Committee Reports:**

The bank account is good standing. AIMS stall at the Island Market has raised over a thousand dollars during the first five Saturdays of operation.

Alan Glenn of the Assistance Committee informed the membership that the horseshoe pits are ready for use. Alan and his wife Cathy offered to give lessons on Wednesday evenings at 7pm for mixed doubles. Call 389-0214 for further information. Dick Dodds, Dayle Gowan and Brian Little are donating horseshoes. Neil Johnston offered use of the Victoria Hall Tea

Room as a pickup and drop off area for the horseshoes.

Neilson Store Museum:

Bruce Burnett was pleased to inform the AIMS membership that the Retired Teachers of Ontario have donated a thousand dollars to the Museum fund.

This will assist in paying the salaries of four Island students, who will split eight weeks between them. Bruce still requires volunteers to act as guides on weekends.

Vicki Keith/ Abram Brothers Concert:

Paul Lauret reported 122 tickets had been sold to date. There will be additional entertainment including a Buddy Holly impersonator. A silent auction will be held and a wagon pulled by a farm tractor will transport festivalgoers from the parking lot to the music site and back.

Three YMCAs in New York State are using Vicki's swim to start their own programs. They will fundraise in the USA through Vicki's swim. Kingston's K-ROCK 105. Radio will begin an on-line auction on July 18<sup>th</sup>, culminating at the completion of her swim. Vicki has come out of retirement to make this incredible effort on behalf the children and is

hoping to break her old and still standing world record for the butterfly stroke.

**Island Market:**

AIMS members on duty at the Market will require assistance to help pull the wagon onto and off the site. Safety cones must be placed along front road from the old Township shed to the Forester home. The Market sign must be put in place on the northwest corner of the Stella 40 Foot and Front Roads, welcoming visitors to our Island Market.

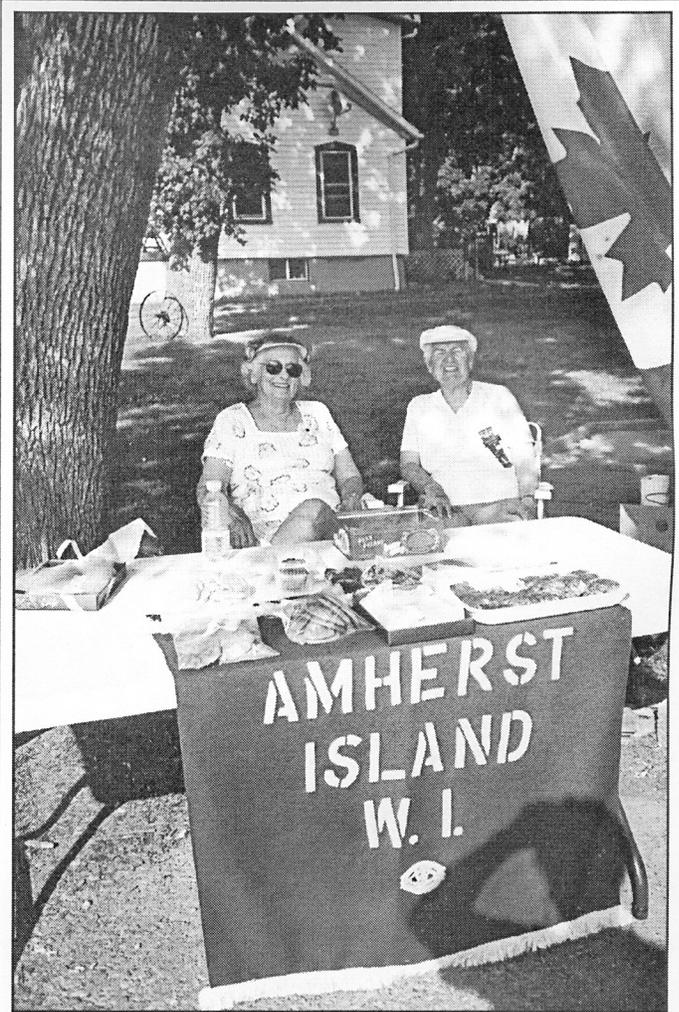


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Women's Institute bake sale with Helen Lamb and Joyce Reid.



*papaver orientalis*

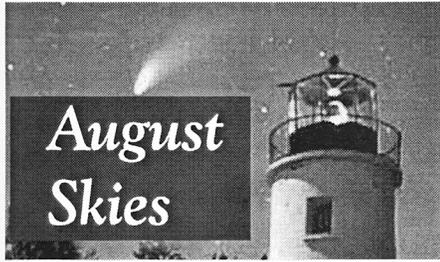
ORIENTAL POPPY

*Oriental Poppy - Papaver Orientalis*

by Peter Large S.C.A.

## AUGUST SKIES

- Alan Kidd



As usual, July was not a great month for stargazing. Those nights which weren't cloudy, the haze hung over us for most of the month didn't help. Let's hope August brings some improvement.

At midnight, on August 15<sup>th</sup>, the constellation Cygnus, or the Northern Cross, is overhead. It is right next to Vega, the brightest star of the summer skies. The summer triangle of Vega, Deneb and Altair is now overhead through most of the night. Vega, in the constellation of Lyra, is the fifth brightest star visible from earth. Deneb, the primary star in Cygnus, and Altair, the brightest star in Aquila, the Eagle, are not quite as bright as Vega, but still among the top twenty brightest stars. These three constellations are not only prominent in the sky right now, but are also embedded in the Milky Way, which runs across the summer sky from Sagittarius in the south to Cassiopeia in the north. Now that we are getting closer to fall, there are more clear nights and the Milky Way should be more visible. Those of you with access to a telescope might try for a glimpse of one of the Summer Sky's most notable objects. This is found in Lyra between the two stars at the opposite end of the constellation from Vega. In a moderate size Telescope it appears

as a dimly glowing doughnut. It is the famous Ring Nebula or M57.

Venus and Jupiter are spectacular objects for early evening skies. During the course of the month of August they move steadily closer together in the early evening sky until September 1<sup>st</sup> when they will be closer than the tip of your little finger held at arm's length (about 1.2 degrees). The bright star to the left of Jupiter is Spica in the constellation Virgo.

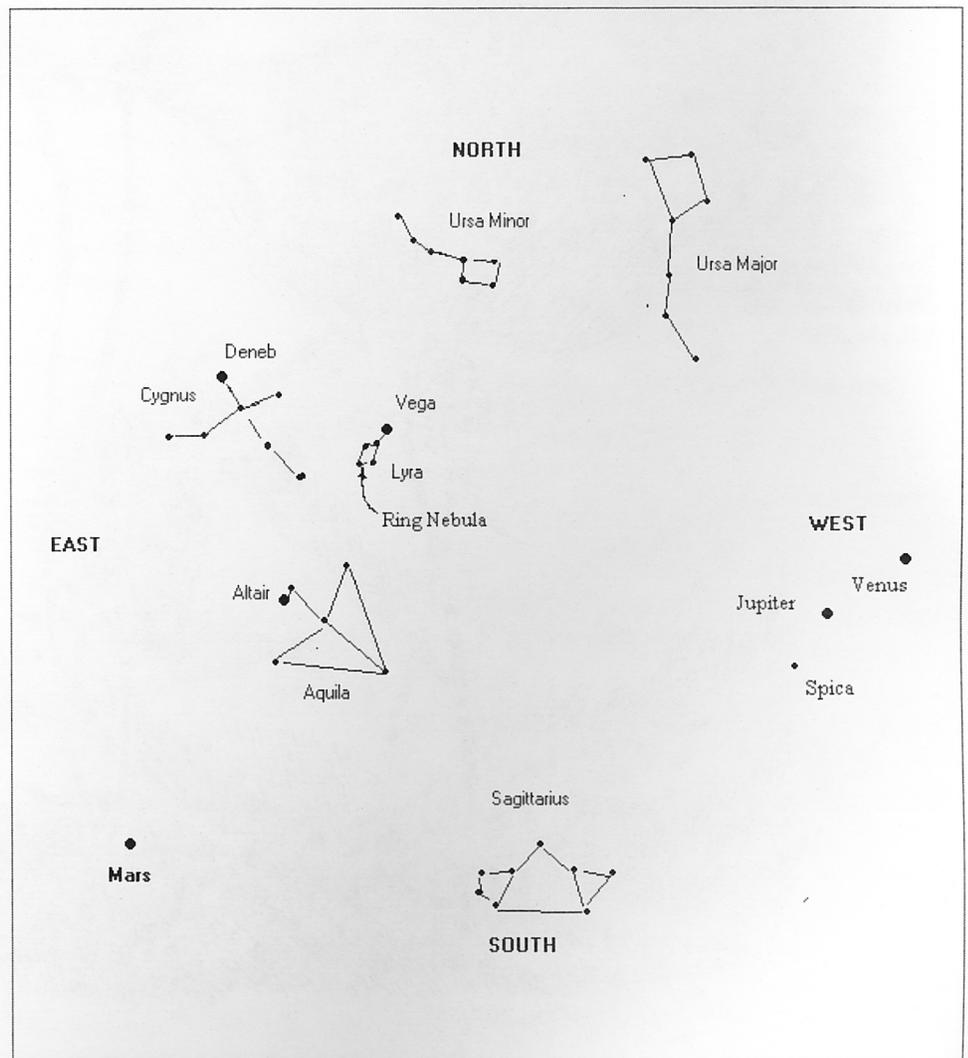
Mars starts to appear in the late evening in August, steadily getting brighter throughout the month. It rises by 10:30 PM at the end of August and by that time Mars will be

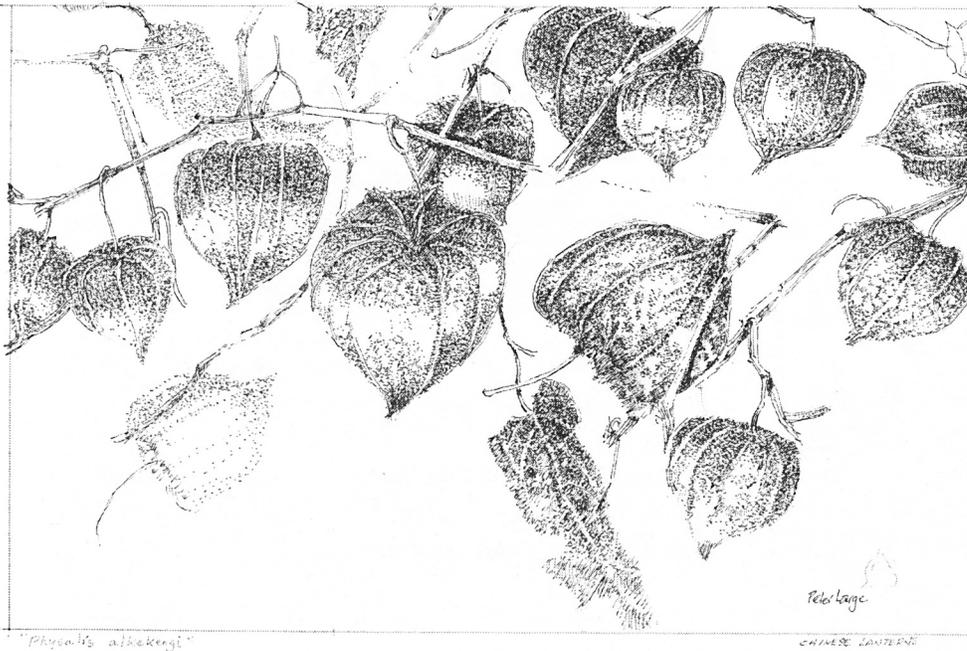
the brightest object in the sky.

Saturn and Mercury are now visible right before dawn. If you happen to be up that early during the last week of August look for them low in the east-northeast. Saturn is the higher of the two.

One major event this month is the Perseid meteor shower. This will occur in the early morning hours of August 12<sup>th</sup> this year. Since the moon sets early that night, the viewing should be good if the sky is clear. Expect to see about one meteor every minute at the peak of the shower.

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*Chinese Lanterns -  
Physalis Alkekengi*

*By Peter Large S.C.A.*

This is a continuation from the May issue of *The Beacon* of the story of the Filson's, who migrated to Saskatchewan from Amherst Island.

**FILSON, MARSHALL AND WILMA (CRAMPTON)**

- By Wilma Filson

Marshall Filson came west from Amherst Island, Ontario in 1917. He brought a car load of horses for his cousin Harvey and Alfred Filson. He was eleven days on the road and had to unload and reload horses several times to water them. He had a small corner in the car where he lived, for sometime a horse would get down and had to be helped up at once before the others trampled it.

Marshall worked for Harvey for three or four years and also rented a quarter section of land from him. Then about 1921 he bought land one mile west of Woodrow, M.W. 34-8-6 and N.E. 33-8-6 from J.J. Wilson. He worked in Peterson's Store in the winter, put up ice with Levey and worked on roads in summer to earn extra money.

We were married in February 1924. I was Wilma Crampton, daughter of William Crampton. I had taken a course at Cottage Hospital Regina and did considerable nursing before and after my marriage.

All farm work was done with six or eight horse outfits. Steam or gas engines were used to run the separator at threshing time which required twenty or more men to keep it going. I was very thankful for my good neighbor, Mrs. J. Barber, who helped me cook for threshers who had to have three meals and two lunches a day. Though we worked very hard there were many happy times too.

In 1927 we were haled out completely and all windows were broken. Marshall took odd jobs any place to earn a little extra to supplement the relief money we received from the government. It was very meagre, less than \$8.00 for two adults and two children for a year of clothing. In 1934 we rented the farm north of Woodrow from Mrs. Dawson. In 1935 we had some crop but were haled out on the Dawson place.

In 1936 Marshall sold his horses and bought a Massey Harris Pace-maker tractor, the first rubber tired tractor to come into the district. It cost \$900. It was a real work saver, and people came from miles around to see it.

The forties brought better crops but poor markets. We started raising turkeys in the late forties. They were profitable during the first few years, but hard to raise.

Marshall died in 1960.

We had three children: Irene, married Elmer Thiessen in 1956 and they have three daughters; Janet, married Ken Shepperd in 1956 who died in 1974, she has a girl and a boy; Maurice married Shirley McKenzie in 1957 and they raised Shirley's youngest sister Debbie after her mother died. Maurice has taken over all the land we had and has added to it, farming on a much larger scale than we ever thought of. I am now living in Wheatland Lodge at Lafleche. Life had been good to me and I am thankful for my dear family.

# The Abrams Brothers...

## A THANK YOU FROM THE STELLA BELLAS

### Abrams Brothers Concert on the Shore

We would like to thank the many people who assisted in the Abrams Brothers Concert on the Shore held on Saturday, July 16th at Paul and Gwen Lauret's on the North Shore. Special thanks to AIMS, AIWI, and the Amherst Island volunteer Fire Department and the First Response Team for their assistance.

The community response was overwhelming with so many people and organizations helping in so very many ways. Over 200 people attended the event and close to 250 tickets were sold.

We would like to thank everyone, from both on and off the island, who donated items for the silent auction, and of course also the people who purchased these items. The auction proceeds were significant.

Over \$7,500 was raised. The funds will all go to the Kingston Family YMCA in support of Vicki Keith's 80 km butterfly swim for special needs children.

Thanks to everyone involved for making this day a success!

Stella Bellas

### *Photos this page*

*Top: Island resident and World Champion swimmer Vicki Keith thanks the audience for supporting her fundraiser towards building a swimming pool for the Kingston YMCA, benefiting her work with disabled children.*

*Bottom: The Abrams family, including 2 brothers, dad and granddad were the headliners at the fundraising concert.*



# ...on 'The Shore'



## Photos this page

*Top: Audience members enjoying the five-hour concert on the Lauret Farm situated on the North Channel.*

*Above left: The audience was transported from the parking lot to the shoreline by tractor and wagon.*

*Above right: Allen Caughey and friends entertaining the crowd.*



Photos by Terry Culbert

# Travels with my Sketchbook

by Peter Large

## Episode One

In which we land on the beach at the World Heritage Site of Ninistints, Queen Charlotte Islands.

It is early morning, clear and cold. We have left our schooner in the outer harbour and, in zodiacs, go around the island that guards the approach to the beach.

My sketchbook records that our first sighting of the village was of leaning cedar totem poles weathered silver, deeply set among 100 year old green-black Douglas firs.

We drifted softly onto a sand beach. There was no sound and no one else was there. A soft wind moved the trees as we went ashore.

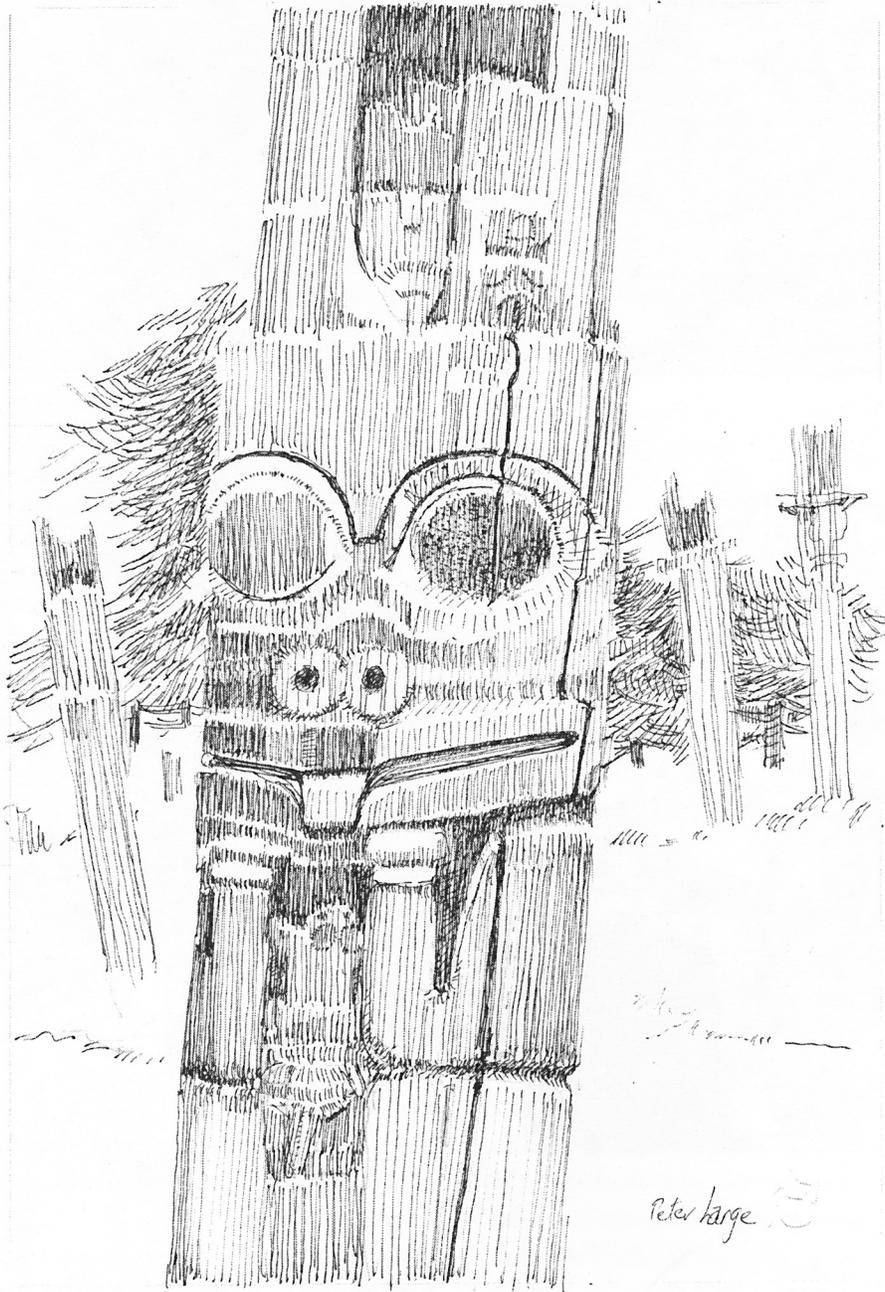
There are twenty or so standing poles forming a sort of avenue down which we wandered. I had the feeling of being among the dwellings of cultured, artistic, people who had to leave a long time ago, and who could take very little with them.

Each pole was carved and told the story of the families that had

lived there. The carvings were worn but one could still recognize spirit images of bear, killer whale, salmon

Haida population was 6000-8000 people but by 1915, after European contact, epidemics, especially small pox had cut the population to less than 600. Today the culture is regaining its strength with more than 3200 Haida now living in these islands.

There is so much to ponder here. My sketchbook says on one page - "A quick line drawing - so much to record in such a short time". When evening came, the zodiacs returned us to the schooner. Next day we went back to the poles, the almost vanished long houses, the Douglas firs, and the silence. Overhead, flew a raven, the beloved trickster of Haida myth. My sketchbook that day records just two images: one was our schooner riding at anchor, the other a sketch of the beach logs washed ashore.



and beaver, and which if we could read them would tell us of the clans, the family relationships, the chiefs and the shamans.

The Queen Charlotte Islands off the coast of British Columbia are the lands of the Haida. In the 1860's the

On the page I wrote - "A long pristine sand beach. Everybody wanted this time ashore."

We left Ninistints that afternoon, looking back until the beach disappeared behind its guardian island.

# HOW DO YOU DEFINE AN AMHERST ISLANDER?

by Zander of DUNN INN

On July 25 I enjoyed a good chat with Gordon Miller who has moved back to the Island with his wife, Lynn (Howes). They purchased the vacant cottage at 14245 Front Road, which they have cleaned up, painted, expanded and modified. They have cleared the brush from the waterfront, installed a dock for their boat and have set up a protected gathering place for family events.

For years Gordon and Lynn vacationed in the Haliburton resort area but were unable to purchase a house or land there because the prices were beyond their reach or because anything available was quickly snatched up. Gordon's sister and her husband, Marilyn and Royce Eves, who lived at 14175 Front Road where Donald and Sherry Miller now reside, often hosted visits from Gordon and his family and Lynn suggested they consider purchasing the house next door. Gordon submitted an offer, never expecting to have it accepted. It was; and they became the proud owners of a summer residence in which to invest money, time and effort. We are glad to have them back home and are pleased to see all the improvements they are making to their house and property.

Gordon is a son of Doug and Reta Miller who used to live in the house where the Streets live today at 12945 Front Road (the Island's first brick house). Gordon's older brother, Ron, lives with his wife,

Lillian, in Stella at 5665 Front Road; his younger brother, Darrell, works on the ferry and lives on the mainland. His sister, Marilyn Eves, lives with her husband, Royce, in Napanee.

Gordon was born in 1946 and attended school here on the island from 1951 to 1963 when he left for work in Waterloo. In 1966 he joined the Waterloo Police Force and retired in 1998 as Deputy Chief of Police.

Gordon's 32 years as a police officer have involved him in many meetings, conventions and conferences in several countries.

He contends that of all the places he has visited Amherst Island is the best.

Why is Amherst Island the best? Not only because the

land is beautiful, the pace of life is slower, the people are welcoming and friendly, but because Gordon has experienced the best the Amherst Islanders have to give. Gordon explained that if he were to define a true Amherst Islander he would have to tell a story.

One Spring day when Gordon was about 10 years old, his father, a farmer who also drove a school bus, was driving a tractor westward from his property to the Eves' farmstead (now Topsy Farms) near The Head. When he got to the dip in the road in front of where Gord and Lynn Miller now live, Doug reached back with his right arm to adjust part of the load behind him on the tractor

and with his left hand unintentionally steered the tractor off the road into the water. The tractor, with its motor still running, rolled over on top of Doug, breaking his leg and leaking gasoline into the water.

To his rescue, in this dangerous setting, came Mike the Meat Man (a mainlander who visited the Island weekly to sell processed meat to the Islanders) along with Norman and Charles Eves. After his rescue, Doug was forced to lie at home in traction for six months. The family would have been in considerable difficulty had it not been for other Islanders who pitched in to help out. Young Royce Eves drove the school bus

for Gordon's dad.

Not only that, he came every morning and night to milk the cows.

Insofar as Royce Eves eventually married Gordon's sister, Marilyn, he probably had

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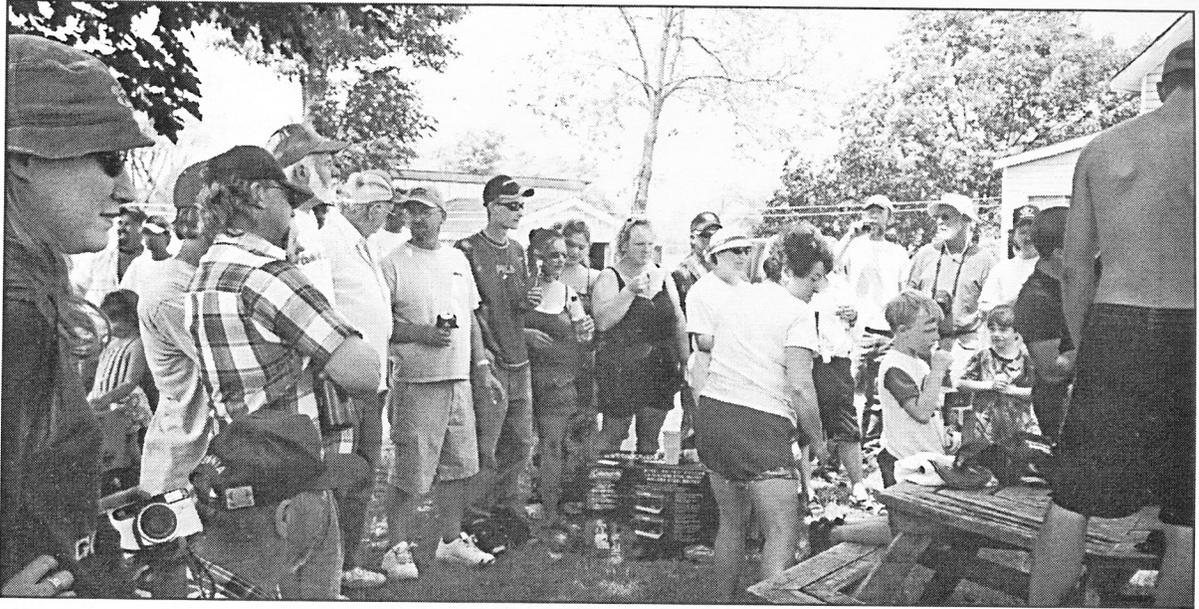
mixed motives for his good deeds. Whatever his motives, he helped the family a great deal and made it possible for them to go forward.

But Royce was not the only one who helped the troubled Miller family. Royce was assisted by his father Johnny, brother Charles, and neighbours Hugh Drumgoole, Delbert McGinnis, Eddie McGinn, Art McGinn, Ed Reid and Howard Richards. The Eves had a threshing machine and went from farm to farm at harvest time. Everybody cooperated to make sure the Doug Miller family got their work done on time.

When Gordon spoke of the Eves,

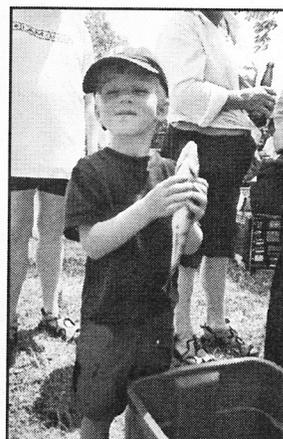
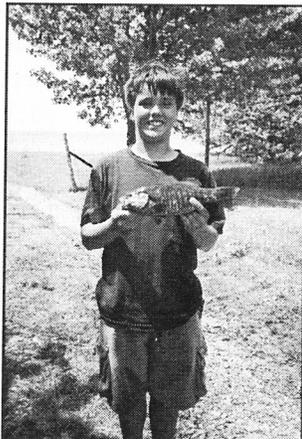
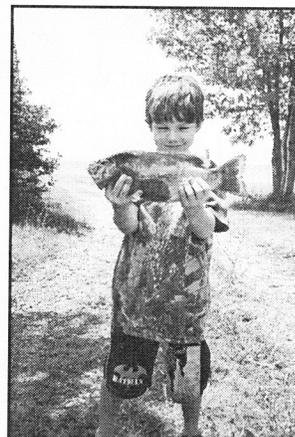
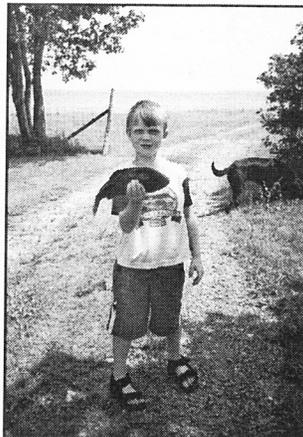
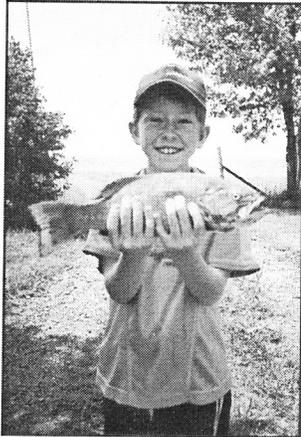
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# Art McGinn Memorial



Above: A group shot of some of the participants.

Below: Showing off their catches are Cody Mayman, Andrew LeBlue, Dylan Mayman, Matthew Fabian and Quentin Scott. All of these young sportsmen are great-grandchildren of Susan McGinn.



# Fishing Derby 2005

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- Judith Harrower

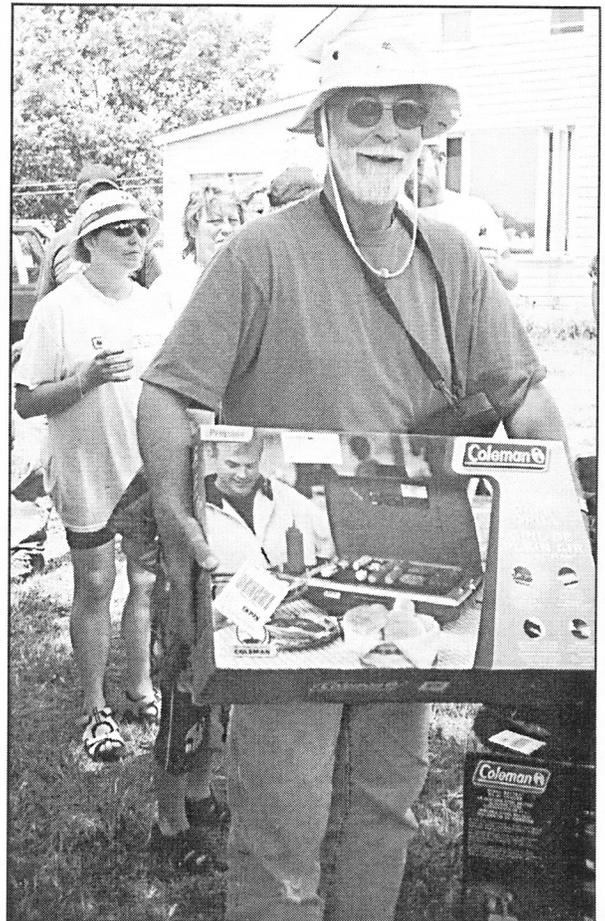
We then motored towards Nut Island intending to circle the Island for no particular reason other than to see what was on the far side, and as we were not paying attention we hit a shoal, which gently threw us from one side to another. Needless to say we were observed by every male on the water and heard about this afterwards.

We flipped our lines over the boat sides again but were more interested in talking and discussions than fishing, but we sure covered a lot of territory and solved the world's problems.

After three hours our backs were killing us and the coffee was gone, so we headed in and waved to all the serious fishermen. Then we sat in Susan McGinn's porch and gabbed with many other women and what I enjoyed was that everyone had a say and was listened to, not necessarily agreed with. Brunch consisted of ham and cheese sandwiches which Bonnie had brought with her, and loads of cups of tea. The twenty or so children mingled everywhere inside and out.

The men started to filter back and the first lot like us had not had a nibble but then the real fishermen came in around twelve and had been very successful. Steacy Gibson and Nick McGinn were the big winners and prizes were awarded after each fish was weighed by Duncan Ashley, with Tom deHaan keeping record. Most of the young boys caught something and Dylan Mayman was right up with the serious ones.

Eventually around 1:30 p.m. it was time to leave and the crowd was still going strong. It was a great experience and we have promised ourselves to do it again next year.



Above: Walt Gibson with his prize.

Below: Nick McGinn, Stephen McGinn and Steacy Gibson.



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**JANET'S JOTTINGS**  
 - Janet Scott

Good news on the home front is that the Red-headed Woodpecker is still living near the landfill site. They are much more uncommon than Hairy or Downy Woodpeckers are, so you may not see them very often. As they fly away from you they squawk loudly and exhibit a large area of white on wings and tail. They will not necessarily have a red head as Ida and George Gavlas can testify to as an immature visited their feeder one winter and had a brown head that got redder as the winter progressed. Keep your eyes open and watch for those birds but remember that sound and behaviour are excellent tools in identification.

Good Birding,

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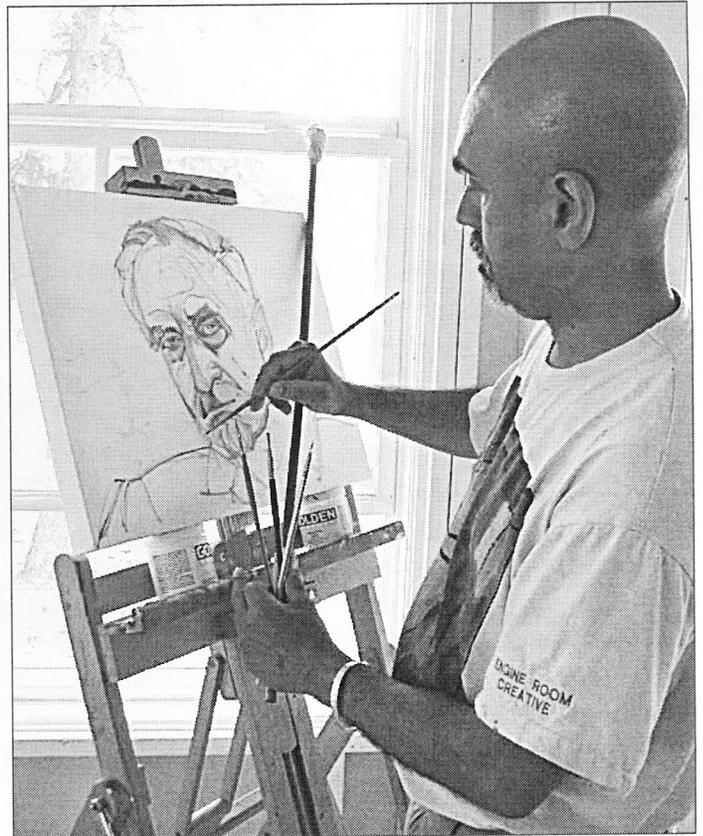
*Red-headed Woodpecker*

## A PERFECT SATURDAY

Story and photos by Terry Culbert

At The Lodge on McDonalds Lane, I spent a perfect Saturday, learning how to paint from a master artist. After wrapping up an extremely successful month long, one-man show at Molly Stroyman's Lodge, Andrew Cheddie Sookrah offered a one-day painting workshop. My fellow students were Islanders Stanley Burke, Shirley Miller, Eleanor Trueman, Janet Grace and Peter Large. Other students came from Ottawa, Brockville, Mallorytown and Toronto.

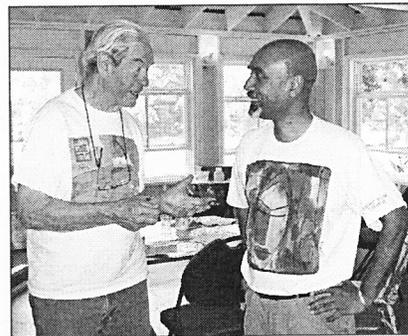
Born in Guyana, South America, Andrew studied at Queen's College in Georgetown before emigrating to Canada in 1974. He studied part-time at the Ontario College of Art, George Brown College and Ryerson University. Andrew works extensively in oils, watercolours and acrylic. He is currently the president and creative director of 'Engine Room Creative' in Toronto. During his eight-hour workshop, Andrew demonstrated and painted



*Master painter and teacher Andrew Cheddie Sookrah of Toronto, paints a portrait of Island resident Brian Grace.*

a landscape and a portrait from model Brian Grace.

Andrew Cheddie Sookrah is an elected member of The Society of Canadian Artists as well as a member of The Arts and Letters Club of Toronto. His work has been exhibited at the Outdoor Show at Toronto City Hall, the Distillery District Art Show and at successful solo shows. It was a pleasure benefiting from his extensive knowledge and I for one am looking forward to next year's lesson.



*Student Stanley Burke chats with teacher Andrew Cheddie Sookrah.*

# GREETING FROM HARARE, ZIMBABWE

John Schram, Ambassador

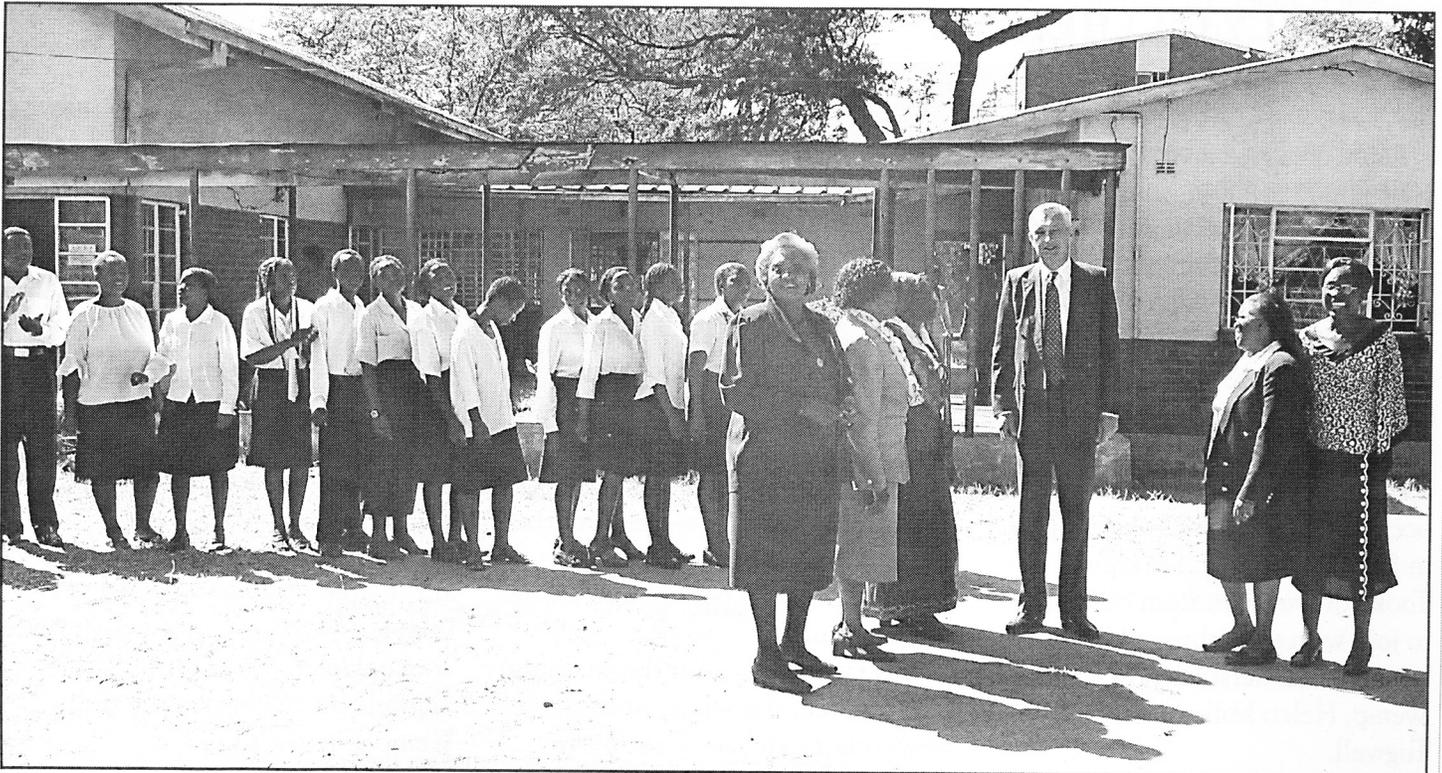
## NOTE FROM BEACON STAFF

In the July issue of The Beacon, we included a story from John Schram about a cheque-handover ceremony which took place in Harare, Zimbabwe.

The Amherst Island Women's Institute was honoured for their contribution to the local YWCA. Here are the photos of that event.

*Right: Ambassador John Schram.*

*Below: Some of the YWCA members*



# Senior Horizons to feature Amherst Island

Story and photos by Terry Culbert

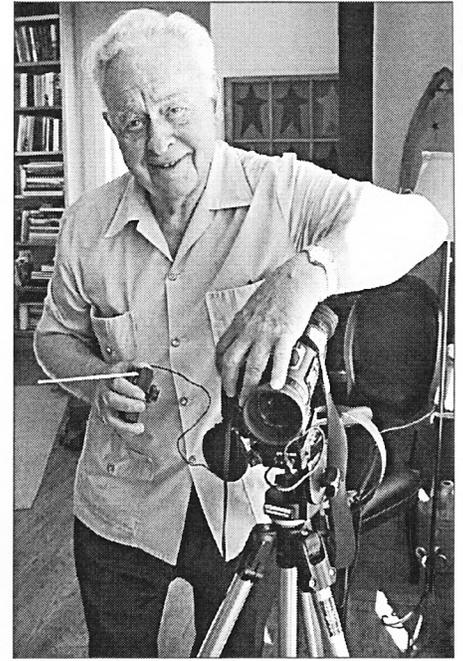


Producer Roy Holloway (pictured above) and cameraman/editor Arthur Bennett (above right), along with cameraman Arthur



Pigeon (not shown) are producing a series about Amherst Island to run this fall on Cogeco Cable in Kingston. Dates to be announced. Thus far in their weekly 7 to 10 minute productions, they have visited the Weasel & Easel, Topsy Farms, Victoria Hall Tea Room and The Lodge. They have done segments on journalists Peter Trueman, Stanley Burke and Terry Culbert. They have talked to Neil Johnston about Amherst Island Radio and have done pieces on artists Peggy Coulter and Eleanor Trueman.

The segments to be shown on Cogeco Cable will be on a program called 'Senior Horizons' on cable 13 in the Kingston cable subscription area.



The program airs on Thursdays at 7pm, then is repeated on Friday at 10am and 2pm.

## A FAMILY GATHERING

by Zander of DUNN INN

There occurred an historic family gathering here on Amherst Island on July 9, when Chad Miller, son of Donald and Judy Miller, was married to Kari Lakins at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

Chad's great uncles and aunts gathered for the occasion. Neilson, the oldest, flew in from Kelowna and Marjorie Tooke drove down from Hamilton to join with their three siblings still living on Amherst Island - Ralph Wemp, Helen Miller and Jean Tugwell.



While the family was together the ashes of Marjorie's son, Tom, who had died not long before, were buried on the island.

Only two weeks after the wedding Jean Tugwell, the youngest of the Wemp clan, celebrated her 80th

birthday at another family gathering to mark Bill and Annette Phillips' 25th wedding anniversary. Annette Phillips, the daughter of Paul and Carol (Miller) Glenn, is Helen Miller's grand-daughter and the great-niece of Neilson, Ralph, Marjorie and Jean. The Phillips girls, Shawna and Torri, also graced the occasion.

In the photograph, taken on July 9, at the Miller-Lakins wedding, are from left to right, front row: Marjorie Tooke, Helen Miller and Jean Tugwell. At the back are Ralph Wemp and Neilson Wemp.

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## How Do You Define an Amherst Islander?

it reminded him that their brother, James, a World War II vet, and his wife Grace also proved to be a good friend and neighbour. James and Grace were the kinds of people who would do anything to assist anybody with a problem.

What deeply impressed Gordon, beyond all the hands-on-help the family received, was the new T.V. the neighbours gave to them. Everybody around contributed cash toward the T.V. so that Doug Miller could be entertained while he was forced to lie in bed. Of course, Gordon and all the other members of the family, who had never owned a T.V., benefitted from this gift and were always very grateful to their Island friends.

Thanks to good doctoring and the support of The Islanders, Doug

emerged well and whole from the traction.

Gordon ended his story-definition of an Amherst Islander by observing that in all his travels, nowhere has he seen better team work and caring than on Amherst Island. A true Amherst Islander does not need to be asked to help. He or she will pitch in and compassion, kindness and patience (all aspects of love) can be

**“A true Amherst  
Islander does not need  
to be asked to help.”**

observed in action.

Gordon was willing to share that story for two reasons. First, he figured the story might be forgotten. Island-

ers needed to be reminded of their good history. Second, Islanders need to know they are good people who have done good things and do good things which are remembered and treasured.

Amherst Islanders are not the only people who do good to others, of course, but the Island must have some influence for good on those who visit. Gordon remembers Mr. Clute - an American who summ-ered at “Journey’s End” on Stella Point, who talked by radio to passing ships, who was a generous supporter of St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church, and who also befriended the Miller family. Gordon recalls how he was trying to fix up a broken old bike when Mr. Clute came to the house for a visit. Mr. Clute, after inspecting the hopeless task Gordon had embarked upon, suggested the old bike should be thrown in the lake. Gordon was disappointed and depressed, until a week later, when Mr. Clute arrived to give Gordon a big, beautiful, supercycle bicycle. Gordon thinks he may have skipped supper that night because he was riding his new bike nonstop.

Gordon and Lynn have introduced their daughter, Tracy, and their son, Troy, and his wife, Trish, to Amherst Island and they are as enamoured of the Island as are their parents. New bedrooms are being added to the cottage for their frequent visits. Gordon Miller is home where he belongs.



*Photo JH*

*Group of St. Paul’s women who organized a talk about trees with Donna Thompson. She gave a guided tour of her place and Ellie Gowan offered her garden as they had just finished a pond.*

# Wedding Dance

for  
Jessica Gavlas  
& Byron Rybka



Please join us on Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
from 8 p.m. – 12 a.m.  
at the Amherst Island Community Centre.

## AMERIKS SCHOLARSHIP FUND - 2005

Applications for the Ameriks Scholarship Fund, in memory of  
Reeve Frank Fleming, will be received by the Committee until  
October 31, 2005.

Amherst Island residents who currently attend post-secondary institutions on  
a full time basis are eligible to apply. Application forms are available at the  
Ferry Office in Stella during office hours, Monday, Wednesday and Friday or  
on the Loyalist Township website at:  
[www.loyalist-township.on.ca](http://www.loyalist-township.on.ca).

Please forward completed applications to the attention of the undersigned at:

The Corporation of Loyalist Township  
263 Main Street, Odessa, K0H 2H0

or leave at the Ferry Office for delivery

Brenda J. Hamilton, CMO  
Township Clerk

## THANK YOU NOTES

### AIR BOOK SALE

Thanks to all who donated, thanks to all who worked, thanks to all who came and bought!  
We sold about 2/3 of the books we had on hand- which is a LOT of books!

The remainder will be going to Value Village... unless anyone wants a full box (kind of a big grab-bag!) or paperbacks or hard covers!  
We have them all labelled as to type in each box, and they're available only by the fully packed box.. If so- email me direct at:  
tantonr@kingston.net or call me at 634-1855 if that is your wish!

Act soon— They will be gone to the mainland in a couple of days!

Tom Richmond  
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Our sincere thank you for the many kind words and cards for the loss of Bernice's dearly beloved brother, Harry.

Bernice and Neil.  
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### “Card of Thanks”

I wish to extend a sincere but long overdue thank-you to first and foremost Erna Redekopp my “guardian” angel for coming to my assistance so quickly the afternoon I fractured my ankle; yes, she answered my prayer. For the visits, phone calls, flowers and gifts of food received and many, many cards and good wishes while in hospital and after returning home.

To the First Response Team who also responded so quickly and efficiently and kept me comfortable until the ambulance arrived.

A special thanks to my sister Marian for coming to stay with me the first week after returning from hospital. To my sister-in-law Barbara for her many acts of kindness. To my fellow A.C.W. members and W.I. members for not only your flowers and cards and many visits but your prayers and support, a huge thank-you.

My biggest and most appreciated thanks goes to my family; Janice, Eric, Ryan, Brent and Ashley who opened their home and their hearts with love and the best care a Mother could ever have.

I am back in my own home now, and the love and support of my family, friends and very good neighbours just keeps happening.

I can't possibly live long enough to repay all the kindness and love that had been shown towards me over the past three months, but I'll try. What a wonderful, caring community. God Bless all of you.

Elsie Willard.

### TO USERS OF THE AMHERST ISLAND FERRY SERVICE

#### Ferry Line-up Procedures

##### Stella Ferry Dock

Line forms on the east side of the Stella Forty Foot, beginning at the sign and continuing to Front Road. If necessary, the line will continue around the corner on the north side of Front Road, east of the stop sign.

Do not leave gaps, except to avoid blocking driveways.

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##### Millhaven Ferry Dock

Please proceed to designated spaces, beginning in lane 1, closest to the water. If all 30 marked spaces are filled, line up behind the last car in the first line. If lane 1 is full, move to the end of the second, third, fourth or fifth lines, as needed. As cars from the first, second and third lines are loaded, proceed to the front of lane 1, then lane 2, etc., and wait until all vehicles in the designated spaces in all lines have been loaded, then proceed to be loaded.

Do not park on the traveled portion of Highway 33 at any time. If it is necessary to park along the highway, make sure your vehicle is on the far right-hand side of the roadway.

Do not leave spaces between cars. On occasion, there will be Township employees directing traffic in the loading areas. Please follow their instructions carefully.

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#### Cell Phone Use While Loading & Unloading The Ferry

Due to health and safety concerns of the travelling public, crew and property, the use of cell phones while loading and unloading the ferry is prohibited, as per Council Minute #2005.15.22. \*\*

Please follow instructions from ferry staff.

We appreciate your patience and co-operation.

Loyalist Township  
Amherst Island Ferry Service



**WATERSIDE PRESENTS  
CLASSICAL ENJOYMENT FOR  
AUGUST**

The Waterside Summer Series completes its summer series of five concerts on August 20. At St Paul's Church at 7.15 p.m., a newly formed baroque quintet presents its first concert. The quintet has been formed under the leadership of Donelda Gartshore, KSO Principal Flute, with Queen's colleague, harpsichordist Aurora Dokken, John Edwards from Ottawa on lute and theorbo, Torontonians Laura Jones on cello and Viola da Gamba and soprano Sarah Gartshore from Chicago.

The Quintet's program will include Baroque standards from composers such as Van Eyck, Frescobaldi and Purcell. Following intermission the quintet will delight further with Purcell's Summer Songs, Clara Schumann's Trio for flute, cello and piano, and John Cage's Wonderful Widow of Eighteen Strings.

Tickets are still available at \$15 each. They can be reserved by calling 613 384-2153, or subject to availability (telephone ahead to learn the status), purchased at the door at 6.45 p.m. on the day of the performance.

**COMING SOON**

Fresh baked goods in early morning at the Store. Muffins, cookies, rice crisps, etc. Talk to Candace at the Store for further information.

**WI Calendar 2006 - Art Entry  
Deadline Monday August 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Submit your art entry for the 2006 Birthday Calendar. Everyone is invited to participate. Get all the details and entry form at the WI Farmer's Market Booth, or by calling 389-1320 or 389-0636. All entries are invited to showcase their work at an art exhibit/calendar launch at the Lodge on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Scott Marshall is on Amherst Island working part-time on the ferry. I am also available to do odd jobs. Great rate, friendly personality. Please contact me at anytime with questions and inquiries.  
Phone: (613) 389-0554  
Page: (613) 549-9534 \*leave a message\*  
Email: skot\_m@hotmail.com

**TRANSFORM OUR SCHOOL  
SURROUNDINGS (TOSS)**

Update:  
In the June issue of The Beacon I mentioned how we have formed a committee to landscape the area around the school/community centre. We need ideas and so we have surveyed the children, teachers, and parents. Now it is your turn to have a say! You should have received a survey form through a household mailing. Please fill it out and drop it off at the Whitton house - there is a collection box on the porch or just leave it in the newspaper box out front.

Thank you!  
Lynann Whitton

**COTTAGE FOR RENT**  
Private bay, North Shore Amherst Is-

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**DEAR ISLANDERS:**

My name is Peter. I am looking for a plot of land of habitable building. I can pay up to \$3000.00. I plan to build an environmentally friendly house for myself. This is for medical reasons for my health in general. If you have questions please call my grandmother at 634-8716 or myself at 613-771-1861 in Belleville.

Peter Bigras  
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*If you have more information on any of the older photographs appearing in this or any other issue of the Beacon, please write or phone us at our Global Headquarters. Ian's number is (613) 389-3802*  
-Who is in the photo?  
-Where was it taken & by whom?  
-What was the occasion?  
Thank you! Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

**AMHERST ISLAND ANGELS FOR AIDS**

We are seeking any and all donations of material, fabric, ribbon (especially wired) and all manner of fancy, shiny things for making our Angels. If you call me, Judy Roberts, at 389-4334, I will gladly pick things up from you; alternately, you can drop things off at St. Paul's Church on Sundays.

In 2004, we raised over \$4000 to help the victims of AIDS in Malawi, Africa. All donations are greatly appreciated  
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**ART ENTRY DEADLINE MONDAY AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>**

Submit your art entry for the 2006 Birthday Calendar. All ages are invited to participate. Get all the details at the W.I. Island Market  
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**WANTED:**

I am collecting the following for the Napanee S.P.C.A. Any kind of used stamps. A&P tapes, Cdn Tire

Money. Used towels, etc, and cleaning supplies. Cat and dog food. Knitted squares & material placemats. (The latter provide comfort to cats in the cages.) The "CatsMeow" thrift store is always grateful for used clean clothing and paperback books.

Any of the above may be left in my porch or call me regarding any other items. The animals really do need our help. Freda. 384-4135.  
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**ACW TURKEY SUPPER & SALE**

**Saturday October 1st**

**at**

**Community Centre  
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.  
Advance Tickets Only**

**For Tickets Call:  
389-4874 or 389-4327**

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Logo by Vicki Keith-Munro

**ANNOUNCING**

The AIR PIG & LAMB ROAST!  
Saturday September 24th, 4 until 7pm at The Lodge on Amherst Island, 320 Mcdonalds lane in beautiful downtown Stella.

Professional Roaster coming to do the honours, Lamb donated by Topsy Farms.

Raffle, kids activities & more

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Neil Johnston 389-5389,  
Michele LeLay 389-6725

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OH, and we are up to 123 Members now!

See you soon!

Tom R.

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- BIRTH – Nicole Kidman
- ARE WE THERE YET? – Ice Cube
- RACING STRIPES
- BLADE TRINITY – Wesley Snipes
- KINSEY – Liam Neeson

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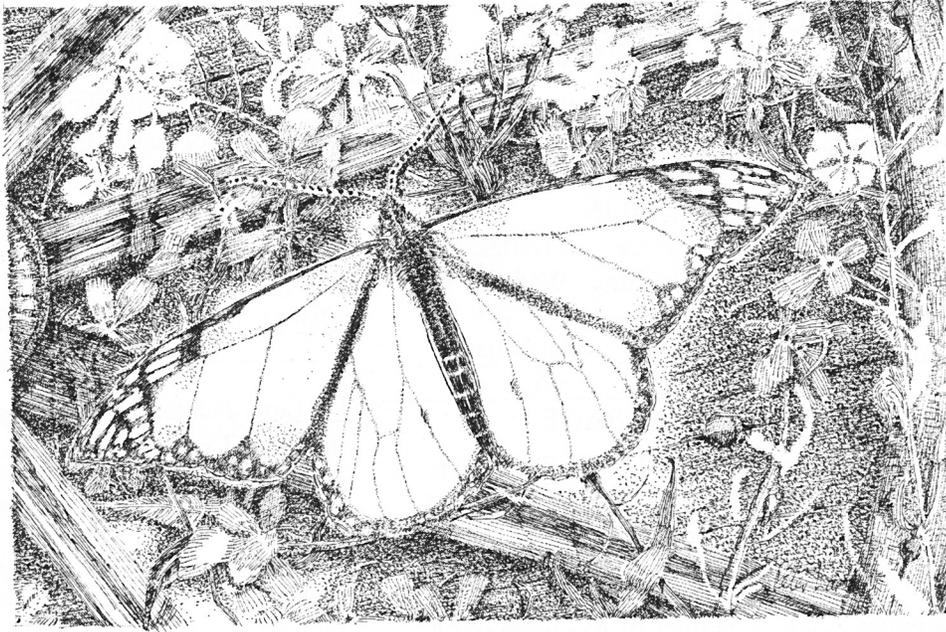


**I am collecting used stamps-** any kind for the guide dogs, clean used clothing and books for the "Cat's Meow." Used towels, cleaning products, A&P tapes and 12" x 12" knitted squares may be left in my front porch or call for a pick-up. The animals really need our help. Freda 384-4135.

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*In last month's issue of The Beacon, we printed two wonderful illustrations by Peter Large. Regrettably, the reproduction of those illustrations was not as it should have been.*

*Here are both illustrations, Butterfly in Wheel at top and Summertime.*