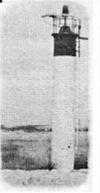


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Photo Judith Harrower

Vicki and John arriving at the potluck party at the Community Centre to celebrate Vicki's accomplishment. See more photos and a tribute from Deb Kimmett on Page 11.

THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray,
editor

Vicki Keith's
miraculous swim



has been so extensively covered by the daily media that there is little more that we can say except congratulations to Vicki and her support crew. Ms. Keith's remarkable accomplishment is, I think, somewhat enhanced by the fact that she showed up for the regular fire department training session the day after she completed her swim. She was teased about being 5 minutes late by her fellow firefighters.

The Beacon, for at least a few issues, will be 20 pages long. Maintaining a consistent size will help with production planning and costs. When necessary, the regular advertisements will be eliminated.

Perhaps we should do a special insert of all the goods and services

available from Islanders, as well as some services available from the mainland. This could be a fund-raising project for some Island group.

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On behalf of the Beacon staff, I apologize for the lateness of the last few issues. We hope that we have got the problems sorted out that have plagued us recently.

I very much appreciate the good material that our various contributors have trusted us with. I also appreciate the patience of our

readership in not complaining (very much) about having to wait so long for the Beacon.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Well, it has been a busy summer, and I didn't get my news in on time for the first of July, so some news is old or belated!

Belated get well wishes to Alicia Wolfreys and Neil Johnson.

Congratulations to this summer's brides and grooms. Jason (son of Phil Lyons and Liz Hogeboom) and Danielle Silver were married quietly in February, but celebrated their marriage at a reception at the Community Centre with family and friends in August. Chad (son of Don and Judy Miller) and Kari Lakins were married at St. Paul's on the Island in July then celebrated with a reception in Napanee. Jamie (son of Janet Scott

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& Alex Scott) and Sara McGinn (daughter of Russell & Jane McGinn) were married on the lawn of their Island home, followed by a reception at the Community Centre. Jim, Lynann and Ben Whitton travelled to Scotland over the summer; Brian and Eva Little and family spent a week in Virginia; Beth Forester travelled to Texas with her daughter Julie and family; and my mom Kay Wolfreys is here from Orlando for a couple of months.

Myles and Cheryl Hutchings and their family spent time in Newfoundland for a family reunion and wedding.

St. Alban's ACW held an extremely successful Chicken BBQ in July, with I believe record numbers attending!

St. Paul's held the annual Garden Party at the end of July, with food, entertainment, games, auctions and lots of visiting.

The Abram's Family headlined an afternoon fundraising concert on the farm of Paul and Gwen Lauret, for Vicki Keith's marathon swim.

Congratulations to Vicki for her record setting (for distance and time in the water) swim!!

A Community Pot Luck dinner was held to recognize Vicki's accomplishment, with about 150 people coming out.

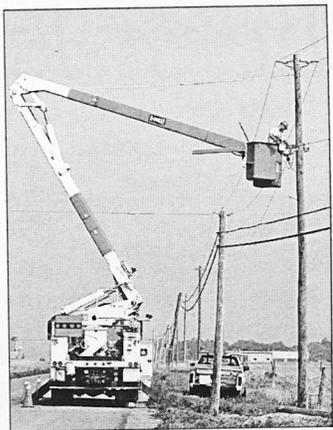
COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

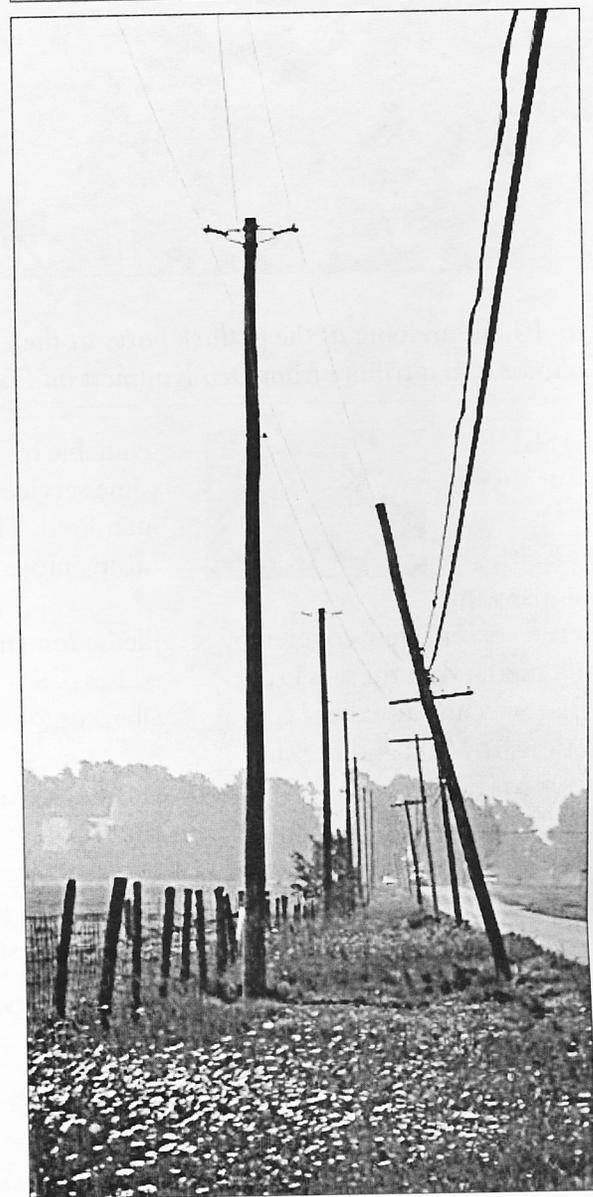
Four bids were received for shingling the Neilson Store Museum: The bids ranged from \$5350 to \$14,375. The lowest bid was accepted.

Caroline Yull wrote a letter to Council requesting that there be signs placed on the publicly owned Stella Bay dock asking boaters not to block swimmers from the ladders.

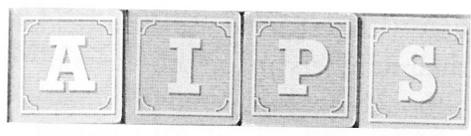
Council decided "that the complainant be advised that the situation does not warrant a sign at this time but the issue will be monitored".



Photos Terry Culbert



The new and longer hydro poles were erected along the Stella 40 Foot Road by crews from Hydro One replacing defective poles. Over the years, the strong Island winds caused the old poles to lean to the east. The new poles have been buried deeper into the soil and will be more stable.



AIPS enrolment is up!

Amherst Island Public School
- Lyn Fleming

Our enrolment is up! We had two grade eight graduates leave us this past June, which brought our numbers down to 25.

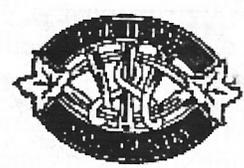
We have 5 new Junior Kindergarten students, 1 new Senior Kindergarten student and a grade 7 student transferring back to the A.I.P.S. That brings our actual student enrolment up to 32, with a full time equivalent of 29. Grade breakdown is as follows:

JK - 5 students; SK - 3 students; grade 1 - 2 students; grade 2 - 5 students; grade 3 - 3 students; grade 4 - 4 students; grade 5 - 2 students; grade 6 - 3 students; grade 7 - 5 students.

Andrew Cotton will return this year as Primary teacher as well as head teacher; Jan Samis will cover the Senior Class for the months of September and October, until Jen VanDyke returns from her maternity leave on October 31st. Stephanie Raeburn-Gibson will return as .75 A.I.P.S. Science/ planning teacher as well as operating the Amherst Island Science School for students from the mainland. Janet Scott will return as .50 planning teacher; Donna Willard as Educational Assistant, and Lynn Fleming as secretary. Anne Potter is principal and Fred Leavitt is vice-principal; both are based at Bath Public School and spend time at the Island school.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Joyce Haines



Amherst Island Women's Institute meeting was held on Wednesday, August 18, at the home of Erika Krauklis. Fourteen members attended with an out of town guest, Joyce Reid's sister visiting from Montreal. Meeting was called to order with the opening Ode and the Collect. Minutes were read for the last two months: June's meeting and the brief minutes held during the July outing to two wineries in Prince Edward County. Fourteen members and five guests visited the wineries and had a superb lunch at The Hidden Bistro.

The A.I.W.A. entertained two Women's Institute branches from Prince Edward County, Mountainview and Wellington. Mountainview visited on August 3 and enjoyed their brown bag lunch at the home of Judith Harrower who provided drinks. The women were interested in our projects and it was learned that Mountainview

W.I. runs the one day Craft sale at the Picton Fair grounds, this year being their 28th year. The women then toured the Island and had tea at the Victoria Hall. The Wellington ladies came to the Island on August 16th and after a visit to the Weasel & Easel and the Museum, they had refreshments at Claire Jenny's home. They visited the Wool Shop and ended their tour at the Victoria Hall Tea Room.

A letter from the YWCA ladies in Harare, Zimbabwe was read thanking us for our contribution.

Loyalist Township replied to our concern of lack of cardboard recycling for the Island. The letter stated that a tender for cardboard could be in place in early 2006. Letters will be sent regarding the delay in starting recycling our cardboard.

The Stone Fence project was discussed and congratulations to Joyce Haines for obtaining a CIBC grant of \$300 for continued work on the project. Money raised from the sale of the 'Doors of Amherst Island' posters is approximately \$438.

The 2006 calendars are moving ahead with a very good response from Islanders regarding birthdays for the calendars. Remember to get your birthday to us so you won't be missed.

The purchase of a Katura tree was approved to honour the A.I.W.I. first president, Mrs McDonald. Keep posted for more info.

The next meeting is a ROSE open meeting to

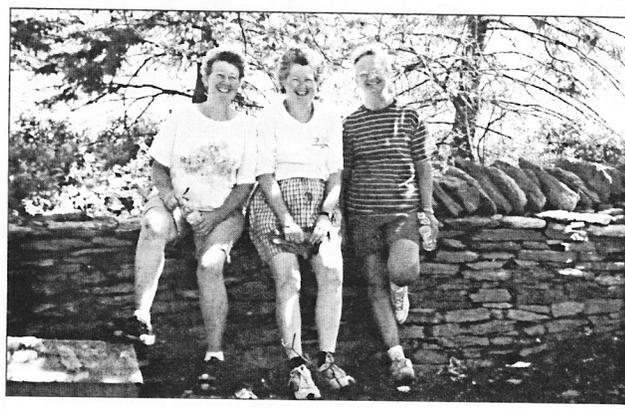


Photo JH
Sitting on the completed section of Stone Fence are Stella O'Byrne, Susan (Coralie's daughter) and Joyce Haines.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

be held on September 21st at St Paul's Hall at 7 PM. The topic is "The Need for Higher Education in an Increasingly Complex World" presented by Gian Frontini. All Welcome.

The meeting was closed and Stella O'Byrne then gave a brief history of Shiatsu and how the energies in our bodies are directly related to external stresses and tensions. Stella gave a demonstration followed by the members pairing off and practising the techniques.

A wonderful lunch was provided by Erika which was greatly enjoyed with the new moon rising over the south shore. *****

JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

A Time For Passing

The birds are beginning to pass as fall approaches and they are heading for warmer climates. On a moonlight night you can sometimes see these tiny travellers as they fly over during the night or hear their tiny peeps as they keep track of the rest of the flock in the dark. Their annual southerly migration has begun.



On August the 22nd a group of Kingston Field Naturalists visited Amherst Island under the leadership of Bruce Ripley and saw 80 different bird species and 16 species of butterflies. The next Amherst Island Naturalists' trip is scheduled for October 16th and of course by then they will be hoping to see the first migrating owls.

The August trip included 11 species of Warblers found in the Owl Woods. This list included

Nashville, Canada, Black-throated Blue, Magnolia, Blackburnian, Northern Waterthrush, and Wilson's warblers as well as Yellow-bellied Flycatchers, Philadelphia Vireos and Juncos. When you try to identify the warblers using your Field Guide please remember that they will be changing from summer plumage to winter and may be somewhere in between. Identifying warblers requires patience, time, lots of sightings and a variety of field guides. They bounce and flit around the canopy of the trees catching insects and taking them out of cobwebs as well. This is time well spent because a successful identification comes with such a wonderful reward of satisfaction that you feel like you've really done something.

now with restricted use of pesticides their numbers are on the rise and although not recovered in numbers to the pre 50 years they are considered now of special concern rather than endangered.

If you ever get to attend a trip with Bruce Ripley as leader you will also start to identify our native butterflies. The group identified 16 species such as Monarch, Painted Ladies, Orange Sulphurs, Common Ringlets and Black Saddlebags. As you've probably noticed the Monarchs are starting to gather along the South shore as they prepare to migrate as well.

The variety of flora and fauna on Amherst Island is always such a treat and never ceases to amaze me. Walk, run, sit and meditate but don't



Northern Waterthrush

The same group of Birders continued on to the Kingston Field Naturalist's property at the foot where they saw a Variety of Shorebirds such as Stilt Sandpiper, Short-billed Dowitchers, Black-bellied Plovers and Sanderlings. These shorebirds were being harassed by a Merlin. Merlins are a small falcon slightly larger than our resident Kestrels and without that black facial pattern of Peregrines or Kestrels. Merlins were an endangered species during the 70's as so many species were unsuccessful breeders due to organochlorine residues they ingested but

forget to admire God's creation as you look around you and see the leaves turn colour, the fields fill with purple asters and our wires crowd with Swallows.

"What a Wonderful World!"

Good Birding!

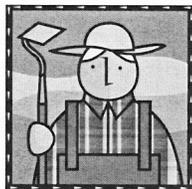
Note: Remember about filling your feeders. Once in a while you get a surprise. August 24th Sharon David of Howe Island reported a Black-headed Grosbeak at her feeder.

Keep watching.

AMHERST ISLAND
MEN'S SOCIETY

-Hugh Jenney
August 13th
Meeting

Alan Kidd was
away so Neil
Johnston did an
excellent job
filling in.



Zander Dunn provoked thunderous applause by thanking John Kuti for his whirling dervish one-man-breakfast act. Delicious.

Transportation Committee: Ralph Woods thanked Hugh Jenney, Paul Lauret, Don Pepper and Allan Glenn for helping our Islanders with their doctors' appointments.

Ralph asked for more volunteers and the following men left their telephone numbers. Please keep this list in case Ralph is away and you know somebody who needs a ride.

1. Ken Albertan 389-2662
2. David Brady 389-9675 (Home) office 540-0411
3. Bruce Burnett 634-6696
4. Dick Dodds 389-7032
5. Ross Haines 634-7894
6. Hugh Jenney 384-7830
7. Doug Lamb 384-6521
8. Paul Lauret 389-1403
9. Doug Martin 389-5997
10. John Munro 384-0415

Most people are so thankful for this help that they insist on making a donation to AIMS. We agreed that a driver's expenses should be deducted from the donation. \$10 for gas was considered a fair reimbursement. Ralph will supply the ferry ticket.

Peter Trueman asked for more volunteers for his Home Care & Assistance Committee. These people may provide babysitting, companionship and maybe a meal

as relief for the constant caregiver. Please keep this list too.

1. Ken Albertan 389-2662
2. Allan Glenn 389-0214
3. Dayle Gowan 634-3815
4. Ross Haines 634-7894
5. Neil Johnston 389-5389
6. John Kuti 389-0890

Ross Haines introduced his new guest and grandson, Mike. Mike has been involved in helping with the Neilson Store renovations. He worked on the stage for the school. He helped build the horseshoe pits with Allan Glenn and John Kuti. Mike has joined the Airforce Cadets.

Allan Glenn asked for volunteers to help clear off the brush from Stella O' Byrne's property in Emerald. Phil Silver will do the cutting for the wood. Ross and Hugh volunteered their trucks to take the brush to the dump. Doug Martin offered to help.

We will do it when Phil Silver says.

Allan announced that the horseshoe pits are being used. He thanked Dayle Gowan and Dick Dodds for donating the horseshoes. Horseshoe time is Wednesday from 7 to 9 PM.

Bruce Burnett reported on the Amherst Island Museum. Thanks to a \$1,000 grant from the Retired Teachers of Ontario local branch 20, the AI Museum has hired four local students to catalogue our artifacts and generally guide visitors. Be sure to drop in and say hello to Beth Albertan, Laurel Brady, Marlene

Kilpatrick and Caitlin McDonald.

John Kuti gave a short talk about his new business. If you want to be part of creating a new book which satirizes escalating violence, then give him a call at 389-0890. His retail shop will open in a renovated limestone building in Newburg at the end of September.

It was agreed to donate \$1,000 to the Vicki Keith swim.

John Munro asked for volunteers for the New Year's Dinner & Dance Committee: So far we have Allan Caughey, Bruce Burnett, Ross Haines, Brian Little and Richard Tkachuck. More are needed so please call John 384-0415 to volunteer. Women Welcome!

AIMS wagon at the Saturday Market-Bruce Burnett advised the volunteers to get help. One person can not do it alone. Volunteers are expected to merchandise the goods, arrange and dispose of "junk", i.e. get someone to take it to the dump before noon.

Dick Dodds thanked Bruce Burnett for all his hard work and long hours helping with the AIMS table. Neil also mentioned that Bruce Caughey of Fair Board Fame needs ideas for what to do with the fair board land behind the market. It will revert to the Township if we

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Commitment to work on stone fences:

I am willing to work on (day) _____ for the specified hours between _____

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature: _____

CO-OPERATION AND TEAMWORK

An Interview with Jean Tugwell - Part 1

- Zander of DUNN INN

Jean Tugwell began life on Amherst Island 80 years ago on 26 July, 1925. She was the youngest child of Arnold Edward Wemp and Kathleen Downie Neilson (of the Neilson Store family). The eldest child in the family was Neilson, followed by Ralph, then Helen (Miller) and Marjorie (Tooke). The five children and their parents lived happily in the farm house in which David and Betty Wemp now reside.

According to family lore, on the day Jean was born her mother signalled, with her red sweater, from an upper window, to her father, working in the potato patch, that she was ready to deliver. Jean's father drove to the nearest phone - at the general store in Emerald - and called Dr. Northmore in Bath. Dr. Northmore was there for Jean's birth and was assisted by Mrs. Annie McDonald, a midwife (who perhaps got there first because she lived in a small house just down the



The Tugwells

piano leading the music of the 1920's and 1930's. Her dad taught all the children to dance as well!

Families did not travel about in those days the way they do today. Jean and her siblings had to stick close to home and work hard. But there were many family picnics to which both Island and mainland relatives came. The beach was a favourite place to go to play. There were many supper parties so it was not often that only the seven family members were present for meals. Meal-times were full of fun with so many in attendance.

When Jean was a young girl her father purchased a Dodge car. It was the height of fashion because it sported leatherette side-curtains to keep out the cold and the dust. Jean thought it was magnificent. The boys loved to drive that machine up the road to swim in the lake after the cows had been milked. All the girls in the family, "who went along for the

ride," were thrilled and scared when their brothers put that automobile through its paces.

Jean attended Number Four School - a two mile walk from her house. There were no comforts in that school. The children sat two and three to a desk and in the winter time had to huddle around the stove to keep warm. About 30 children

attended that school from grades one to eight. The Gibsons, the McGinns, the Reids, the Howards, the Richards, the McKees and the Eves were her classmates. Clarence Hogeboom was an excellent teacher and disciplinarian.

Getting to school was not easy for little Jean. She was afraid of the bulls in the fields she had to pass. In the winter Jean found it difficult to jump over the frozen furrows in the fields but her brother, Ralph, helped her and also carried her lunch pail. Most of the kids liked to walk on the stone fences and they took joy in pushing each other off. Special days and times Jean remembers well. Arbour Day was a favourite. On a day in Spring, everybody worked hard in the morning to clean the school and the grounds. As a reward the kids were given home-made candy and allowed to go into the woods to pick flowers in the afternoon.

Please see next month's Beacon for Part 2 of Zander Dunn's Interview with Jean Tugwell

“Jean enjoyed a happy childhood full of music and singing.”

road from where Anna Hitchins lives today).

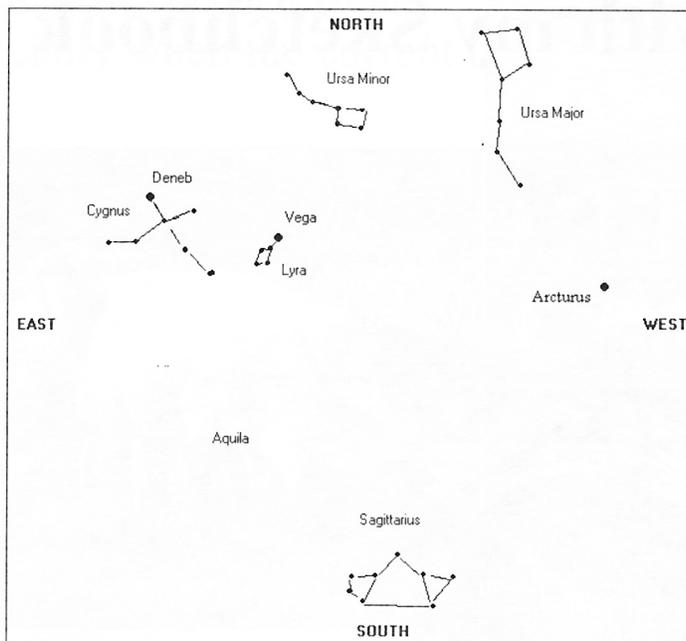
Jean enjoyed a happy childhood full of music and singing. Not only did the family sing during work and gather for singalongs, all the children were taught to be cheerful. Jean especially remembers in the evenings her father playing the mandolin and her mother on the



- Alan Kidd

The constellation Cygnus, or the Northern Cross, is overhead in the early September evening. It is right next to Vega, the bright jewel of the summer skies. Now that we are getting closer to fall, there are more clear nights and the Milky Way should be more visible. The other bright star in the evening sky is Arcturus, which dominates the western sky. Arcturus is easy to find once you locate the Big Dipper. Just follow the curved line drawn through the dipper's handle for a distance a bit more than the length of that handle and you will get to Arcturus. There is no mistaking this star, since it is the brightest object in that part of the sky.

Following the Milky Way south from the Northern Cross, we come to the constellation of Sagittarius,



sometimes called the teapot. Sagittarius is always near the southern horizon and is best seen in these parts in August and September. Sagittarius marks the centre of the Milky Way and is a fine sight. There are a half dozen star clusters and nebulae grouped around the top of the Sagittarius teapot. All can be seen easily with a pair of binoculars. The chart shows the location of Cygnus, Vega and Sagittarius, along with the Big Dipper for reference.

the month, but the two planets will continue to provide a fine sight in the evening twilight.

Mars is now getting very bright as it approaches Earth. It will be rising around 8:30 at month's end and doubles in brightness over the course of the month. It offers some fine views in a low power telescope.

Saturn now rises several hours before, and is located near M44, the Beehive cluster. Binoculars will provide a fine view.

HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray



Each month our farm receives a "Statement of Account for Current Source Deductions" indicating what money had been deducted from employees and forwarded to the federal government. The latest statement contained the following: "This year, National Payroll Week is from September 12 to 16, 2005. The Canada Customs and Revenue Agency salutes payroll practitioners across the country, our partners in administering payroll deduction requirements."

I am not making this up; I just don't have the imagination. Salutes? Partners?

Molly Stroyman held a BBQ recently to which she invited those who had helped in various ways to get the Lodge up and running. Between the main course and the desserts, Molly thanked her guests, in some detail, for the work they had done.

Considering the money and effort that Molly has put into the Lodge, I think she should have been on the receiving end of the thanks.

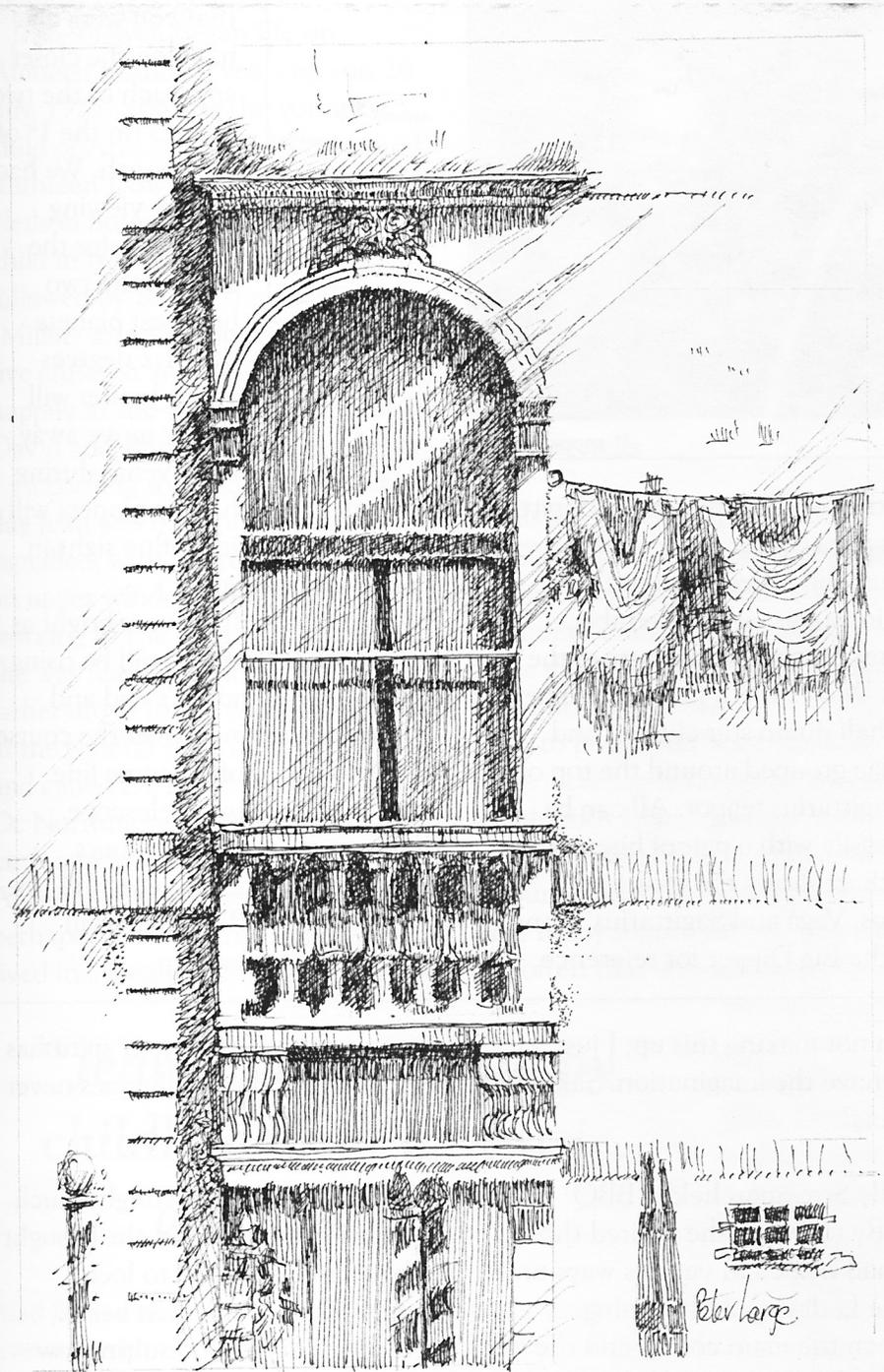
Thank you Molly for restoring and

improving the Lodge: your spirit has been strong and your cheques never bounced.

Hurricane Katrina wrought much devastation but the rain she brought to the Island is a boon to local farmers. This summer has been particularly dry with resulting low hay and pasture yields. The rain greatly increases the chances of some good fall pasture which will be much appreciated by farmers and their livestock.

Travels with my Sketchbook

by Peter Large



House on a Venetian Canal

By Peter Large S.C.A.

Episode Two

In which we arrive in Venice.

We flew from London to Venice in the early evening, arriving after dark at the Venice Air Terminal.

We were directed to a bus that would take us to the docks of the public boat line (called the Vaporetto). After that we were to find our hotel on our own. Some-

where along a Venetian Canal.

Venice is a city for walkers and boats - no wheeled vehicles (even bicycles) are allowed. The city is laced with canals, narrow alleys, and dim passages - all designed to confound new visitors.

The Tourist Office in the Terminal was open. We asked the pleasant woman on duty if she could confirm where our hotel was.

She called; called again, then told us with regret that the hotel, booked four months earlier, had no record and no rooms.

It was now past 10:30pm and the terminal was emptying.

Then the woman at the desk remembered a new hotel, just opened and very near a Vaporetto stop. She phoned. They had rooms and gave us directions. We ran to the dock, caught the next boat and after watching intently, the name and number of each stop, jumped off at the one that was ours.

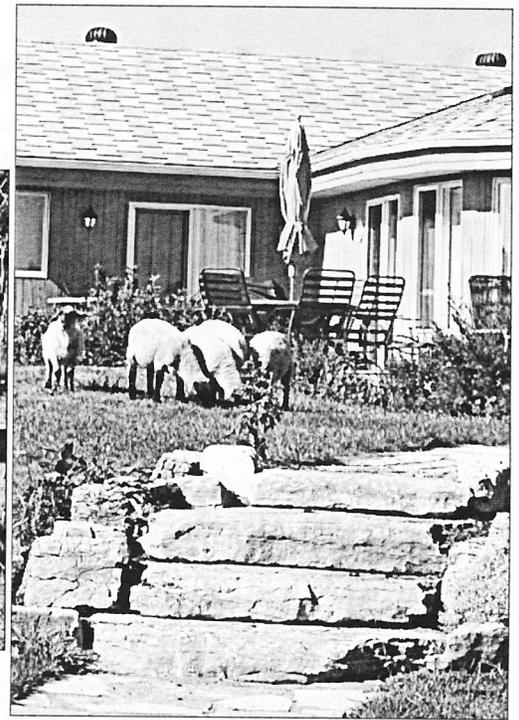
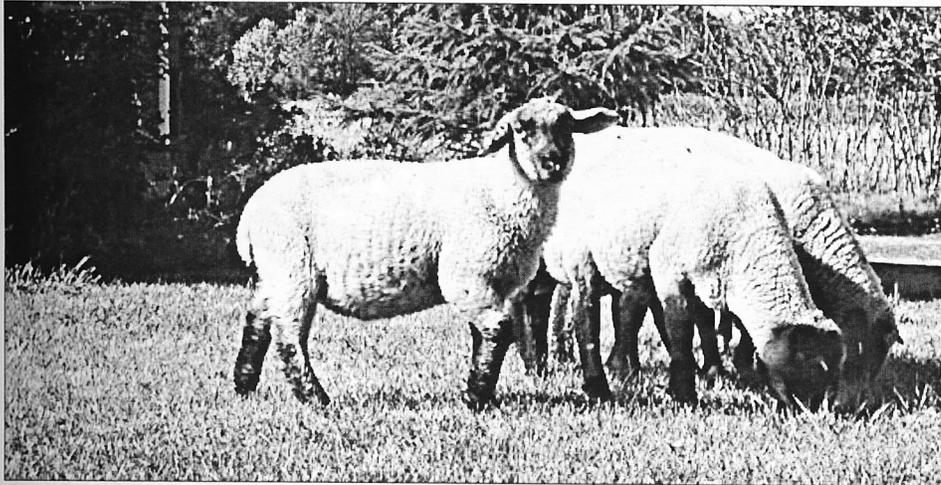
It was now after 11pm. People were walking their dogs on the jetty. Two cafes were open with customers at little tables outside and to the right we saw the hotel where we would stay happily for the next five days. It's open door lit the street, and silhouetted our waiting host.

Later, after we were settled we walked into the fragrant spring night. We could hear the late night boats coming and going and people walking away into the dark.

We could see hints of canals and of narrow flatboats tied up at their own, small wharfs, and arched doorways of old houses reflected in the dark, slowly moving water.

We had arrived in Venice.

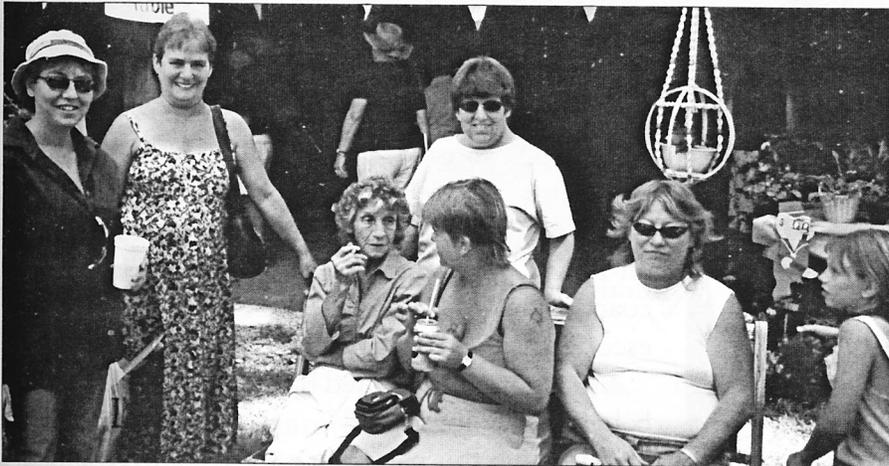
GRASS IS GREENER ON THE OTHER SIDE of the electric fence, especially when the current isn't running through it!



"Great of the McIlquham's to keep their grass so long and lush."

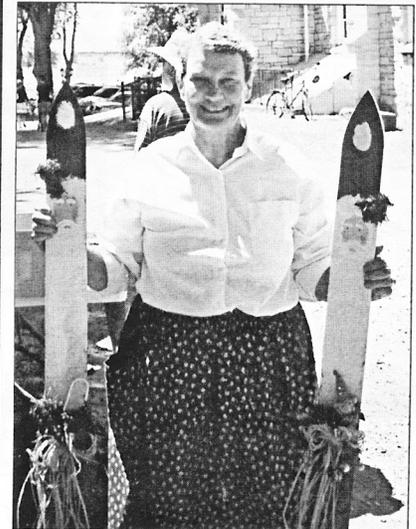
Pictures by Terry Culbert, taken along the Second Concession Road, alongside O'Drains Bay.

"I'll keep an eye out for Chris Kennedy on his ATV."



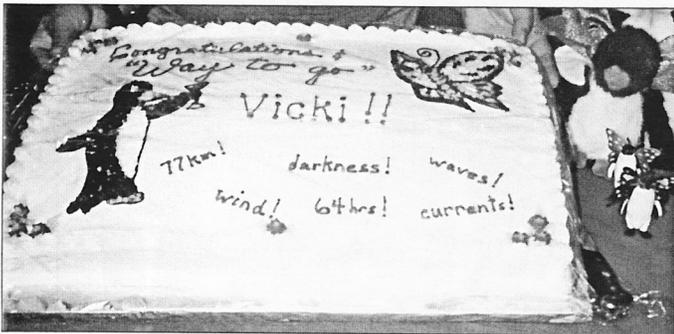
St. Paul's Garden Party

Above: The McGinn ladies in attendance - Tessa, Glenda, Susan, Gale, Wanda, Bonnie and Muressa. Above right: Never place an opening bid with Bruce Caughey as auctioneer as I ended up with the article, pair of decorative skis. I only wanted to get the bidding going. Right: Eleanor Trueman, Coralie Marshall and her daughter Susan from Winnipeg, and Claire Jenny at the book stall.



Photos Judith Harrower

Potluck Party to celebrate courage...



- Lynann Whitton

A potluck party was held for Vicki at the Community Centre to celebrate her wonderful accomplishment. About 180 people attended, about 1/3 from off-Island. Vicki was ushered to the party in Garry's coach pulled by Clydesdales (pictured above), escorted by two formally dressed coachmen.

A plaque was presented by Duncan Ashley on behalf of the Township.

Although this party was not meant to be a fundraiser, a further \$975 was raised.

Deb Kimmett read a tribute that she'd written, seen on the following page.



...and broken records!

FOR VICKI

- Deb Kimmett

It's said when a butterfly flaps its wings it creates a wind which builds to a wave, which create a storm somewhere else across the world.

In science this idea is known as the Chaos Theory.

Now a lot of us think of chaos as a negative idea, but when I looked it up in the dictionary, it said chaos is the disturbance that occurs before a creative force is put into play.

For nearly sixty-four hours The Butterfly flapped her wings.

There was sickness, exhaustion and hallucinations and chaos.

But as news went out across the radio waves a ripple began to build.

People who didn't know you, not interested in sport, not interested in marathons, some not interested much in what life has to offer, began to gather at the water.

In a world, that is built on speed, and flashy images, people stood for hours staring at the lake. Staring the way one stares in awe at a sleeping baby. They were totally captivated, as they looked out upon a pitch-dark lake, feeling too guilty to go to sleep in case they should miss sighting the lone Butterfly.

We say there is an energy crisis,
Is it not more of an energy focus?

For when all that energy is focused on some-

thing that wonderful, look at how much of it we seem to have access to.

With each stroke people wrote checks, big ones and small ones. People wept.

People who had years of physical trials began to feel connected back to life, that their pain had some meaning.

People felt connected to precious life energy that flows beneath the surface.

Butterfly woman did experience chaos. As she struggled to flap her wings and the lake waves continued to try and spit her out, the Butterfly focused on the real bottom-line.

Children.

Her eyes did not see politically correct words, like disabled, special needs.

Her eyes simply saw children on the shoreline creating a wave: Go Vicki, go.

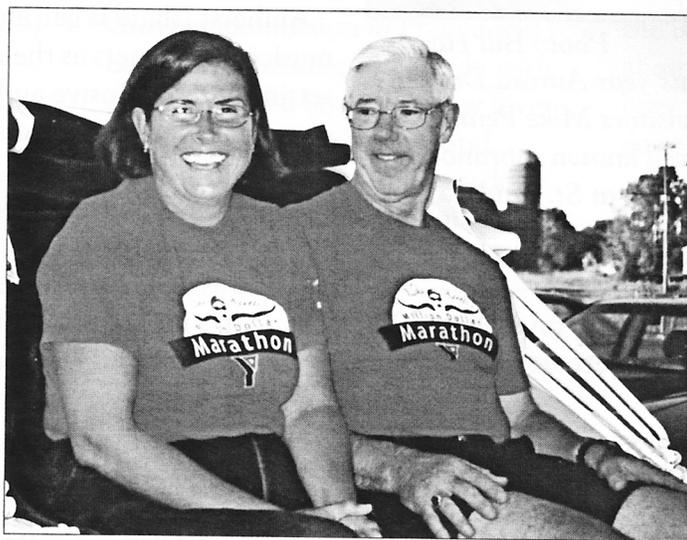
And it was that creative force that shepherded her to shore, that took chaos and put the creative force into play.

A great theologian said if a person could access all the love available in a human heart, it would be the second time man invented fire.

Her fiery passion broke her own world record. It raised thousands of dollars.

It ignited us and most of all her arms gave our hearts, wings.

Thank you Butterfly Woman.



Vicki Keith and John Munro

Waterside season finishes on a high note



Photo Bill Harris

At the last Waterside concert this year Aurora Dokken shows her rare harpsichord to visitors Mike Pennell and Janet McKeage. Janet, a well known soprano in eastern Ontario, was a guest soloist at St. Paul's Sunday service the next day.

- Bill Harris

The Waterside Summer Series finished on August 20th with the "Baroque and Beyond" concert attracting a full house.

This concert, which had been organized by Donelda Gartshore, principal flute of the Kingston Symphony, included her Queen's music colleague Aurora Dokken, who brought her own elegant harpsichord to this concert. John Edwards came from Ottawa with his six foot theorbo, (a very large lute), and Laura Jones

brought her cello and viola da gamba from Toronto. Sarah Gartshore, a soprano from Chicago completed this musical quintet.

Their program included a six song composition commissioned for this concert from former Kingston resident Clifford Crawley.

Waterside had another record breaking year this summer, with three of the five concerts sold out. In addition to this Baroque concert, the first concert with Nancy White, Roger James and Bob Johnston, and the third concert with Quartetto Gelato were full houses.

Amherst Island is getting quite a reputation with musical performers as the ideal combination of intimate setting and responsive audience. Examples of just some comments from performers are:

"Waterside has a much deserved reputation of treating its entertainment royally." – Roger James

"It was a pleasure playing for you." – Gary Benson
"St. Paul's Presbyterian Church with its excellent acoustics and good lighting is the perfect venue."

– Chanteclair

"A wonderful group of people to play for."

– Duncan Hopkins

Our many volunteers and sponsors make these concerts possible, bringing pleasure to many. They are a credit to all of us on Amherst Island.

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AMHERST ISLAND MEN'S SOCIETY

do not think of something constructive soon. Call Bruce 389-2012 with your idea.

Richard Tkachuck is teaching a four hour course at Cornell on starting an internet business. He has asked for a practice audience. He will be talking about using search engines, how to use E-Bay and other good things. The plan is to hold it at the Neilson Store late September in the evening.

John Wright and Allan Glenn were thanked for constructing such a professional community notice board on the west side of the store. Put any notices into the adjacent box and the committee will put it up if it is of value to our community.

It was decided to invite Vector Wind Energy Inc. to

an AI public meeting to answer residents' questions.

Neil Johnston will ask the police to send a representative to our next meeting to talk about what services they provide. Peter Trueman pointed out that Loyalist Township pays the OPP \$100,000 a year for their services.

Judy Harrower asked for help building the east wall of the Pentland Cemetary. The work starts Thursday and Friday from 9 AM til 5 PM. Any two hours is gratefully accepted. So far they have found bones, a piece of skull and farm implements. Only small stones are moved to build the fence. Several people filled out the form which is reproduced here(see page 5) for your use. Joyce or Judy will call to set up the times. They supply liquid refreshments.

LETTER

from **Drew Strickland, Calgary**

My mother, Yvonne Leach (Taylor) gave me a copy of the Beacon (Issue 322 Dec 04). On p.13 there is a photo of the Amherst Island Roll of Honour for the two great wars, (article "Remembrance Day Thoughts" - Rosemary Richmond). The WWI list had many familiar names to me. I went to the island from Kingston for six summers in the '50s with my grandmother, born and raised there, to visit relatives and friends. Her name was Margaret Smith (d. '63) one of the sisters of Bert Smith listed on the WWI Roll of Honour. She married my grandfather, William Daniel McGratton Taylor (d.'63). Margaret was from the Smith, Beaubien, Bray families of

the island. Bill was from the Taylor, McGratton, Montgomery stream. All their ancestors are buried in St. Paul's PC cemetery. They were both baptized there. They farmed and fished with the rest until the Depression sent them to the mainland (a Bath farm) for work and eventually to Kingston.

With that history named, I wanted to note that William D. M. Taylor, for whatever reason, is not listed on the Roll of Honour for WWI. He enlisted in Barriefield and served in a battalion and in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in France and England, returning to Canada with so many after a bout of yellow fever in May 1919. I researched and received copies of his military documents through the National Archives in the '90s. He spoke occa-

sionally about the experience and mentioned most of the names at one time or another that are listed on the Roll of Honour - e.g. Bert Smith who later became his brother-in-law, the Willards, the Wemps, Jimmie Cochrane, Wally Holland. Anyway, I wondered why he was overlooked when the Roll was compiled. If he was I would imagine that there could be another. Garry Filson in the lower picture on page 13 would know of Bill through his parents, as did Bruce Caughey. Last time I was at the island I visited Bruce who spoke about those long ago years and the boys who went to the wars. Bruce is gone too. Blessed man.

Thanks for listening. I would like Bill remembered somehow in this regard if that were possible.



Scotch Thistle
By Peter Large S.C.A.

GLEANINGS FROM A BUSY SUMMER

Zander of DUNN INN

I've had a busy summer.

Saturday, July 16, was very busy. Nance and I went to The Island Market shortly after 9 a.m., she to sell Amherst Island T-shirts and I to buy some good videos and DVDs at the AIMS table, to browse the other tables and to meet with friends and make new acquaintances.

*“I had met God in the people,
in the music, in the
celebrations, in the laughter.”*

In the early afternoon I got caught up on my correspondence. After 2:30 we went to the Abrams Brothers Concert at Laurets' seashore amphitheatre and stayed until after 5:15. That was an awesome show and raised a considerable amount of money to support Vicki Keith in her swim to undergird her work with children with disabilities.

From there we rushed to the Anglican Church Women's Chicken Dinner at the Community Centre (excellent as usual).

As soon as we had visited with friends and finished that meal we drove to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church for the second in the Waterside Concert Series - this time The Canadian Jazz Quartet at 7:15 p.m. The church was hot but the music was cool! After the show we attended a reception in a private home. The refreshments were varied, nourishing and plentiful. We got home about 11 p.m.

The next Saturday Dick Dodds asked me to help him get the AIMS

wagons to the Market and then to help him set them up in an eye-catching manner. Dick did not really need me because Bruce Burnett (who is always there in his faithful way) was present to help, direct, guide, suggest and get things done. Also there to assist were Ross Haines and Alan Kidd. I had met them all the night before at the Museum where Janet Scott had made an

excellent presentation about the Birds of Amherst Island (with an emphasis on the owls).

That gathering in the Museum "lecture room" was followed by refreshments provided by John Moolenbeek, Laurie Kilpatrick and John and Sherrill Wright.

After helping Dick and the others load up and return the AIMS wagons to their resting place, Dick Dodds invited Nance and me to share a libation at his home with him and Puddy. We broke away from their hospitality in time to visit the 50th Anniversary Party of Don and Pauline Pepper (neither of whom looks 50 years old). Don said he had marked the event by giving his wife a costly ring and she had given him a tent; implying she had fared far better than he in the exchange of gifts. Peter Trueman observed that for remarks like that (and for other reasons) Don might be glad his wife had given him a tent to sleep in.

From there we drove to the 25th anniversary of Bill and Annette Phillips. With half the experience of the Peppers they looked just as jaded and equally wise. When I asked Bill the secret of his success as a husband

to the same woman for 25 years he didn't hesitate. He explained it was because he was agreeable. He had learned to agree with everything his wife suggested or wanted.

That evening we gathered with others at St. Alban's Anglican Church to enjoy the concert of choral music presented by the 35 people who had been singing together for a week at The Lodge. The singing was outstanding but I thought it was significant several of the leaders thanked Molly Stroyman, Rosemary Richmond and Karen J. Fleming for their many kindnesses. All the singers expressed their love of Amherst Island and spoke of the hospitality, generosity and compassion of the people they had met.

I thought to myself, "I've met hundreds of people at all those events. The Islanders welcomed me with generosity of spirit, good humour and a willingness to help. The occasions were not religious; no worship had been involved; I had not been asked to preach or pray. But I had sensed God was in every one of those gatherings. I had met God in the people, in the music, in the celebrations, in the laughter. I had been encouraged, inspired, uplifted, well-fed and opened up to God in new ways. Perhaps because they were not explicitly religious, God was able to get through to me."

This is not written to get you to stay away from worship; but it is written to warn you that you are liable to meet God in people, places and food right here on Amherst Island. Beware! And be ready!

Wedding Dance

for
Jessica Gavlus & Byron Rybka



Please join us on
Saturday September 17th, 2005
from 8 p.m. – 12 midnight
at the
Amherst Island Community Centre.

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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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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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Please follow instructions from ferry staff.

We appreciate your patience and co-operation.

Loyalist Township
Amherst Island Ferry Service

THANK YOU NOTES

Vicki:

Thanks on behalf of the many of us who have been renewed and strengthened by your courage. Our warmest congratulations.

Sally Bowen

I want to thank my family, friends, and neighbours for get-well cards, phone calls, visits, and home cooking, flowers, etc. while I was recovering from my illness. Your kindness was most appreciated.

Anne Hitchins

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.

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Janet Scott, 389-4608

GENEALOGY MEETING

Interested in your family history? Enjoy genealogy as a hobby? Join a group of like-minded individuals on Sunday, September 25 at 1 p.m. in the back room of the Neilson Museum. Let's share how to get started, places to search, how you organize your family tree, resources, Internet searching, etc. Whether you are from an old Amherst Island family or are a new resident, or live off the Island, you are welcome.

For discussion: Searching the newly available 1911 Canada Census.

Contact Joyce Brown 352-1125 for more info.

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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!

Scott Marshall is on Amherst Island working part-time on the ferry.
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Page: (613) 549-9534 *leave a message*
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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

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

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.

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