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## DOUGLAS JAMES MARTIN

Doug was born July 11, 1935 in Stayner, Ontario.

For fifty plus years he devoted his business life to Stradwick Floor Covering.

He and Joan built their cottage on Amherst Island in 1968 and enjoyed many hours, winter and summer, in their "Island home". Doug loved being involved with his Island friends and community. He was an active member of AIMS, a supporter of St. Paul's Church, the Museum, CJA radio, church suppers, stone wall building... an endless list. He also loved his trees and became known to some as The Tree Man.

A well-lived life ended on Saturday, May 11. His memorial service took place at Edith Rankin Church in Collins Bay and he rests in Glenwood Cemetery on A.I.

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[The following is a eulogy shared at the service by his daughter, Kellianne:]

## REMEMBERING DAD

This has been more difficult than I thought, this writing about Dad. I wanted to somehow capture his life for you from a daughter's point of view, but of course that is impossible. And you have your own memories and stories about Dad which many of you have been sharing with us.

He is a rather memorable fellow after all.

I have noticed that going through a time of sickness has a distilling effect. It feels like your "world" is getting smaller and more concentrated, and really, it is. Dad's world was large and full-out active:

- skiing hard at Mt. Tremblant with his ski buddies. It was most desirable to be the first one to ski on a freshly groomed trail, first thing in the morning;
- planting and caring for the trees in his tree nursery on AI, staking young trees with broken ski poles resourcefully seconded from the mountain, and happily trimming or cutting down trees with his chainsaw;
- hauling things around Barry's Point on his faithful Bolens tractor, tinkering and jerry-rigging his old Bolens tractor and hauling his

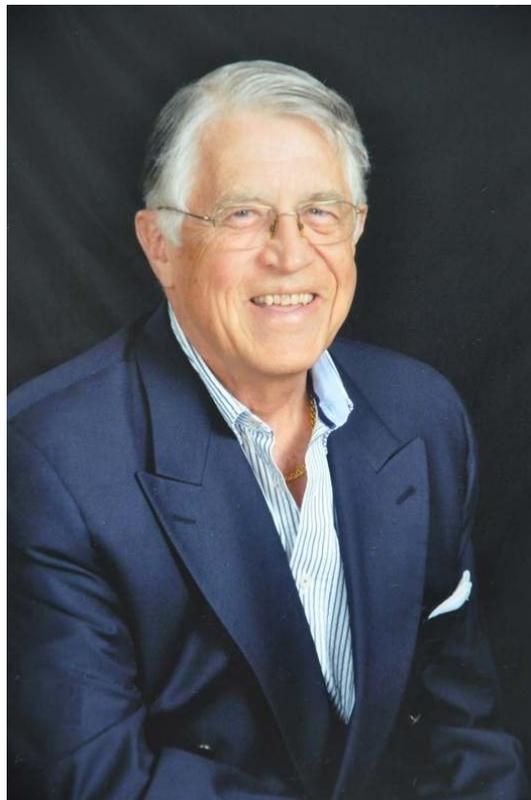


Photo courtesy of Kellianne Martin

Doug Martin

frustrating old Bolens over to George to jerry-rig and fix;  
 - travelling to far off places in the world with his best friend, Mom and often with other favourite people, his sisters and brothers-in-law;  
 - travelling near and far to connect with family and friends;  
 - and, of course, before his extended retirement process, he was full-out investing his considerable energies in the business and the many relationships he had through those 50 plus years.

He loved it when others joined him in these favourite activities and places, when others caught something of the joy he found in them. Shaun, Tom and I have caught many of these loves... his love of building and creating, nature/outdoors, his love of skiing (though we may not complete our turns quite the way he thought we should), his strong work ethic and love for people.

As his sickness was shrinking his options/creating limitations he was not accustomed to having, he remained focused on what he could do... staying connected with family and friends, including driving down to have coffee with his buddies at the coffee shop which he continued to do right up until he went in to the hospital mid-March.

In this smaller, more distilled/condensed "world"/place remained those essentials, those things most dear to Dad... the importance of friends and family, especially his best friend and beloved, Mom. That those relationships be cared for, even guarded, was very important. And, then interconnected with family relationships were his deep roots of faith.

Over these last few years, it has become a family tradition that whoever's house you are gathered in, that person either "says grace" or asks someone else to ... a kind of family prayer



Photo courtesy of Lellianne Martin  
**Doug and Joan on their wedding day.**

circle as we hold hands around the table. Often Dad would pray and then finish with "in Christ's name we pray". It was a good reminder to look with thankfulness to the One who provides all we need. As things got harder and more difficult for Dad, these prayer circles of various sizes and compositions continued at the hospital ... at times requested by him, and always welcomed by him... a family prayer circle, still joining together, being thankful "in Christ's

name", asking for His help, a looking to Him. These are precious memories I will not soon forget.

So, this distilled place, this place of sorrow and loss, could be a good place when it brings me back to those things that truly are the essentials...

Loving family. Treasuring friends. Investing time in relationships. Respecting others. Faith. Putting your hand into the Hand of God, as so beautifully described by the author of the poem recorded on the back of the order of service. A special poem which always hung on the walls of the Martin family home in Stayner.

May each of these relationships that have been so clearly defined and so deeply valued in these days of distilling, continue to be our focus in the days to come.

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## **DOUG & JOAN**

- Ian Murray

For many years it has been a pleasure for us at Topsy Farms to see Doug & Joan walking west from their cottage, past our farm and then back again.

Sometimes we'd visit if Joan wasn't too eager to get going and the farm work wasn't too pressing.

I remember Doug saying, when he and Joan first came into our Wool Shed, that we could become a



Photo courtesy of Kellianne Martin  
**Doug and Joan**

“destination, – like Madame Benoit’s farm”. That was a very encouraging thing to say and we continue to work at being a “destination”.

Doug always had a smile and a cheerful word – and that’s increasingly rare these days.

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## DOUG & JOAN

- Gord Miller

My only regret is that Lynn and I did not meet Doug and Joan Martin thirty years ago. We are grateful however that we have known them for the past eleven years and shared a great friendship.

When Doug and I first met I was seeking information on his dock as we were in the market for one. There was another reason Doug and I had an instant connection.

As a kid growing up on the farm, the land where Doug and Joan and their family enjoy their cottage was part of our home farm. We called it “The Point”. Back then it was waste land for the most part covered with long grass, stones and snakes. Once a year my dad would burn it off from road to shore to create new growth. I remember spending time playing there and duck hunting in the fall.

After my father sold the farm, Doug bought the point area and planted trees, sold lots, and basically developed the area to what you see today. I am sure many of, if not all, the trees planted in the area are the result of Dougs passion for trees, plants and wildlife.



Photo courtesy of Amy Caughey

Here is Liam Kennedy, Finn Varette and Lily Bermann, who all had art displayed at the Lennox & Addington County Hospital Art Show in Napanee this past February. There were 40 pieces of art selected from schools across the county, and 4 pieces were from Amherst Island Public School! The Hospital held a lovely reception for the artists. The art has been displayed in the hallway by the gift shop in the new hospital.

He turned a piece of waste land into a piece of heaven on Amherst Island. I feel a sense of pride each time I drive by “The Point”.

Thanks Doug, we will miss you, your great smile, friendly disposition and your friendship. Our warmest thoughts are with Joan and her family.

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Get Well wishes to Peter Wemp & Marylou Wolfreys.

Condolences to A.I. ferry purser, Brian Bell and family, following the sudden passing of his wife, Maureen. Maureen had been a long time employee of the LCBO store in Amherstview.

Condolences to Nancy Henshaw and family following the passing of her husband, Paul. Paul was a deckhand on the ferry for a few years, following his retirement from a banking career. Our sympathy also to sister-in-law, Laura Gartner, and friends here on the Island.

Our sympathy to Joan Martin and family, following the death of her husband, Doug. Doug and Joan are well known, long time summer residents on the Island.

Belated Congratulations to Diane Pollack (Bill Phillips) on the birth of their newest grandson. Jasper is the first child for daughter Sara and her husband Dane McMicheilson.

Congratulations to Peter and Suzanne Wemp, on the birth of their third grandchild. Daughter Sarah and her husband Nathan Hyde, welcomed their first child, a daughter, in early May. Anna Marie was born on her great-grandfather, Wallace Wemp’s, birthday. A new great-granddaughter for Katherine Wemp and Madeline Kerr.

Congratulations to Jeff and Stephanie Wartman on the birth of their first child, a son, on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Cooper was born on his great-great grandpa Piet Wittiveen’s birthday. Larry and I are thrilled with our newest grandson. Cooper is a new great-grandson for Kay Wolfreys.

Kirsten and Anders Bennick celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a belated trip to Italy.

Amherst Island Public School students participated in the annual Jump Rope for Heart again this Spring, raising money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Students learn about heart disease and its effect on people of all ages, and collect pledges. They then spend a “heart healthy” afternoon outdoors, jumping rope in the traditional way, as well as a variety of new and different ways. This year students raised \$2000.

The annual May long weekend Spring Dance and Fish Fry, hosted by the A.I. Rec Association, was a huge success, with more than 200 people enjoying a fantastic meal, dancing, door prizes, and lots of socializing etc.

Anthony Gifford and Judy Bierma returned from their wintering grounds in the Bahamas, to prepare for the long awaited season opening of the Stella's Café on the May long weekend. A new menu, and the return of the popular Friday night sing-along, are just a couple of things happening at Stella's Café this season.

Also happening on the long weekend, the Weasel and Easel and the Neilson Store Museum opened for their 2013 season, as did the Saturday morning Market.

CJAI Radio held a very successful fund raising week at the end of May, surpassing their goal once again.

It is officially Spring on Amherst Island. The lilacs are out, there are an abundance of lambs and calves in the fields, and I have seen my first gaggle of goslings! Although we have only had the equivalent of about 2 weeks of warm, sunny weather, it is amazing what it does for everyone's mood! People are in the gardens, and out and about again.

Ferry line-ups to go off Island during week day mornings, and on Sunday afternoons are reminiscent of the days when the old Amherst Islander was in service. We watch the lineups in front of the house and try to figure out who will get on this ferry and who won't - shaking our heads at those who leave the lineup, only to come back for the next one too late and get left again! Still no sign of the Frontenac II on the horizon.

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## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Claire Jenney

The May 15th meeting was called to order by Acting President Jackie Sylvester at 6 pm in St. Paul's Church Hall. As there was a Rose program open to the public planned for 7 pm the Opening Ode and Collect were dispensed with and we went directly to the business portion of the meeting.

The President accepted the April Minutes as read.



Open For Business!!

Photo by Brian Little

Past Treasurer Anne Henderson was given a hearty round of applause for her hard work in keeping our accounts in order.

Secretary Nancy Dunn passed out information on the new FWIO executive and other news from head office. Correspondence included a thank-you from Talia Fleming for support from WI for her research project in Africa.

Good Cheer member Elsie Willard sent 5 cards this past month.

Warm Winter Walking at the school was a great success especially for Joyce Haines who had the best attendance!

Kirsten Bennick and Joyce Haines spoke about the plans for the upcoming Annual District meeting on May 22 at the Lodge. Forty-eight women are registered to attend. The theme is AI birds and Janet Scott will be the featured speaker. Anthony Gifford will provide musical entertainment.

Joyce Haines reported that 8 members participated in the Spring County Rd clean-up.

Jackie Sylvester announced that the new phone Directory will be at the Market, the Weasel & Easel, Stella's Cafe and the General Store in a couple of weeks at a cost of \$10.00.

Sign-up sheets were passed around for watering flowers at the dock and village, working at the Saturday Market and helping at the Bake Sale.

Norma Lynn Cole will make arrangements for donating items to the Radio Station fund-raiser. Marilyn Pilon spoke about erecting a tent/awning to provide a shade/shelter for customers at the WI cart.

The first Bake Sale of the season will be on Fri. the 17th with Liz Harrison and Anne Henderson flogging the goodies.

Our June 19th the meeting will be held at Claire Jenney's with Mayo Underwood giving a pottery-throwing demonstration

Jackie adjourned the meeting at 6:54 pm after which guests joined us for an informative and entertaining "show and tell" given by Bev Harris and Joyce Reid on their trip by cruise ship down the Red Sea and to many Middle Eastern countries.

A land of sheiks, mosques and markets there are many modern skyscrapers as well. We learned that there are incense trees and how to mount a camel (carefully). Bev and Joyce were travelling at a time of High Alert for PIRATES so there were "pirate drills" aboard the ship and they learned that 4 young, handsome, armed Israeli soldiers were cruising with them at all times!

Following the talk delicious refreshments were served by Joyce Haines, Andrea Cross and Jackie Sylvester while we all enjoyed examining souvenirs of a very special trip.

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## JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

Colours and Melodies

Now that Spring has arrived the world on and around Amherst Island is coloured in so many shades and hues of the rainbow that the eye is dazzled and to the ear comes the sounds of birds that not even Beethoven

could match in his "Harmony of the Spheres". They create a choral rendition that assaults the ears from dawn to dusk. It is so hard to imagine that these tiny balls of feather and down can sing with such voracity and joy!

My yard is filled with the trills and trebles of the Northern Oriole.

She builds her hanging basket high in a deciduous tree, weaving patiently the strands of weed fibres and grasses that her brightly coloured mate retrieves from field and forest and delivers proudly to the construction site. The brightly coloured male with



Photo courtesy of Gord Miller  
Payton Miller feeding lambs at Topsy farms

black hood and black wings barred with white on a vivid orange body is striking as he darts around the canopy and perches precariously on a drooping frond to sing high, clear notes that say, "Here, here, come right here, dear" as he sweet talks his chosen mate to join him in the treetops. She weaves carefully the pouch that will suspend her family as high as sixty feet in the air and stay anchored there in summer breezes and stormy winds while the precious

eggs hatch after 12 to 14 days and fledge in the following weeks. It may take as long as 8 days for the female weaving from inside the nest to complete and line with soft fibres, hair or wool this amazing creation. We usually don't find the nest until winter strips the leaves away and we see the gray, abandoned pouches hanging in the tree tops. They are only used once, probably for safety reasons!

The morning choral ensemble is joined by the resident virtuoso, the opera singer of the avian world, the Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Only the male dresses up for the occasion in his dapper black and white tuxedo,

snow-white shirt decorated with a hot-pink bib, perhaps he thinks ascots are the in-thing. This male is not afraid to wear pink and actually is quite proud of it. Each male begins their Robin-like song with three or four high, clear notes and then he's off and running with melodious trills, slurred whistles and brighter and mellower notes than the familiar Robin. He may have twenty different melodious phrases in his repertoire and chooses about ten to join together in an endless serenade of some of the finest birdsong imaginable. All this operatic gymnastics is to win the



Photo by Vicki Keith

**Spring time on Amherst Island, the birds are back and chirping, the sheep are lambing our world is full of new growth, and it's inspiring!!! Of course everything can't be perfect and beautiful... There are the Midges.... millions and millions of Midges!!!! I researched them. There are 2000 species of midges. I think I ate 16 different species this morning on my way to the car!!!**

heart of the more subdued female. Perfectly camouflaged with twig coloured streaks and brown grass coloured highlights the female quirks a prominent white eyebrow and joins in the singing. More emancipated than the Oriole she shares the incubation with her male counterpart and together they build the nest of twigs in any small tree or shrub with shelter.

The percussion section is completed by the Northern Flicker with his repeated tapping on some metal object or hollow log that will amplify the drumming for all around to hear and if not enjoy at least wake up grumpily at dawn in order to enjoy the rest of the morning chorus.

Flickers, both male and female, are barred brown woodpeckers with a flashy white rump that shows in their bounding flight. They both have red patches on the back of their heads and both sport black crescents on their chests. Only the male has black moustaches and here in the East the shafts of their wing and tail feathers are yellow. Out west the same bird has salmon coloured feather shafts. They also call “flicka-flicka-flicka” and may call with a loud Klee-yer to announce their presence- “I’m HERE”. This woodpecker spends a lot of its time on the ground eating pesky grubs from your lawn. The Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers have a regular and fast drumming. They make loud “pik, pik” as well. The Red-bellied adds a slurred “yeeek” to the chorus and the Pileated is the Kettle Drum of our orchestra. All wood-peckers are cavity nesters drilling into the pithy centre of a tree and creating a safe hideaway within the trunk itself. Baby Woodpeckers don’t get much padding, only sawdust or woodchips.

The virtuosos of our yard’s choral society are the Warbling Vireos. As Doug Lamb will tell you Tenors get sustaining notes that hold the music together as other choir members slip back and forth around his musical line. The Warbling Vireos although very plain and dull in their dove gray suits without wing bars,



Photo by Zander Dunn

**The Rev. Harry Klassen and his wife, Annemarie, who live at 5755 Front Road. Harry began his ministry at St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church on March 24. He is replacing Zander Dunn who retired on that date. Harry was inducted as the interim-minister of St. Paul’s for two years during which time the congregation will be searching for a full-time minister. Harry has served ably in many different capacities in The Presbyterian Church in Canada at both the national and local levels. The Klassens make a good team: Harry is an outstanding preacher and Annemarie is an exceptional singer. The congregation is thrilled to have them giving leadership to St. Paul’s and anticipates a happy time with them at the helm.**

breast colour or eye rings carry the chorus along and long after the others have gone in for an afternoon nap the Warbling Vireo can still be singing: “Oh I’m So Happy So Very Happy” as it flits from canopy to canopy nibbling on those dreaded gnats that send us into frantic waving frenzies and cause intrepid cyclists to hide behind masks. Both vireos build their nest high above the ground usually 40 feet but sometimes 90 feet. It’s built on a horizontal branch well away from the trunk with a canopy of leaves above it. The tiny three inch in diameter cup is woven of plant fibres, tree bark strips and down held together with cobwebs and lined with feathers and horsehair. The cup rim

overhangs the deep cup of the nest, probably to keep the young in a little longer. There in the canopy both parents incubate their eggs and call happily back and forth to keep in contact.

Happy Yellow Warblers add the descant, pinkish Mourning Doves the minor key and lively Wrens the treble but all is a wonderful choir until the last late night calls of the bass American Bittern close it down and the crickets supply the applause!

Enjoy your concert! The tickets are free, the seats can be comfortable and the dancing Fireflies will be glad to usher you out.

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## THE CHEESE MAKER’S DAUGHTER

(The oldest One)

- Judy Bierma

Chapter Three

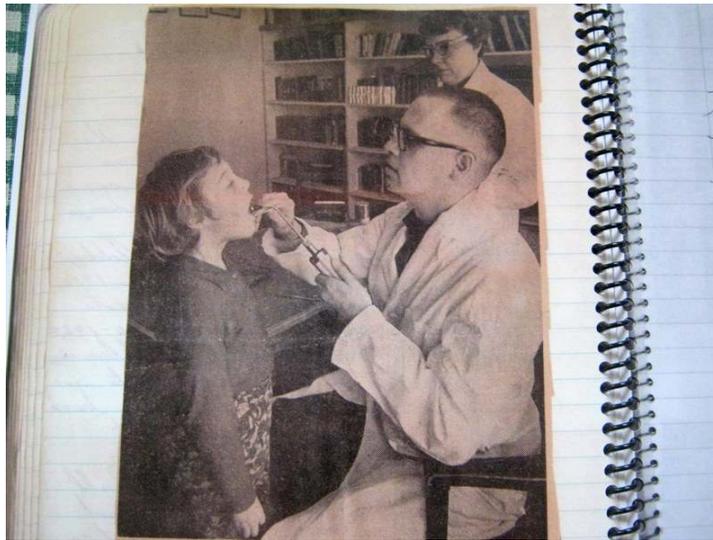
Being back on the Island brings back a lot of memories. One memory is about 4H. We didn’t live on a farm so we didn’t have a calf. I always wanted a calf to raise and show at the local fair. It seemed like such an amazing responsibility to have. We did take cooking

lessons from women on the Island who were 4H leaders. Mom was a leader and Nina from the Third Concession. I'm sure there were a lot of other women who helped with the 4H so let me know and tell me your story about 4H. It was a fun time and we learned to make a lot of different foods. My favourite was Prune Whip and a casserole with sausage and tomatoes and eggs. We did some sewing too.

J.A. Junior Achievement, in the Anglican Church. One of the leaders was Jean MacDonald, Garnet's wife on the Front Road. Mom was very active in J.A. too. For the outfits the girls wore white shirts that they bought and skirts and little green scarves that they made. I was too old to go in J.A. but Joyce and Joan were involved.

Every time there was a medical emergency, Ruth Glenn was called. My sister Joyce stepped on a nail and Ruth came and poured disinfectant on it and then off we went to Napanee for a tetanus shot. Because she was hurt she got to sleep in my little room in my bed so that no one was moving in the bed while she tried to sleep. She usually shared a double bed with her sister Joan. I had a single bed and had my own room because I was the oldest and because there was that little room over the kitchen.

The Scarlet Fever came to the Island while we were in Elementary School. Everyone in the family got it but me and most of the students in the school got it too. The Doctors and nurses came over in a helicopter that landed in the school yard. We all stood at the windows watching the helicopter come in. They checked everyone at school and then



**Photo courtesy of Judy Bierma**  
**This is a picture from the Kingston Whig Standard of the Doctors and Nurses coming over to check on us. This is Dr. R.A. McLellan, the medical officer of health for Lennox and Addington County. The student he is looking at is a Wemp girl. The public health nurse is Shirley Johnston and three other nurses came by RCAF helicopter to investigate a Scarlet Fever outbreak on Amherst Island.**

at one end and the Continuation School at the other end. Most of the illnesses were among the younger children. Because of the bad weather the helicopter couldn't leave on the Tuesday. And the medical staff stayed at the Ross Filson Hotel and went back on Wednesday morning.



**EMPTY SEATS**—Although the epidemic of scarlet fever on Amherst Island has begun to wane, there are still plenty of empty seats in the classrooms of Amherst Island Public School. Last week up to two-thirds of the school population was home sick. Water fountains have been closed because of the poor quality of the water.

**Photo courtesy of Judy Bierma**  
**This picture shows you that a lot of students were home sick. The newspaper article states that at least 10 cases of scarlet fever were found on the Island.**

to check out an epidemic. We felt very special and isolated.  
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were driven around the Island to look at some of the students at home and some of the pre-school children. Robert was the sickest one in our family.

It was very exciting for us young students to see that helicopter land right in our own school yard.

The school children were tested but the results wouldn't be known until a later date. The Dr. warned that there was no cause for alarm. Malcolm Isbester was the principal at the school at that time. During the previous week 2/3 of the 125 students had been absent. The school at the time was the Public School

The ferry wasn't running at that time. We were driving through the ice. The bay was frozen over. Mrs. George Bierma was quoted as saying that she had three children sick at home and that she planned on keeping them home until the epidemic was over. Harry Fleming was the reeve at the time and also had three children home sick. "Scarlet Fever" wasn't as bad as it used to be in the last generation but the Island was quarantined for some weeks. This was the only time in my school days that they sent a medical staff on a helicopter to the Island

## COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of Council, May13

“Employee Service Presentations: Wayne Fleming, 10 years; Keith Miller, 15 years; James Reid, 25 years; and, David Fleming, 30 years.”

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“Councilor Ashley requested that staff prepare a flyer to update Amherst Island residents on the refurbishment and repairs currently being made to the Frontenac II and the anticipated date of the ferry’s return to service.

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“Moved by Councillor Ibey and seconded by Councillor Hegadorn that the Planner’s report, May 7, 2013 re: Request for Peer Review for Heritage Assessment and Protected Properties Assessment for the Amherst Island Wind Energy Project be received and that the Township delay any peer review of the Heritage Assessment and Protected Properties Assessment until a determination is made by the Province that further review of heritage matters is required. Motion carried.”

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“Moved by Councillor Ashley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bresee that the correspondence from the Association to Protect Amherst Island, May 5, 2013 re: Status of Algonquin’s Renewable Energy Application (REA) be received. Motion carried.”

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“Moved by Councillor Hegadorn and seconded by Councillor Ibey that the correspondence from the Frank Cowan Company, May 7, 2013 re: Joint and Several Liability be received and that staff be directed to forward a letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne and Attorney General, John Gerretsen, expressing the Township’s concerns with the overwhelming costs of litigation and awards. Motion carried.”

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Randi Hillier sent a letter to MOE endorsing an accompanying a letter from APAI objecting to various aspects of the REA submitted by the wind turbine company.

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APAI wrote to Algonquin Power questioning the company’s assurances with respect to some “safety” aspects of the wind turbine project.

In another letter to Algonquin Power Peter Large, P.Eng., asks why a professional engineer has not been appointed to take responsibility for the decommissioning of wind turbines.

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The report from the Township’s Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee meeting on April 18 can be seen on the Township web site. Concern was expressed about slippery conditions of the stairs on the Frontenac II during the winter.

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From the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of Council, May27

Those interested can find, on the Loyalist Council agenda for this meeting, a 4 page letter from the MOE to Council regarding the REA process.

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APAI sent a letter to MOE expressing concerns about the re-cycling of wind turbine blades..

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## TIME PASSES

- Vicki Keith

When Whig Standard reporter and columnist Pat Kennedy told me that the 25th anniversary of my crossing of the 5 Great Lakes was this summer, I was sure he was wrong. Then I did the math. It was 25 years ago, in 1988 that I had the opportunity to follow a dream. I was to face physical and emotional challenges, raise awareness and support for young people with disabilities and achieve what many experts (and laypeople) believed was an impossible goal.

Pat’s reminder gave me the opportunity to think back to that time and give thanks once again to everyone who supported me: family; friends and strangers alike; people who cheered me on and made donations to my cause; my crew who believed in me and came along to support me; boat owners; sponsors; and, media (who became more like crew as we all pulled together to make this dream become a reality).

When I think back to that summer, I speak of when "we" swam across the 5 Great Lakes because only one of us may have been in

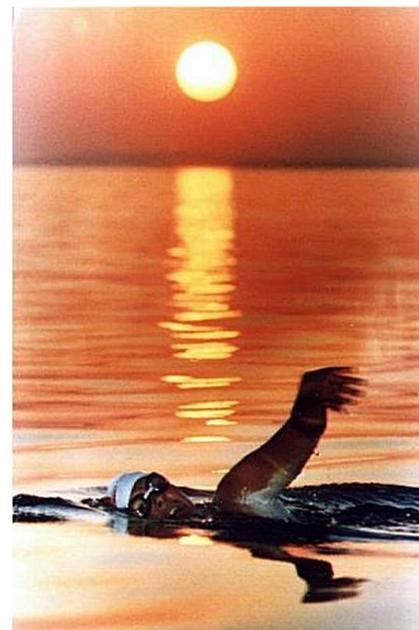


Photo courtesy of Vicki Keith  
Toronto Star photo of Vicki in Lake Superior

the water, but nothing is ever achieved in a vacuum. Without all of my supporters this achievement would never had happened.

The YMCA of Kingston is holding a celebration on the Island Queen on June 15th. I am very excited that the Juno nominated group "The Great Lakes Swimmers" will be performing on the boat. If you are interested in joining us out on the water, for some entertainment, reminiscence and fun, I will have some tickets on the Island to sell. Tickets are \$40 each. The proceeds go to the Kingston Y Penguins, a swim team for children with physical disabilities and their able bodied siblings. Please call me at 613-384-0415 if you would like to purchase tickets.

Also, in commemoration of this anniversary I have created a Facebook page that will be full of stories from my swimming career and inspirational thoughts related to the lessons I learned during that career. The Facebook page is called Revisiting the Great Lakes - 25 years later. I invite you to like this page if you are interested.  
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## **AIMS, May 11**

- Anders Bennick

Breakfast: Thank you to the senior class of AIPS for a great breakfast.

Attendance: 18 members

Convenor: Brian Little

Agenda

1. Announcement.

Zander Dunn announced with great sadness that long term member of AIMS Doug Martin had died this morning. Doug was a very active member of AIMS being involved in programs such as tree planting. He will be sorely missed.

2. Speaker.

Brian Little welcomed Ross Haines back after an absence and then introduced the speaker, our new member Bill Barrett who has recently moved to the South Shore of Amherst Island. Bill had prepared four posters listing the companies he had worked for, the roles he had played in these companies, his interests and his travels. He spoke briefly on each subject and

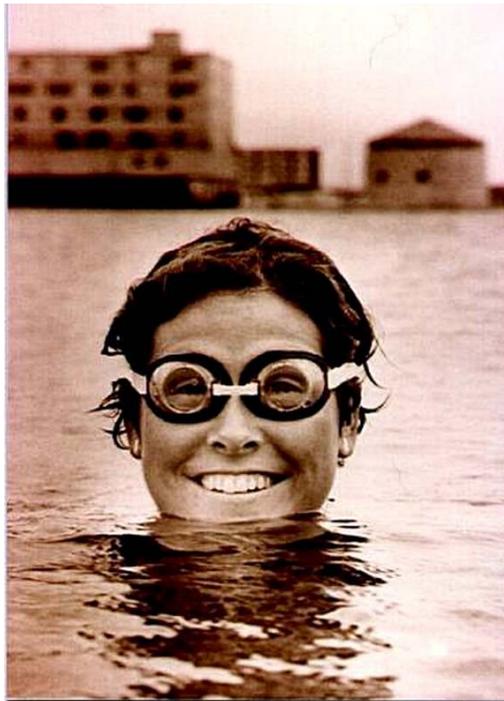


Photo courtesy of Vicki Keith  
Vicki in Lake Ontario at Kingston - photo  
by Jack Chaing.

invited questions from the audience.

Bill has mostly worked for pharmaceutical and health related companies in many different capacities such as formulation chemist, production chemist, facilitator and business process analyst. He has a wide range of interests such as sailing, music, science, birding, geology and history. Since coming to the Island he has bought a rowboat and any day now you may see him rowing along the South Shore. When Bill got married to his wife Debbie, they decided that rather than spending money on furniture they would go on a trip, so for a while they lived in a very sparsely furnished apartment. Since then they have traveled extensively in many parts of the world including Europe, the Caribbean, New Zealand and

Mexico, often combining their trips with birding. Following retirement Bill and Debbie moved to a condo in downtown Ottawa, but soon realized that they missed the country and started to look for a house on the water; and that eventually led them to Amherst Island where they received a warm welcome. Both Bill and Debbie are now active in many aspects of the island community.

2. Road clean-up.

Members were urged to sign-up for cleaning of the road sections that were not assigned at the last meeting.

3. Flower baskets.

Dayle Gowan announced that the flowers are ready for pick-up and planting. Members are needed for planting the baskets.

4. Market.

Marc Raymond and Woody will coordinate manning of the AIMS wagon. Members were urged to sign up.

5. Correspondence. A letter has been received from Talia Fleming to thank AIMS for the contribution to support her studies on Rhinos in Africa this summer.

6. New business

A. Brian Grace is organizing a date in mid-June for collection of water samples to be taken to the health unit in Kingston for bacterial analysis. Samples can be left at the general store.

B. Dayle Gowan announced the upcoming fundraising for the radio station.

C. John Wright announced that he is still willing to give lessons in computer use.

7. The meeting was adjourned at ~9:45.

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## THE POLITICAL ROOTS OF OBESITY

- Zander of DUNN INN

“The Political Roots of American Obesity” is an article by E. Douglas Kihn who is a Doctor of Oriental Medicine in Los Angeles. According to him the obesity rates held steady until 1976-1980 at which time American adults and children dramatically increased their caloric intake which resulted in more body fat. The change is still with us because American waistlines since that time have grown bigger.

When Ronald Reagan began his presidency the recession of 1981 was underway and thousands of Americans suddenly found their incomes reduced or even eliminated. When the Union of Professional Air Traffic Controllers went on strike in 1981 Reagan fired 11,345 air traffic controllers and decertified the union. This was the beginning of the “War on Iran” and the “War on Drugs” as well as the “War on Unions.” The Soviet Union was labelled “The Evil Empire.”

Americans felt they were at war on many fronts and social fear and insecurity arose. As a result Americans worried, hurried and overate. Many became obese.

According to Dr. Kihn millions of Americans turned to alcohol, drugs and food to help them deal with what was a mental health problem. The use of food and stored body fat is a mood enhancer especially among politically and economically disadvantaged groups.

Americans, says Dr. Kihn worry a lot; many worry all the time. Chronic fear, worry, anxiety, stress, insecurity, guilt are behavioral choices. As American workers have lost more and more control over their worsening material existence their fear and insecurity have risen. A list of fear-based

disorders would include colitis, Crohn’s disease, urinary incontinence, sexual impotence, painful intercourse, irritated bowel syndrome, asthma, gastrointestinal ulcers, heart attacks and fibromyalgia. Fear-based disorders are high in war-zones and in the cities and towns of the United States.

Since the Reagan years Americans work longer hours than ever, rush about more, worry more. As more and more Americans watched their standard of living sink they have taken to the all-purpose American sedative - food - in a big way. Low income people have a much higher proportion of obesity than do high income people. It is also among the poor that the rates of diabetes are the greatest.

We speak of “comfort food” and that’s exactly what food does for many people - it brings them comfort. And so they eat more. Those who eat to excess and put on weight become slow, docile citizens, less likely to become depressed. And so they eat more.

Meanwhile the last 40 years has seen the greatest transfer of wealth in the history of humanity - from the have-nots, the working class - to the haves, the billionaires, bankers and other powerful players. Since 1970 the productivity of American capitalism grew over 80% while the U.S. wages grew around 12%.

Over the last three decades Americans have

transferred their favourite addiction from tobacco to excess food. Tobacco is vilified but food is celebrated and promoted.

The obesity epidemic creates a population that is compliant, tired and sick. This suits those on top who don’t want to see a lean, clean, mean population. Obese people make enormous profits for food processors, food stores, restaurants, the diet industry and the pharmaceutical industry.

Obesity is primarily a mental health issue - an eating disorder. People can fix this problem only by greatly reducing or eliminating hurry and worry from their lives and embracing calmness and self-trust. Dr. Kihn believes obesity will continue to spread until a political solution is found for this political problem.

**HELP ME CONQUER CANCER**

This summer, I'll be cycling over 200+ km in 2 days for The Enbridge® Ride to Conquer Cancer®. The funds that I raise will support The Campbell Family Institute at The Princess Margaret, and I need your help!

**PLEASE SUPPORT ME**

**ZANDER**

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You don't have to agree with all that Dr. Kihn says but we are all forced to consider that obesity which is causing so many people to become sick has some deep-seated causes, not only in the U.S. but also in Canada. Political? Mental? Worry? I can see all those causes are involved. It is never enough to simply try to pin-point one small reason for such a major illness.

I must be the first to admit I overeat. I usually eat until I am full, which is not necessary or good. I must cut back and eat only those foods which are healthy. But more than that, I must confess I eat to be comforted. I should know that the only one who can provide the comfort (strength, acceptance, love) I need is God.

It is not wrong to drink alcohol (in fact, a glass of red wine is reputed to be good for you) - one glass - not the whole bottle. It is not wrong to eat "junk" food but it is never right to eat it often and in large quantities. It is not wrong to enjoy dinner parties or to present them, but let us eat modestly, not to excess.

And when we think of food, let us thank God for that food and then eat and drink to God's glory and not to our ruination.

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## NEWS FROM THE MUSE

- Janet Scott

Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre

I hope that you were one of the many people who attended the last Backroom Talk at the Museum on May 17th. We were educated, informed, entertained and our taste buds got a work out as well at the talk about Wine Growing. One of our Board Members Anders Bennick gave us a fascinating talk about the history of wine growing in Prince Edward County. Who would have thought that so many variables can affect the taste and success of a particular grape growing in soils, affected by cold, short summers, storing in oak? It was fascinating and thank-you so much Anders.

Our next talk in June will be about the Peace Corps and watch your home mailing for the details of the time and date for this.

Please keep the date Saturday, July 13th for the bi-annual celebration to support our local museum.

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The Car Rally With A Difference!

What is it you may well ask? It is NOT a race, NOT a show of antique cars and NOT the Indianapolis 500 but

it IS a lot of fun. It IS a chance to compete with family and friends and it IS a chance to learn about Amherst Island's history! It costs \$15 each and you will probably need a co-pilot to navigate the map, the questionnaire, and the turns. Lunch after is a BBQ. There is a trophy available after and of course all bragging rights are yours. Invite friends and family members and make up a carload. See you then.

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## Amherst Islander Update

- Lynn Fleming

The refurbishing of the Amherst Islander has, for the most part, been completed, and she will soon head to dry-dock under her new name. The former "Amherst Islander" has been renamed the "Maria Conchita".

Cptn Tobie has been out of touch with Don for awhile, working offshore, and updating his captain's papers. I hope to have some new pictures of the Maria



Photo by Captain Toby  
The new Maria Conchita...



Photo by Captain Toby  
... with a new bow.

Conchita soon.

Notice that the bow has been raised to better handle the higher seas on the ocean, along with some additional storage compartments forward. Tobie said most of the large vessels buy their fuel in Mexico, fairly close to their area.

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## THANK YOU NOTES

The Amherst Island Recreation Association would like to thank everyone for their support by attending the Spring Dance and Fish Fry. This was our most successful Fish Fry in recent years!

Our caterers, Rodney and Diana Lloyd, spend their anniversary weekend every year at our function, and they always do a fantastic meal.

Thanks to the band, "South of Seven" for great music, the dance floor was never empty!

Thanks to Codey, Gavin, Brandon, Dakota, and Dylan, for all of their help with set up and decorating.

A special thanks goes out to John and Tessa Mayman, for their help each year, and to Jason and Ange Fleming. We couldn't do the Spring Dance and Fish Fry without any of them.

The fireworks budget will definitely be bumped up again this year, and we look forward to seeing everyone on Canada Day!

Rick, Larry & Lynn  
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Sincerest thanks to all our Island friends and neighbours who supported us through Doug's recent illness and death. Your caring has made this difficult journey bearable. He loved his Island home and we will miss his presence here.

The Martin family.  
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A big thank you to the Township employees who helped us get our wool shipped. And an apology to those who we inconvenienced with our wagons on the small ferry.

Topsy Farms  
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## TRYING TO FIND MY BOOK

Many years ago, I believe in 1946 or 1947 I had a trip to New York and bought a souvenir book titled "Forever Amber". I wrote my maiden name, Barbara Ann Cole and the date inside the book. At some point I lent the book to someone and never got it back over all these years, even though I have tried to find it.

Wouldn't it be something if somebody out there happens to have it. Here's hoping and if you do, I would be so appreciative if you could call me, Barbara Filson, 613/384-7866

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Taking Hay from Township property

Loyalist Township will accept proposals for the harvesting of hay from a 3.2 acre parcel of land abutting the Amherst Island Waste Site on Front Road. The property is located on Concession 1, Lot 29, at the corner of Front Road and the Dump Road.

The successful applicant shall be required to take care in the harvest to avoid damage to water monitoring well heads identified in the periphery of the field.



Photo by Anthony  
Wagons of bags of wool off the sheep from Footflats and Topsy farms!



Photo by Anthony  
The mainland crew: Mark, Kyle, Goat, Duncan, Ian, Jake, plus Anthony who is taking the photo.

Please contact the undersigned in writing with the financial details and length of term for your proposal, by June 14, 2013.

For further information, please contact the undersigned at (613) 386-7351 ext. 121.

Paul Snider

Director of Administrative Services/Clerk  
Loyalist Township

P.O. Box 70, 263 Main Street, Odessa, ON K0H 2H0

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# BEACON ADS

## AMHERST ISLAND CHIROPRACTIC

10650 Front Rd.

Office hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

For appointments call 613 328-8892

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## AMHERST ISLAND STORE

Monday - Friday: 9am - 11:30am; 2:30pm - 5pm

Saturday: 9am - 1pm (Post Office closes at noon)

Sunday: closed

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## BETTY'S HOME COOKING

My Market Goodies are available!

Plus if you want a full meal to go... a few days notice and your cooking for company is over.

Call Betty 389-7907

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## COLIN BRADY

Spider Spraying / Fruit Tree Spraying

Call: 613-634-6680 (cottage) or 289-385-7217 (cell)

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## FOOTFLATS FARM ACCOMMODATION:

www.footflats.com (613 634-1212)

Goodman House (waterfront)

- 4 bedrooms, 3 baths

- available year round

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## FOR SALE

One pull-out Sealy sofa-bed. Double size mattress.

Beige/brown/cream \$100.00

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Call Liz and John 613-389-5176

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## FAMILY COTTAGE by Lake Simcoe

For rent by weekend/week.

Near Briar's Park, Jackson's Point.

Call Sally, 613 389-3444

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## HARTIN'S PUMPING SERVICE:

Septic Pumping & Inspection

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## I AM NOW SELLING WATKINS PRODUCTS AS WELL AS RAWLEIGH PRODUCTS.

Catalogues available. To place an order call Marie Ward at 613-389-5767 or via email: [bandmward@xplornet.ca](mailto:bandmward@xplornet.ca)

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**LOCAL ELECTRICIAN** 30yrs exp, \$25 an hour. Also Home Renovations, Tree Removal, Pressure Wash. Call Cary 389-8327.

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## GODDEN'S WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE

We would like to thank our faithful sausage customers on Amherst Island for their continued support of our product.

Flavours now include: Salt & Pepper; Honey & Garlic; Sundried Tomato & Oregano; Hot Italian; Sweet Chilli & Lime; Maple Breakfast; and Salt & Pepper Breakfast.

Now selling packages of 4 sausages!!

See more at: "thewholehogblog@blogspot.com"; Facebook, "Godden's Whole Hog Sausage"; or, follow us on "Twitter@Godden Farms".

Please call ahead for large orders, 705-653-5984.

With Sincere Thanks Lori Caughey & Family.

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**HELP STILL NEEDED.** We need the following items for the Lennox and Addington S.P.C.A.. Used towels and linens, paper towels and cleaning supplies, pet food, kitty litter, dog and cat toys are always in demand as are used stamps (any kind), Canadian Tire coupons and pop cans. There is a large container in my porch for the pop cans and any other items can be left in my porch as well.

Thank you for helping to support our animal shelter.

Further information needed? Call Freda Youell - 613 384-4135.

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## ISLAND YOGA

Call Taggett for more information 613 888-5156

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## POPLAR DELL FARM BED & BREAKFAST

3190 FRONT ROAD, AMHERST ISLAND

Welcoming guests for over 30 years.

Also, Cottage Rentals and Godden Sausage sales.

Call Susie @ 613-389-2012

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## STELLA'S CAFÉ

OPEN: Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun., and holiday Mon.

8:30 to 6:30

Sing Along on Friday Night 6:30 to ...

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[judybierma@gmail.com](mailto:judybierma@gmail.com)

TAKE OUT

Book us for Special Occasions

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## TOPSY FARMS WOOL SHED 613 389-3444

Wool and sheepskin products including yarn, blankets, crafts, and individual photos, books and booklets by Don Tubb.

Open weekends and most weekday mornings.

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**HONEY:** Topsy Farms has Island honey for sale at the Wool Shed. Phone 613-389-3444 for an appointment or drop by and take your chances.

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**TOPSY FARMS** has fresh frozen lamb cuts for sale in the Wool Shed.

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# Calendar of Events for Bath Canada Day 2013

## Special Events

**June 28: Canada Day Celebration BBQ** from 11- 2 at the Royal Bank of Canada, Bath Branch

## June 29: Horseshoe Tournament

Registration at 1pm, play starts at 2.

B.B.Q. available. Royal Canadian Legion, 120 County Road 4,

All welcome

## June 30: In Centennial Park

10:30–1:30 Free Horse Drawn Wagon Rides

11-12 The Queen's Barefoot Players present *Play-On!* an adaptation of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night

1:00 Children's Pet Show and Judging Contest

3:30 Children's Bike Decorating Contest

## June 30: At St. John's Memorial Hall

4:30 Ecumenical Service, Speaker: Bishop Michael Oulton

## Canada Day: In Centennial Park

9-5: Food and Craft Vendors

### Music in the Park

10-1 The Monarchs

2-5 Picket Fences

2:30 Official Canada Day Ceremonies

### Children's Activities

9-5 Pony Rides and Petting Zoo

9-12:30 Loyalist Township's "Come Out and Play" trailer

10-4 Face Painting by donation. Funds benefit Bath Public School.

3:00 Firemen's Foam

**Fireworks Display** at dusk behind the Fire Hall. Sponsored by LaFarge

## Canada Day: Around the Village

7-11 Firemen's Breakfast, \$6.00 p/p Bath Fire Hall

10-3 Snacks and lunch available at St. John's Hall

10-1 Bath Museum is open

2-4 No admission, donations appreciated

11-4 Bath Artisans Show and Sale. St John's Hall

1-2 Tai Chi demonstrations at St John's Hall

2-4 St. Linus Church guided tours

4-6 Fish Fry at the Masonic Lodge Adults: \$14, children: \$7.

4:30-8 Wine tastings and food specials at Bergeron Winery, Highway 33

At the Fairfield-Gutzeit Grounds

10-1 & 2:30-4: Displays \*Children's muster \*Music by the Canadian Fencibles Fife and Drum

Corp \*British Gun Boats \*Royal Artillery Displays

\$5.00 admission covers both the Fairfield-Gutzeit House and the LaFarge 1812 Discovery Centre

*[Production Note: I have no more time to devote to this Beacon... we are currently doing a round of sheep work plus baling hay starts today; and, there is still a spring's worth of field work that needs doing. So, what follows should have been incorporated into the issue itself. Hopefully, next month will be less frantic.]*

## **CJAI Fundraiser Pictures** **(Another great success!!)**



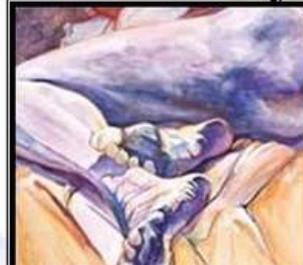
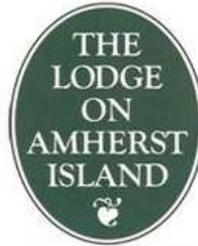
**Paul Lauret**  
Photo by Brian Little



**Susan Filson and Dale Gowan**  
Photo by Brian Little



**Steve Kennedy and Keith Miller**  
Photo by Brian Little



# Andrew Sookrah

Art Show

Opening Reception at  
The Lodge  
320 McDonalds Lane  
Amherst Island

June 29, 2013  
2pm-5pm



Please join us for refreshments and  
meet the artist

For more information please call Victoria 613.634.1388



Photo by Brian Little

The Women's Institute Regional meeting held at the Lodge. It included a slide show of Island Birds by Janet Scott.

brianlittlephoto@gmail.com



**Brian Little  
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**Drop off any "gently used" items at the Island Market on Saturday mornings and AIMS will sell them with all proceeds going toward Island Charitable Causes.**

## FROM THE ARCHIVES:

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### HISTORY PROJECT ORGANIZER APPEALS FOR DATA FOR OWN HISTORICAL RESEARCH

With the arrival of warm weather come fond memories of my work last summer on Amherst Island with the Oral History Project. This summer I am doing some more historical research only on my own time. In particular, I'm reconstructing life as it was in the 1880's on the Island. So far the material I've found indicates that it was a prosperous decade, a time when profits from the barley trade enabled Islanders to purchase improved farm equipment, to expand their acreage, and to redecorate their homes.

I've found bits of information pertaining to the Island life between 1880 and 1891 in the archives and libraries in Ottawa, Toronto, Guelph, Napanee, and Kingston, but there are still aspects of local life that remain elusive.

Like last summer, I'm turning again to the residents of the Emerald Isle for help. If, during your spring cleaning, you come across anything pertaining to the 1880's or if you think you have old school attendance books, fire insurance records, diaries, letters, ledgers or minute books stuffed away somewhere, I would certainly appreciate being allowed to look at them. Feel free to call me anytime at . . . .

Thanks

Cathy Wilson

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### MEETING RE SCHOOL FUTURE TO BE HELD

On Wednesday, June 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Amherst Island Public School lunch room, there will be a community meeting to explain the Lennox and Addington County Board of Education policy for school closure and consolidation. I would strongly urge community members to attend, ask questions and express opinions on the matter.

Principal Mike Flanigan

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# F r o m T h e A r c h i v e s

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Lulu Strain

The May meeting of the Amherst Island Women's Institute was held at the home of Diane Gavlas with eight members attending. The president, Georgie Allison conducted the meeting and the secretary-treasurer, Phyllis Strain read the minutes of the previous meeting and gave the financial report.

The proceeds from the Mother's Day Buffet were very gratifying and our thanks to those who attended.

Special mention was made of the help given us by Randi Kennedy.

It was decided to help the CNIB in October and to contribute \$20.00 to the Lennox and Addington County Museum for the time being.

Some unfinished business from the annual meeting was completed. Plans were made for preparing food for the Recreation Club dance to be held May 21st.

Phyllis Strain gave her report of the Officers' Conference held in Waterloo which she attended in early May. W.I.'s are to study and take action on the increase in aggressive pornography; on pensions for women; on the use of computers; on censorship; on Human Rights, and several other subjects.

A letter of protest was to be written concerning a "Chuckle" in Agri News.

The June meeting is to be held in Genevieve Fleming's home on June 15th at 8:00 p.m. when the Dairy Princess will be our guest.

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### DO YOU KNOW

The Amherst Island Women's Institute has been active in this community for over 83 years.

It is part of a worldwide non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-racial organization with its aim to make the community a better place to live and to promote a happy, wholesome life for all concerned.

Social and economic problems confront women everywhere, with the ensuing difficulties of harmonizing community and family life, in both urban and rural settings, and these problems are the basic concerns of our own Branch.

Our meetings are usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Visitors are welcome and we invite women of all ages to join with us in carrying out our aims and purposes.

If you are interested in learning more about us please get in touch with:

Mrs. Lloyd Strain, Secretary- Treasurer; Mrs. Norman Allison, President; or, Mrs. Lulu Strain, Public Relations.

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### CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you for your warm thoughts and kind wishes during my recent illness.

And I do hope and pray Annie Miller will soon be feeling much better.

Sincerely, Iva Eves

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The Amherst Island Recreation Committee wishes to thank everyone who attended our May 21st dance and helped make it such a success.

A special thanks is extended to Les and Irene Glenn who supplied the meat and bar mix at cost, and also sliced the meat. Their help is greatly appreciated.

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### WEDDING

On Saturday, May 28th at four p.m. Lillie Marlene Reynolds and Leslie James Strain were married in St. Albans the Martyr Anglican Church, Adolphustown, by Rev. David Kirby. The bride, given in marriage by her parents, Don and Doris Reynolds, was attended by her sisters, Pearl Davy and Dorothy Reynolds. The groom's attendants were his brothers Lloyd and Barry Strain.

A dinner and reception were held in the Masonic Hall, Bath, followed by a dance.

The bride and groom spent a week-long honeymoon in Florida and are now residing in Amherstview.

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### A NEWS FLASH FROM AMHERST ISLAND P.S.

- Trudy Strain and Penny Thornhill and the Staff and Students of AIPS

June being the last month of school involves a lot of activities. We the students have completed

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many of these activities but have many more to complete.

Please read on and enjoy this write up.

On May 17th the students travelled to Odessa for a Musical. We sang "The Lord's Prayer", "Grandma's Feather Bed" and a medley from our recent operetta. Then on May 24th we travelled to the marsh. This was an interesting day. A thank-you goes out to A. Bruce Caughey for opening his marsh land to us.

On June 1st AIPS held our track and field meet. This was a fun and enjoyable day. We wish to thank Marjorie Brown, Betty Wemp and Liz Silver for helping with the events.

June 2nd was a day set aside for our school trip. The primary classes went to Kingston General Hospital and the fire hall in Kingston. Grades 3 to 8 went to Old Fort Henry, the Marine Museum and Bellevue House. Both trips were equally enjoyable.

Friday the 3rd was a Professional Development Day so there were no classes.

On the 6th of June we travelled to Napanee for a trip to see the Amherst Island exhibit in the County Museum and the cross-country run in the Napanee Fair grounds.

The County relay was to be held that day but it was raining too hard.

On the 15th of June we are to travel to Napanee for the track and field meet. This should be an exciting day.

On June 14th as many people probably know, the school is holding a Walk-Pick-A-Thon. The Senior grades will be walking and picking from Emerald to Stella and grades 1 to 5 will be walking from the South Shore to Stella. Thank-you to all the sponsors of this event.

The week of June 19-25 is set aside for Senior Citizens Week in Ontario. So on June 23rd the students of AIPS will be holding a tea for these people. If you are a senior citizen, would like to join in the fun, and haven't received an invitation as yet please contact the school for you are most welcome.

As every year, we are holding our Graduation. This year it will be held on the 27th of June. All are welcome to attend.

On the 28th of June (the last day of school) we are holding our school picnic. As of yet we are not sure where it will be held.

There, I think that's all we have to do this month. I hope you enjoyed reading this write up because I enjoyed writing it.  
Thank you and a happy summer holidays.  
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### **1983 SOFTBALL FOR THE KIDS**

- Brian Ward

The 1983 season for our three kids' teams has started or is soon to start. The team schedules are included in this Beacon if you wish to watch some of the games.

The grasshopper team is coached by Rick Bedford and includes ages 5 to 8. The players are: Amy Caughey, Lori Caughey, Jamie Silver, Jason Silver, Tracy Hitchins, Ricky Bedford, Jason Fleming, Kevin McCormick, Sarah McGinn, Douglas Gavlas, Gordon Thornhill.

The Mite team is coached by Brian Ward and includes ages 9 and 10 The players are: Jeff deHann, Hugh Filson, Mike Strain, Reg Hitchins, Sherry Ward, Peter Horth, Richard Dodds, Laura Wemp, Jeff Forester, Jamie Thornhill, Mike Horth, Connie Fabian,

This team has started the year with two wins; a very good start!

The Squirt team is coached by Brian Ward and includes ages 11 and 12. The players are: Nicky McGinn, Kirk Collins, Steven Ward, Rick Welbanks, Julie Forester, Trudy Strain, Donnie Miller, Teddy Bienas, Tessa Fabian, Jamie Miller, Penny Thornhill, Sandra Wilson.

This team tied their first game and have an exciting season ahead.

If anyone is interested in helping umpire some of the home games of these teams, please contact me as we sure need the help.  
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### **STREET DANCE**

The fifth Annual Firemen's Association Street Dance is coming soon. Saturday July 9, 1983  
Disc Jockey, Draws for great prizes. Dancing, etc.

Lots of fun for everyone -- young and old alike.  
Y'all come!!  
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### **COUNCIL REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING MAY 31**

- Chris Kennedy

All members of Council were present. Heather Boyle, from the Lennox and Addington Volunteer Bureau, made a presentation, asking if we wanted a branch of the Bureau here, but Council felt that the Island took care of its own problems without an organization.

In the Building Inspector's report, Council decided to ask the owner of the old store in Emerald, Mr. Metcalfe, to either repair or demolish it.

The ferry crews are being offered a pay raise within the guidelines of the 6 & 5 restraint program.

There was a discussion on providing washroom facilities either on the dock or the ferry.

Tenders for the hot mix on the new road will be opened on June 17th. The work is due to be completed by the end of August. The budget for 1983 has finally been approved and the mill rate set and the by-laws passed. Details at the township office.

The Recreation Committee is going to post notices at dances about the drinking regulations, and keep a close eye on the whole situation.

There was a brief discussion about council members attending the drainage hearing.  
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