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Middleton Fire Department Open House & Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

Sat. May 2, 10am-2:00pm at the Middleton Fire Station. This event brings together emergency services, community partners, and residents to promote wildfire prevention, public safety, and community engagement.

In partnership with the Town of Middleton, this year's event will align with the Neighborhood Cleanup Competition, combining our FireSmart initiatives with community efforts to enhance safety, cleanliness, and resilience. Residents are encouraged to:

- Clean up their properties
- Reduce wildfire risks around their homes
- Submit before and after photos of their efforts for a chance to win a prize package. Send submissions to mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca Deadline is May 7th.

There will be FireSmart displays and public education tables to visit while enjoying a complimentary hot dog BBQ (provided by Heather's Independent and Foodland). Yard waste bags will be available (courtesy of Middleton Fire Department and Middleton Home Hardware).

We welcome all members of the community to attend, meet local responders, and learn practical steps to reduce wildfire risk and strengthen community preparedness.

In addition, the town's brush dump on Brooklyn Road will be open from 10am-2:00pm for residents' convenience. Note, the brush dump is for brush and leaves only. Dumping chemicals, garbage, recyclables, treated wood, or construction debris is prohibited.

Smile Cookie Week

Every Smile Counts! Valley Regional Hospital Foundation, with Soldier's Memorial Hospital Foundation, is proud to partner with Tim Horton's SMILE Cookies this year! From April 27 - May 3, when you buy a Tim Horton's Smile Cookie from in 7 Tim Hortons locations* in the Valley, 100% of the proceeds will be shared between both Valley Regional Hospital and Soldier's Memorial Hospital Foundation. It's deliciously easy to support healthcare in your community!



These delicious, chocolate chunk cookies can be purchased for \$2 + tax or you can buy a box of 12 for \$24 tax-free (!). You can also buy cookie-shaped plushies for \$5 + tax or simply make a donation.

Want to treat your family, neighbours, staff, or community? Consider placing a pre-order for boxes of 12 SMILE Cookies to skip the line and have them ready at your local store for pick up! Print an order form and drop it off to your local Tim Horton's 48 hours prior to pick up, or call your local restaurant in advance to arrange a pickup order

Download the form at <https://www.vrhfoundation.ca> While at the VRH Foundation website, check out the "Big Valley Give" fundraiser.

*Participating Tim Horton's locations include Wolfville, New Minas, Kentville, Coldbrook, Berwick, Middleton, and Bridgetown locations

Annapolis Shambhala Meditation Centre

Sunday Morning Sitting Practice
 8:50 a.m - 10:30 a.m.
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Bridgetown Ramblers - Free fun for the whole family, get some exercise and meet people. Resuming Tuesday, May 5th at 6:00pm, join us at the Bridgetown Baptist Church parking lot, 7 Park St, Bridgetown NS for a fun, social and relaxed ramble around the community of Bridgetown! For more information text 902-824-0057.

Employment Opportunities: Heritage Interpreters

A Canada Summer Jobs opportunity for those 15 to 30. Priority will be given to individuals facing barriers to employment

Wednesday through Sunday 930 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Contact bob.macauley@middletonrailwaymuseum.ca or call 902 293-6604 by May 8th.



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Community Calendar

Fri. May 1, 10am- Noon Understanding Grief After the Death of a Loved One.

an 8-week group education series recommended for those 18+ who have experienced loss more than 3 months ago. Held on Friday mornings in a safe, non-judgmental space. Facilitated by NSH staff, you will learn how to incorporate different tools and coping strategies such as mindfulness, memory sharing, self compassion. Starts May 1 and runs for 8 weeks. You will register for all 8 weeks. Annapolis Community Health Centre, 821 St. George St., Annapolis Royal Info and registration at avprogramregistration@nshealth.ca or leave message at 902-848-6416.

Fri. May 1, 10:00am Weekly Tai Chi

classes at the Centrelea Community Hall, 3495 Highway 201. Bring indoor slippers or shoes. Drop ins welcome. Good for balance, posture and relieving stress. Instructor Jamie Edwards of Empty Hand Martial Arts. \$75 for 10 week pass that does not expire. More info @ 902-448-2483 *

Fri. May 1, 10-11:30am Community Coffee. every Friday @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Come out and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and bring a snack to share if you are able. Meet a neighbour, make a new friend. Everyone is welcome. \$2/person donation for the Hall.

Fri. May 1, 12-1:00pm Tai Chi Classes, each Friday at the Bridgetown Salvation Army Church. \$60 for 10 classes. 902-824-0099.

Fri. May 1, 5:00pm The LCS Home and School Committee is hosting its **annual Spring Bingo Fundraiser** at Lawrencetown Consolidated School. Doors will open at 5pm and bingo will begin at 6pm. Books will cost \$7 each for 15 prize pack games, and cookie jar, 50/50, and raffle tickets will also be available for purchase. Draws for door prizes will take place at the end of the evening.

Fri. May 1, 7-10pm Get ready to SING for a cause! Join us at the Annapolis Royal Legion for a **Natal Day Karaoke**

FUN'draiser. Sing for free, pay \$\$ to make your friends sing, or drop \$10 to stay off the list entirely. It's all about laughs, music, and raising money for Natal Day activities. Bring your friends, your spare change, and your sense of adventure. See you there!

Fri. May 1, 7:00pm Jam Session every Friday Evening at the Youngs Cove Community Hall, 5407 Shore Rd. *

Fri. May 1, 7:30pm; Sat. May 2, 2:00pm & 7:30pm; and Sun. May 3, 2:00pm

BRCS Theatre Society presents **Arsenic and Old Lace** by Joseph Kesselring at Bridgetown Region community School. All seats \$15 at the door. This is the first full length play the theatre club has tackled since the pandemic. These students are excited to get back on stage to exercise their talents and entertain our community. See you there. Note, the play is not suitable for a lower elementary audience.

Fri. May 1, 8:00pm Jane Sibbery plays Evergreen Theatre. Best known for transcendent works like Calling All Angels, Love Is Everything, and the iconic Mimi On The Beach, she has created a singular body of work that defies categorization. A true creative original, singer-songwriter Jane Sibbery is an artist who makes unforgettably hypnotic, intimate music. With her recordings, one learns to expect - and relish - the unexpected. Sibbery jettisons the musically predictable in favour of something more honestly and strikingly her own genre, her own brand, and in the process has produced commercially and critically lauded recordings. (cfsa.ca) Tickets: Adults \$40, Members \$30, Military \$35, Students \$20, available at 902-825-6834 or www.evergreentheatre.ca. 1941 Stronach Mountain Road, Margaretsville.

Sat. May 2, 8-10:00am Breakfast at the Margaretsville Fire Hall. Every 1st Saturday of the month April to and including October. Bacon, sausages, eggs, beans, potato hash, pancakes, fish cakes, toast tea, coffee, juice and fruit. Adults \$15, 12 and under \$7.50, under 5 free. *

Sat. May 2, 8-10:00am Lions Big Breakfast at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffrey Street. Free will offering. All are welcome

Sat. May 2, 9am-1:00pm Annapolis Royal Winter Farmers Market indoors at St. Luke's Parish Hall (340 St. George St, Annapolis Royal, accessible from both St George St and Victoria St)!

Sat. May 2, 10am-2:00pm Bear River Jumble Sale at the Oakdene Community Centre, 1913 Clementsvale Rd. Hosted by Bear River Events as a fundraiser for Oakdene Community Centre. Admission is PWYC donation to Oakdene. Celebrate Spring Clean Up with the community at the Bear River Jumble Sale, where you can get cash for your unwanted bric-a-brac Clean out the house while shopping small & local this spring, out with the old and in with the new (to you)! If you would like to donate items to fundraising initiatives,

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Sat. May 2, 10am-3:00pm The Paradise Community Hall is having its annual **Spring Clean-Up Day** at 10300 Highway #1 in Paradise. Volunteers are invited to drop by and help tidy the hall and grounds for the season. All ages and abilities are welcome, and even a short visit makes a difference. Please come lend a hand and help get our community space ready for spring.

Sat. May 2, 12-5:00pm and Sun. May 3, 9am-2:00pm Acting In Ensemble, a two-day workshop for ages 12-adult, at King's Theatre, Annapolis Royal. If you're interested in Community Theatre, this workshop is for you! Join us two days with Alex McLean. This workshop is FREE, but space is limited and Registration is required. Info at www.kingstheatre.ca Presented by King's Theatre, with support from the Canada Post Community Foundation.

Sat. May 2, 12:30pm T & D Kitchen Jam Saturdays, 1407 Inglisville Road, Lawrencetown at the Community Hall. All are welcome! Doors open 12:30, music from 1:30-4:30. \$2 for entry. Snacks, tea /coffee are included in the price. *

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Sat., May 2, 1-3:00pm The Bridgetown Area Garden Club **Plant Swap and Sale** will be held at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffrey Street, Bridgetown. Time to thin out those perennials! Swap or purchase, open to members, friends and the public.

Sat. May 2, 3-5:00pm Theresa Porter will host a number of her musical friends at a **Kitchen Party** at the Annapolis Royal Legion, 66 Victoria St. Join us for some great live music, and remember that the Legion Members' "Toonie" Draw is held at 5pm each Saturday. You never know who will show up to play! Something new each week!

Sat. May 2, 4-7:00pm Clarence Community Club invites you to a **Pork Supper** at 2659 Clarence Road, Clarence. Pork Dinner and all the fixings - Colcannon, carrots, apple sauce, coleslaw, buns and plenty of desserts. Freewill offering all proceeds go toward the upkeep of the community structures in Clarence.

Sat. May 2, 8:00pm **The Gilberts & Mat Hughes** at Evergreen Theatre. Multi award-winning siblings The Gilberts bring vibrant three-part harmonies, soulful lyricism and diverse influences to their songs, performances and recordings. More than a singer-songwriter and piano virtuoso, Halifax-based Mat Hughes is a storyteller and performer of unique magnetism who makes each audience member feel as if they're catching up with an old friend. Tickets: Adults \$35, Members \$25, Military \$30, Students \$20, available at 902-825-6834 or www.evergreentheatre.ca. 1941 Stronach Mountain Road, Margaretsville.

Arsenic and Old Lace
by Joseph Kesselring



All seats \$15 at the door
Friday May 1 @ 7:30 pm
Saturday May 2 @ 2 pm and 7:30 pm
Sunday May 3 @ 2 pm

Parent Advisory - Not suitable for a lower Elementary audience
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Sun. May 3, 8-10:00am **Port George Monthly Breakfast**, Port George Recreation Centre. Bacon, Sauge, Home fries, Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Baked Beans, Toast, Tea, Coffee. \$13 per person, Children \$6. *

Sun. May 3, 9:30am **Holy Eucharist** at the Anglican Church of St. Mary's (6772 Hwy 1 in Belleisle). Please note there will be a congregational meeting after service to start planning our 250th anniversary service! All are welcome to join us.

Sun. May 3, 10:30am **Port Lorne Baptist** weekly services. Join us on Sundays at the Port Lorne Baptist Church, 500 Port Lorne Road, for a joyful time of worship featuring music by John Montgomerie. bill.linley@gmail.com. 902 221-6922.

Sun. May 3, 11am **Holy Eucharist** at St. James Anglican Church (289 Granville Rd, Bridgetown) followed by fellowship and food. All are welcome.

Sun. May 3, 11:00am **Bridgetown Baptist** continues to worship weekly. Join us on Sundays at the Royal Canadian Legion, 20 Jeffery St., for a joyful time of worship. 902-665-2506. 10:30 for prayer and 11am for worship! bridgetownbaptist@gmail.com.

Sun. May 3, 11:00 am **Worship Service**. Celebrate God's presence with us at St. George & St. Andrew United Church, 393 St. George St. Annapolis Royal 902-532-7954. Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds. *

Sun. May 3, 11am-2:00pm **Farmers and Crafters Market**, every Sunday at the Lions Club at 948 Hwy 1, Deep Brook. Local vendors and farmers. New vendors always welcome.



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Sun. May 3, 1-2:00pm Thinking Like a Plant – How to Propagate and Grow @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Ever wondered what it takes to start new plants from seed—or even from a leaf, stem, or root? Dr. Clark from NIKIAN Farm will explore the many ways plants reproduce and share practical tips on successful propagation. Learn how to:

- Kickstart seeds that need special conditions—cold, heat, light, dark, scratching the outer layer, or soaking
 - Use simple methods to start plants from leaves, cuttings, and roots
 - Recognize plant behaviors and “think like a plant” to encourage growth
- Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just beginning, you'll leave inspired to experiment and grow something new. Coffee/Tea provided. Free will donation.

Sun. May 3, 1-4:00pm A Fancy Spring Tea at Upper Clements Hall, 2951 Hwy 1.

Sun. May 3, 1-4:00pm SOOF Presents... Grounded in Nature Practice self-care and connect with nature in community as an act of rebellion! Join Save Our Old Forests (SOOF), local Nature Therapist, Wil Brunner and Mindfulness Meditation Teacher, Heron Payne for an afternoon of wellness practices and connection with nature and community at the Clarence East School (33e7 Clarence Road). We will engage in beginner's mindfulness and nature connection activities, while creating a safe space for sharing about our experiences. Leave this workshop feeling refreshed and supported by the land, your neighbours and yourself! Free. Maximum 30 participants. Registration Required. Register: saveouroldforests.ca/events This event will happen rain or shine!

Sun. May 3, 2:00pm Centrelea United Baptist Church, 3492 Highway 201. Weekly services at the Church for the spring, summer and fall seasons. Refreshments and conversation follow at each service. All are welcome to join us in services led by Reverend Dr. Elizabeth Legassie.

Sun. May 3, 7-9:00pm Fun Darts, every Sunday evening at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. \$3 entry returned in prizes.

Mon. May 4, 1:00pm Chair Yoga with Esme at the Bridgetown Legion (20 Jeffery St, Bridgetown). Join us for chair supported yoga suited for seniors and limited mobility. For more information contact Esme at (604) 537-5665 or esmeendres@gmail.com *

St. Mary's Anglican Church 6772 HWY 1, Belleisle

We welcome you to an inclusive, faith-based space, to worship without judgement, in fellowship with an embracing, caring and supportive community.

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Please join us every Sunday at 9:30 to find the touch of God.
(Last Sunday of the month, joint service with St. James Anglican at St. Mary's.)

Mon. May 4, 10-11:00am Indoor Fitness Walking @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Drop in every Monday and/or Thursday for an indoor walk. These basic low-impact cardio walking videos exercise the whole body (We usually walk 2-3 miles which is 30 or 45 minutes). These videos incorporate walking in place, knee raises, kicks, side and back steps, arm movements and so much more. \$2 Donation Suggested. *

Mon. May 4, 10am-12:00pm Memoir Writing Group meets every Monday morning in the music room at the Annapolis Library to share chapters of their memoirs for friendly discussion. No workshops. Everyone welcome. In the event of inclement weather/library closure, classes will not be held.

Mon. May 4, 1-4:00pm Monday Life Drawing Sessions Quick gesture poses leading to longer studies. Nude model. Quiet, engaging, and welcoming atmosphere. \$20. ARTSPACE Studio (upstairs), 396 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal. / www.arcac.ca / Contact: Elaine, applecart61@aim.com



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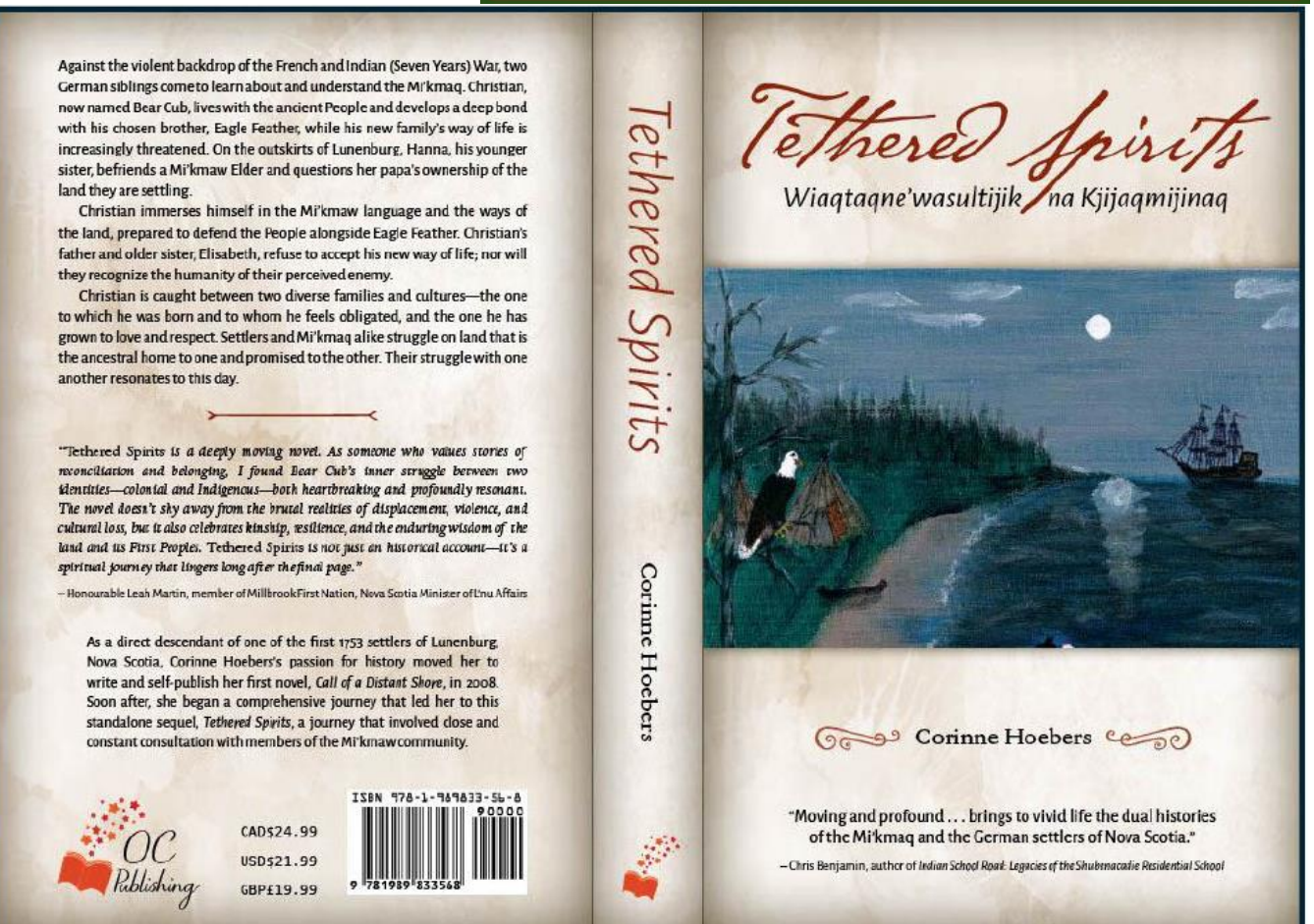
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Mon. May 4, 7:00pm Young Adult Bible Study

Are you a young adult (age 18-40ish) interested in meeting other young adults in the area and studying God's word together? This is the group for you! The Young Adult Group will meet weekly for Bible Study at 7pm at the new home of the Bridgetown Baptist Church, (7 Park St.) in Bridgetown. Light refreshments will be provided. All are welcome! Bring a friend! Please email Carrie at bridgetownbaptistyoungadults@gmail.com with any questions.

Mon. May 4, 7:00pm Valley Lions Radio Bingo (VLRB) is a Media Bingo broadcast on Annapolis Valley Radio, AVR 97.7FM and other AVR stations from Digby to Windsor, every Monday night from 7- 8pm. Bingo Cards are sold through valley retail locations. Info at www.vlrb.ca *

Mon. May 4, 7:00pm Jam Sessions starting on Monday May 4 at Habitation New Horizons Hall at 1771 Granville Road Port Wade. Come sing, play or just listen. Lots of fun and fellowship, all welcome. For info contact Ann Marie 902-955-2244.

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Mon. May 4, 7-9:00pm Craft Club @

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Tues. May 5, 10-11:00am Senior Exercise

Class at the Bridgetown Legion. Certified instructor. Work to your own comfort and ability level. Please bring resistance bands and hand weights if you have them. \$4 per class. Come for fun while being active! Newcomers always welcome. *

Tues. May 5, 11:15-12:15pm Hatha Flow

Yoga @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Build strength and flexibility with a flowing practice that links breath with movement, including standing poses and floor stretches. This new 6-week session (Mar 31st - May 7th) has expanded to 2 days per week (Tuesdays and Thursdays)! Register in person at the first class. 1 class per week is \$60 or 2 classes per week is \$120 or drop in for \$15 per class. No experience needed - all levels welcome.

Tues. May 5, 12:30-1:30pm Chair Yoga @

Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Perfect for those with hip, knee, or balance concerns. Gentle, supportive, and accessible. This new 6-week session (Mar 31st - May 7th) has expanded to 2 days per week (Tuesdays and Thursdays)! Register in person at the first class. 1 class per week is \$60 or 2 classes per week is \$120 or drop in for \$15 per class. No experience needed - all levels welcome.

Tues. May 5, 1-3:00pm The Annapolis East

Seniors Card Group, meet at NSCC Middleton campus every Tuesday.

Tues. May 5, 3-5:00pm Book Launch

Local author, Paul Rapsey, will be launching his seventh novel, and sixth mystery novel at the Mad Hatter Wine Bar and Book Store in Annapolis Royal. The story, titled "A Partriche in a Peer Tree" (no there are no spelling errors) is a multi-layered mystery set in a fictional small town in the Annapolis Valley. As with his six previous novels, the story is as much about the varied assortment of characters as it is about the mysteries that unfold. The characters, some of whom you may recognize if you have read any of his previous works, are mostly loveable despite their flaws. Paul will read selections from the book. As with his previous book launches, his "readings" are more like dramatic theatrical recitals. Come and hear this wonderful storyteller and enjoy the company of others over a glass of wine.

Tues. May 5, 6:30pm Barter Based

Session: Pottery Glazing, an Annapolis Valley Folk School event at 1963 Clarence Road. Curious about pottery? Join us for a relaxed, hands on pottery decorating session. Tickets available at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/barter-based-session-pottery-glazing-tickets-1987286374041> Please note we are suggesting a pay-what-you-can donation of \$5 per person to contribute to the materials purchased by the facilitator (clay, glazes, firing). For more into and if you have any difficulty registering you can send us an email at avfolkschool@gmail.com or message us on facebook.

Tues. May 5, 7:00pm Think gardens!

What's versatile, low maintenance, and adds colour and texture to your garden? Why ferns, of course! Our guest speaker this month at the **Bridgetown Area Garden Club**, Karen Achenbach, has a wealth of knowledge and a career of experience at the Historic Gardens. Join us at 7:00pm, May 5, at St. James Anglican Church Hall, corner of Granville St. and Church St., Bridgetown. Annual membership is \$20, drop-in fee, \$2. Check us out on Facebook and Instagram. See you there!



Save Our Old Forests Presents...

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with
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Join SOOF and local Nature Therapist, Wil Brunner and Mindfulness Meditation Teacher, Heron Payne for an afternoon of wellness practices and connection with nature and community.

Leave this workshop feeling refreshed and supported by the land, your neighbours and yourself!

DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026
TIME: 1 - 4 PM
LOCATION: CLARENCE EAST SCHOOL
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BIRDING BY EAR

with Julie Palmer and
Bonnie McOrmond

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026
8:00 AM - 10:00AM



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Early morning
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Rain Date: Sunday, May 24, 2026
Maximum 15 Participants
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Getting Started with Nature Journaling

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
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Tue. May 5, 7:00pm ArtChat with Art21.org. Feminisms. Art21 Director of Education, Emma Nordin, returns with another interactive ArtChat -- Live from New York! Using clips from Art21's expansive documentary catalogue of contemporary artist profiles, Emma will lead a discussion of feminist thought and practice in the face of social, generational, and individual adversities. Freewill donation (Suggested \$10).

Tues. May 5, 7:15-10:15pm Middleton Legion Bingo Tuesdays at 205 Marshall Street, Middleton. *

Wed. May 6, 9am-4:00pm Still Life Studio. Stay all day or drop in/hop out to suit your schedule. Engaging still life scene constructed for composition, contrast, texture and natural/lighting techniques. No solvents or oils, please. Tables, easels, and chairs available for use. No cost to participate (freewill donations accepted). First Wednesday of the month until June. ARTSPACE Studio (upstairs), 396 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal. www.arcac.ca Contact: Elaine, applectart61@aim.com

Wed. May 6, 10:00am NS Walks Annapolis Royal Wednesdays at 10am. Are you interested in getting some exercise, at your pace, with friendly people, and in picturesque surroundings? Join our Walk Group! We meet every Wednesday at 10:00am at the Annapolis Royal Farmers' Market parking lot. Walkers of all ages and abilities are welcome. For further information, call (902) 250-0429.

Wed. May 6, 10:00am NS WALKS BRIDGETOWN a walking group for all levels and abilities If you are looking for motivation to get out for a bit of exercise and to socialize come join us. Walkers meet at the Library every Wednesday at 10:00 am. All are welcome Registration is not required. For more information check our Facebook Group NS WALKS BRIDGETOWN

Wed. May 6, 2:00pm The Clements Historical Society will be holding its regular monthly meeting at the Royal Canadian Legion, Clementsport, NS, Hwy #1, in the Upper Hall. This will be an afternoon of " Show and Tell ". Many of our members have unique and interesting artifacts, possibly with a local connection. Bring them along and share your knowledge. It will be an enjoyable afternoon. Annual memberships for the Clements Historical Society will be available. They remain unchanged at \$10 per person. Refreshments are always welcomed and served. Everyone is welcome.

Wed. May 6, 4-4:30pm Taizé Prayer Service Join us for a quiet, contemplative Taizé prayer service each 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month until June 17. This is an ecumenical Christian service marked by simple, chant-like songs, spacious silence and a peaceful, reflective mood. Everyone is welcome, of any faith, or none. Musicians are welcome to bring an instrument and join in. Come for stillness. Come to listen. Come as you are. At St George and St Andrew United Church 393 St George Street, Annapolis Royal (the brick church at the lights). *

Wed. May 6, 6:00pm Centrelea Cemetery Cleanup. All lot holders and family members are asked to come out to help and also to attend the Annual General Meeting at 7pm at 103 Finch Road, Centrelea. If you are unable to come out that evening, please send a donation towards the upkeep of the cemetery to Centrelea Cemetery Company, PO Box 709, Bridgetown. For further information, call 902-526-0093 or 902-245-8078

Wed. May 6, 7:00pm Brickton Community Hall Jam Sessions Every Wednesday @ 7. Free will offering. All welcome. *

Wed. May 6, 7-9:00pm Fun Cribbage every Wednesday evening at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. \$6 entry returned in prizes. All welcome. *

Wed. May 6, 7:00pm Calling All Residents of Granville Ferry*: **Annual General Meeting of the Granville Ferry Community Hall Association (GFCHA).** at the Granville Ferry Hall, 5352 Granville Rd. *Area served by GFCHA: From Kerr Lane on Hwy 1, westward to Granville Rd, along to Hollow Mountain Rd, upwards to the crest of North Mountain, eastward to Parker Mountain Rd, and southward rejoining Hwy 1.

Wed. May 6 and Fri. May 8, 7:30-9:30pm Bridgetown Pickleball at BRCS. Entrance on north end of school (NOT the main entrance). Please bring a change of footwear. \$2 per night. Newcomers always welcome! Questions? 902-665-4353 or 902-665-4308.

Wed. May 6, 8:00pm Al-anon Meeting, for relatives and friends of alcoholics, at the First United Baptist Church at 762 George Street, Annapolis Royal, every Wednesdays at 8pm. Please enter through the front door.

Thur. May 7, 10-11:00am Indoor Fitness Walking @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Drop in every Monday and/or Thursday for an indoor walk. These basic low-impact cardio walking videos exercise the whole body (We usually walk 2-3 miles which is 30 or 45 minutes). These videos incorporate walking in place, knee raises, kicks, side and back steps, arm movements and so much more. \$2 Donation Suggested. *

Thur. May 7, 10am-12:00pm Veterans Coffee Morning at the Bridgetown Legion. Veterans, 1st Responders, serving and retired, firefighters and members. Every Thursday. Royal Canadian Legion, 20 Jeffery St. *

Thur. May 7, 2:15-4:15pm Caregiver Support Group meets at the Kingston Library, 671 Main St. Do you give unpaid care to a parent, spouse, child, friend, or relative due to frailty, advanced age, chronic illness, mental illness, or disability? You are not alone! The NS Caregivers Support Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. It is facilitated by trained staff members who offer a confidential, friendly atmosphere for you to discuss your experiences and receive helpful information in a supportive environment. For more information and to register, call Jennine Wilson, 1-877-488-7390 (toll-free).

Thur. May 7, 7:00pm Card Night at Moschelle Community Hall, 718 Hwy 201 Moschelle. All players are welcome to join in. Continuing every Thursday until Nov. of 2026.

Fri. May 8, 9:00am until Mother's Day Bake Sale at Middleton Home Hardware. Give Mom a break! Buy her some goodies. Proceeds in support of Soldiers Memorial Health Auxiliary.

Fri. May 8, 9:30-11:30am Veteran's Lodge Buddy Check coffee. This event is open to all Annapolis Valley Veterans and serving members. This is a FREE event for Veterans. Register by emailing theveteranslodge@gmail.com. At the 7Arts Centre 619 Central Ave, Greenwood. *

Sat. May 9, 8-10:00am Pancake Breakfast at Inglisville Hall. Pancakes, eggs, sausages, ham, baked beans hash browns, toast, juice, tea or coffee. Free will.

Sat. May 9, 9am-12:00pm Treasure Sale Sponsored by Annapolis Shambhala Meditation Group at Granville Ferry Community Hall. Find a wide range of gently used treasures: a large antique pine wardrobe, 2 matching Lane Acclaim end tables, Oriental throw rugs, Electrolux vacuum in good condition, Gibbard mahogany bedside table, whicker desk, large 2 tier grow light platform, lamps, selection of authentic shoe brushes, small furnishings, linens, household items. Variety of plants, kitchen utensils, small appliances, dishware, tools, yard and garden items and whatever else may be donated. Donations welcome (but no used clothing or books, please!).

Drop off Friday afternoon, May 8th, 2-4pm at the Granville Ferry Community Hall on Granville Rd. Hall in Granville Ferry. Contact Craig for more info or item pick-up: 902-955 1997.

Sat. May 9, 10-11:0am Vintage Tea Cup Candle Workshop. Make your very own scented candle in a tea cup! Hosted by Artist Stephanie, this workshop will have all supplies included. These candles will be made using organic soy with wood wicks. Candles will be scented using essential oils. For ages 16+. Cost is \$25 per person. Register by emailing info@7Arts.ca. 7Arts, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood. ** IMPORTANT ** This class will be using essential oils. Please avoid if sensitive to scents.

Sat. May 9, 10am-Noon Designed for Living Local genius Brant Hamilton Brown, a regular guest on the iconic Canadian show Marilyn Dennis, will be talking about our design challenges. Bring pictures and problems-they've got solutions. Upper Clements Hall, 2951 Hwy 1.

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you. Painters will be painting here and there. You can also try your hand at lumen printing under the guidance of artist Bonnie Baker. Then we'll tour the exhibit together to explore the art of seeing forests. Free. Maximum 20 participants. Registration Required. Register: saveouroldforests.ca/events Rain Date Sunday, May 10.

Sat. May 9, 2-4:00pm Mothers Day Tea at Youngs Cove Community Hall, 5407 Shore Rd. West. \$5 per person. Tea, sandwiches, dessert. Prize for best fascinator or hat. All ladies welcome.

Sat. May 9, 7-9:00pm The Annapolis Royal Legion will host Belinda Atwell for a fun evening of **Music Bingo**. This month it will be ALL CANADIAN ARTISTS for ALL GENRES! Prizes for 1 line, 4 corners, corner stamp, around the free, around outside and full card. Bingo cards are \$3 each and you can purchase as many as you like. Everyone is welcome to play, members and guests!

Sun. May 10, 10am-1:00pm Mother's Day Brunch at the Port Lorne Hall. Come enjoy a breakfast by the Bay with your mother or any other.

Sun. May 10, 1-3:00pm Mother's Day Tea Party @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd, Port Royal). Join us for a whimsical afternoon of tea (featuring Annapolis Tea Co.), triangle sandwiches, and treats. Fancy hats are encouraged. Photo booth, door prizes, craft table, and so much more. This is an all-ages ticketed event. Tickets are \$10 per person (children under 5 are free) and are being sold at The Red Onion Market in Annapolis Royal. Cash only (Please bring exact change). You can also email

LowerGranvilleHall@gmail.com to request an e-transfer. For more information visit our website at LowerGranvilleHall.com. We expect to sell out, so buy your tickets early.

Tues. May 12, 1:30-4pm Jam Session at Parker Hall, Victoria Vale, across from the church, every 2nd Tuesday. Doors open at 1:00. Come out for an afternoon of music, fun and refreshment and support the Hall. Next Jam May 26.*

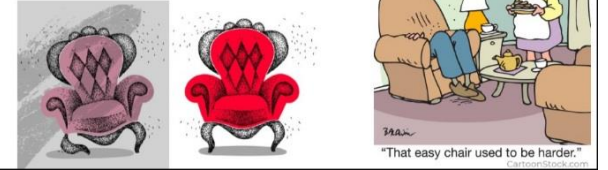
Tues. May 12, 2:00pm The Tupperville School Museum Society will hold its 2026 Annual General Meeting at the museum. All are invited.

Wed. May 13, 10:00am Save the date for the **Annual Walk Nova Scotia Walk**. Starting from and returning to Jubilee Park, Bridgetown at 10 AM. Registration not required, No Fee, Refreshments and social time after the approximately one-hour walk.

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Wed. May 13, 2-4:00pm Genealogy Coffee Club Join us for an afternoon of socializing and storytelling at the O'Dell House Museum & Genealogy Centre. Explore the Annapolis Heritage Society genealogical resource library and learn about our offerings. Engage with other genealogy enthusiasts and family historians in the community. Ask your burning questions or share research roadblocks you've encountered. Tell us about your favourite family history discoveries Light refreshments will be provided. We hope you drop by and join the conversation! 136 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal. *Accessibility Note: To accommodate this month's presentation, the meeting will be held upstairs.*

Wed. May 13, 6:30pm The Clements

Garden Club will meet at Felker Hall, 734 Broadway Ave., Cornwallis Park. Start the 2026 gardening season with a presentation by Ilana Vanderweit of Floreren Farm, Herbs: Growing them and making tinctures. New members welcome.

Wed. May 13, 7:00pm Thinking Beyond the Market This documentary film takes viewers across Canada to see policies, programs, and projects that are already working to address affordable housing. Dr. Brian Doucet, an associate professor in the School of Planning at the University of Waterloo, created the documentary and will join the screening via video link for a post-film discussion. At King's Theatre, Annapolis Royal.

Thur. May 14, 7:00pm Champlain Garden Club May meeting in the United Church hall (church at the lights) in Annapolis Royal. Topic this month is "Herb Gardening" presented by Elana Vandenoght. Hope to see you there. Light refreshments will be served.

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Thur. May 14, 7:00pm The Clarence 4-H Club meets at the Clarence Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm. New members and leaders are always welcome! For more information call Shanda at 902-824-2835.

Fri. May 15, 7:30-10:30pm Open Mic hosted by Tyra Brennan at the Lawrencetown Legion, 490 Main Street. Musicians, songwriters, and creatives welcome! Bring a song, try something new, or just enjoy the room. All skill levels encouraged. Supportive vibes only. 3rd Friday of each month. Free. *

Fri. May 15, 7:30pm Middleton Choral Society Presents **CONNECTIONS!** Our spring concert is at a new venue this year! Come join us at West Kings (1941 Hwy 1 Auburn) for an evening of exciting and heart-warming music. Tickets \$15, Youth 12 & under FREE. Available from members or call 902-825-9433. Also available at the door.

Fri. May 15, 8:00pm Cape Breton's Mary Frances plays Evergreen Theatre. Having performed with her parents and acclaimed fiddlers Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy for over 600 shows, genre-defying fiddling (and piano) sensation Mary Frances Leahy was a huge hit at last year's Stan Rogers Festival. Tickets: Adults \$40, Members \$30, Military \$35, Students \$20, available at 902-825-6834 or www.evergreentheatre.ca. 1941 Stronach Mountain Road, Margaretsville.

Sat. May 16, 8am-12:00pm Yard Sale at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 45 Main Street, Middleton.

Sat. May 16, 10am-2:00pm Bottle Drive - Help Support the Paradise Community Hall. Please bring your refundable bottles and cans to the hall at 10300 Hwy #1 in Paradise and support a great cause. All proceeds go directly toward fundraising for the community hall. Your recyclables can make a difference—thank you for your support!

Sat. May 16, 10am-2:00pm Spring Art Supply Sale at Elephant Grass Printmakers, 240 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal. Looking for supplies no longer available to buy, too expensive to import or would like to try something, but don't want to make a huge investment in supplies just yet? Check out our Spring ART Supply Sale! The proceeds from our yard sale will help Elephant Grass Printmakers, a registered nonprofit Society, stock our studio with paper, ink, barens and other materials for use by all members, visiting printmakers and people taking workshops with us.

Or maybe, you have unused, partially used or just too many art supplies stashed away left over from a project. Why not clean out those boxes of materials in closets or stacked in the corner and donate to the yard sale by contacting elephantgrassprint@gmail.com.

Sat. May 16, 11:30am-1:00pm All Saints Church will be holding a **Spring Luncheon** at the All Saints Church Hall, 521 Pleasant St., Kingston. Cost: \$12. Menu : ham, potato salad, cole slaw, lettuce, tomato and cucumber, and a lemon dessert. Dine in or take out! Please call 902-760-0729 to book your meal.

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Mon. May 18, 1:30-3pm Care Givers Support Group (for people who care for loved ones with dementia) The group meets the 3rd Monday of the month, except July and August, from 1:30 - 3:00pm, at St George & St Andrew United Church, 393 St George St, Annapolis Royal, (at the lights), Office Door, side entry. Contacts: Art Jones - 902-532-0784; Lou Fletcher - 902-532-2377.

Tues. May 19, 5:30pm Town of Middleton Public Hearing at the Middleton Fire Hall regarding King Street and Magee Drive developments. The public is encouraged to attend. Council Meeting will follow in council Chambers.

Wed. May 20, 6:00pm Annapolis Royal Public Hearing for a proposed development agreement at 46 Drury Lane, in Council chambers at Town Hall, 285 St. George Street. Interested persons are welcome to submit a written submission by Fri. May 15 to cao@annapolisroyal.com. For info or questions contact Ken Knox at 902-532-2043 ext. 106 or kknox@annapolisroyal.com

Thur. May 21, 10am-2:00pm Barter Based Session: Stone Soup for All, an Annapolis Valley Folk School event at 2659 Clarence Rd. We are gathering to make soup for ourselves and others! This session will teach you how to make large quantities of soup. We will make the soups together and try them out at lunch. Then after a soup luncheon we will package the extras for the pantry. It will be a hands-on session so once everyone is signed up an email will be sent out with the items you will need to bring to make the cooking easier.

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Sun. May 17, 3:00pm The Fundy Chorale presents Broadway, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 110 Queen Street, Digby. Tickets \$15 cash at the door. Special draw for Gift Card prizes (draw tickets sold at Sobeyes, \$2 or 3 for \$5).



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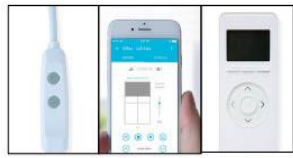
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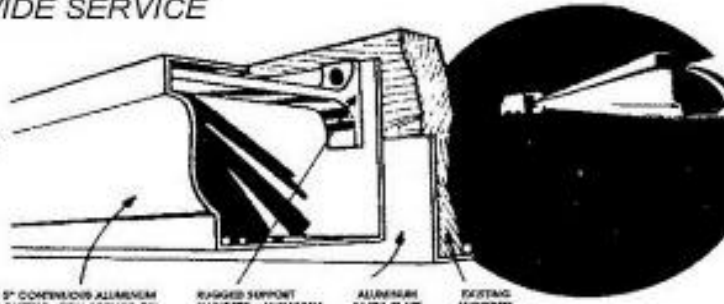
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Thur. May 21, 6:00pm An Oak Island Evening of Questions and Answers, with Laird Niven, at the MacDonald Museum. Laird will be joined by specialists Emma Calligan, Fiona Steele and Jillian Parsons. \$10 admission. Limited seating, call to reserve at 902-825-6116

Sat. May 23, 6am-2:00pm Middleton Shad Fishing Derby at Riverside Park, 80 Bridge Street. Check in at 6:30am. Registration: Adults \$25. Youth (Under 16) \$10. Lots of prizes. This is a catch and release event. Participants must provide proof of a valid fishing license or band card. Register at <https://forms.gle/JRKJab4vDb6NLDcdA> or email mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca

Sat. May 23, 8-10:00am SOOF Presents... Birding by Ear The blackflies are back so you know what that means? The birds are back too! Save Our Old Forests (SOOF) is excited to get back out into the woods for an early morning Birding By Ear workshop with guest hosts Julie Palmer and Bonnie McOrmond. The last time Julie and Bonnie took a group through the forests of the Goldsmith Lake Wilderness Area participants were delighted to hear the "Quick Free Beer!" call of the Species-At-Risk Olive-sided flycatcher. What might we hear this time? Free. Maximum 15 participants. Registration Required. Register: saveouroldestforests.ca/events Rain Date Sunday, May 24

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Due to ongoing upgrades to the waste treatment plant, residents will notice increased activity, primarily to the following streets: Washington, Park, and Rectory Streets, and Riverside and Centennial Drives. Every effort will be made to minimize disruptions. For questions or concerns contact Jordan Saunders, Project Manager, at 902-955-3147 or jrsaunders@annapoliscounty.ca

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Sat. May 23, 8:30am-Noon Annual Plant/Bake Sale at the West Paradise Community Hall, 5154 Hwy 201. Tickets on planter at the door.

Sat. May 23, 2-3:30pm Final Arrangements with Valerie Wilson. Find out about burial options that include traditional to transformative alternatives, and why some are more eco-friendly than others. An Afternoon with Friends Speaker series presentation with Friends of the Library, in the Music room at the Community Hub, 143 Ritchie St., Annapolis Royal. For more info email us at friendsofthearlibrary@gmail.com or check out our website at arlibraryfriends.org

Sat. May 23, 5:00pm Community Potluck Dinner at the Paradise Community Hall, 10300 Hwy 1, Paradise. Join us for an evening of good food and great company! Please bring your favourite dish to share and the Hall will provide tea, coffee, and lemonade.

Thur. May 28, 6:30-8pm Dragon Acrylic Paint Night. Join us for a fun and lighthearted evening where Artist Jenna will guide you step-by-step in creating your very own magical dragon masterpiece - no experience needed! Whether you're a total beginner or just looking for a creative night out, you'll leave with something you're proud of (and maybe a little bit of paint on your hands too!). Spots are \$35 per person. Grab yours and let's make some art! Registration required by emailing info@7Arts.ca. 7Arts, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood.

Thur. May 28, 7:00pm MacDonald Museum AGM. Guest speaker Dan Conlin, author of Pirates of the Atlantic, will present an illustrated talk about the rich history of pirates in Nova Scotia and the myths that have grown up around them. All welcome. Free admission. 21 School Street, Middleton.

Sat. May 30, 8-10:00am Pancake Breakfast at Moschelle Community Hall, held the last Saturday of the month at 718 Hwy 201, Moschelle. Come join us for a great breakfast \$10/plate and \$5/plate for children under 5. Your choice of Pancakes or French toast with all the trimmings and includes a side of sausages and homemade beans. *

Sat. May 30, 1-3:00pm SOOF Presents... Getting Started with Nature Journaling Develop your power of observation and learn to "see" the world around you! Nature Journaling is a practice that combines science and art to create a record of something you observed in the natural world. Join Save Our Old Forests (SOOF) and lifelong naturalist and artist Bev Wigney at the Centrelea Community Hall (3495 Highway 201) as she shares some of her personal Nature Journaling tips, tricks and techniques. There will be art supplies and specimens available to practice with - or feel free to bring your own! This workshop is open to anyone who would like to learn about Nature Journaling - you don't need to be an artist to give it a try. Free. Maximum 20 participants. Registration Required. Register: saveourolforests.ca/events This event will happen rain or shine!

Sat. May 30, 1:30pm Join us on May 30th for a **Walk to Raise Awareness for Alzheimer's!** Beginning at the Annapolis Royal Nursing Home (9745 Highway 8, Lequille) at 1:30pm, we will head out for a walk, then gather back at the nursing home for refreshments. This event is open to the community. To donate in support of Alzheimer's research and programs, or to join our walking team, find the link at <https://www.facebook.com/MCAnnapolisRoyalNursingHome>

Sat. May 30, 5:00pm Back for another year by popular demand, it's **the Cats for Keeps Annual Fundraising Dinner and Auction:** Eat, Drink & Be Meowy! Located at the Annapolis Royal Fire Hall, starting at 5pm. There will be a live auction, door prizes, 50/50 draw and more! Tickets can be purchased online at tinyurl.com/catsforkeeps or at The Red Onion Market in Annapolis Royal. Come celebrate with us and support the cats and kittens in our communities. Questions? Email: eventsckf@gmail.com 1-888-837-2714 #2

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Sat. May 30, 7:30pm Bonnie Kilroe is back with her **Country Queens Show** at the Annapolis Royal Legion, 66 Victoria St. One Woman, 8 Country Legends. All in one Unforgettable Night! From Shania to Dolly, Reba to Patsy, this high-energy, comedy-packed show brings the biggest voices in country music to life — with live vocals, quick changes, and plenty of laughs along the way!

Girls' night out? Date night? Just need a fun night out? This is it! Advance tickets available at the Legion bar for \$30 each. Tickets at the door \$35.

Sat. June 13, 9am-1:00pm Community Yard Sale West Paradise, Hwy 201. \$5 fee for participation to Community Hall. All proceeds of sales for individual homes.

Mon. June 15, 7:00pm The Paradise Community Hall Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting at 10300 Highway #1 in Paradise. All residents of the community are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what's happening at the hall, share your ideas, and get involved.

We are currently seeking new Board members and volunteers to help support and guide the hall's activities. Whether you have a few hours a month or just want to stay informed, your participation would make a difference.

Art Exhibition: Opening May 1 at the Middleton Library. View artworks by the Artists' Circle Members based on the theme of "Beauty of Aging". This show/sale will run from May 1 to June 5th. Contact the Middleton Library for hours.

Summer Employment Opportunity: Mountains and Meadows Care Group is hiring recreation assistants for the 2026 summer season. Make a difference in someone's day in our beautiful new facility. Send Resume to: Brenda at: bbrown@mountainsandmeadows.ca

Help Wanted: The Tupperville School Museum will open this year on June 24 and will be open for 10 weeks. We will be hiring at least one Interpreter. Should you wish to apply, please send your resume/application to - tuppervillemuseum@gmail.com For the job description, visit <https://www.tuppervilleschoolmuseum.ca/> and look under the heading "Employment".

Use of Property: The Tupperville School Museum has a secure, fenced, grassed area available at any time to the community. Tables, seats, a stage and a privy are available and toys for children. Should you or your group wish to take advantage of ALL of these facilities, they are available upon request. Apply using - tuppervillemuseum@gmail.com or call 902-665-2427. No fee but freewill donations are always appreciated. We just ask that you keep the gate closed.

Opportunity to put on your event: The Tupperville School Museum would like to offer its facilities to community groups, artists and similar folks to entertain, educate and inform. Interested parties may contact the museum by e-mail at tuppervillemuseum@gmail.com or by calling 902-665-2427 We will be open from June 24 to August 30.

Bystander Workshop:

"How Can I Help?"



When people experience violence and abuse, they turn to those who they trust before going to professionals. Join Wendy Knowlton of The Women's Place Resource Centre to learn about:

- How to recognize abuse, types of abuse, and signs of abuse.
- How to have conversation with people who may be in unsafe relationships.
- Where you can refer victims and survivors of abuse to resources in the area.

THURSDAY May 07 *10:30am - 11:30am*

Location: CORAH at NSCC Middleton Campus
Register: corah-avc@nssc.ca OR 902-825-5215

FREE



Spot the Scam!

What's New, What's Fake in 2026

Join RCMP Sharon Elliott of the Annapolis County Seniors' Safety Program to learn:

- Top frauds and scams to watch out for in 2026 including the latest news on AI, email and other scams for targeting seniors
- How to protect yourself and loved ones
- Insurance, phone, online scams & much more!

WEDNESDAY May 13 *10:00am - 11:00am*

Location: CORAH at NSCC Middleton Campus
Register: corah-avc@nssc.ca OR 902-825-5215

FREE



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Connecting Horses, People and Art!

Join FSTRA and 7Arts to learn more about connecting horses, people and art:

- Learn what FSTRA is all about
- Learn about programs connecting horses with people, and special volunteer opportunities!
- Horses making art? Hear about and see the ways 7Arts collaborated with FSTRA to engage horses to make unique art!

THURSDAY May 14 *10:00am to 11:00am*

Location: CORAH at NSCC Middleton Campus
Register: corah-avc@nssc.ca OR 902-825-5215

FREE



Machu Picchu:

Amazing Inca Engineering & Masonry

Maxine Dora Bruce has returned from her travels to share stories, photos, and insights:

- A universal thought at the sight of Machu Picchu is often "Impossible!" But is it really?
- The abandoned and lost city of the Incas: Never abandoned and never really lost!
- How modern technology is turning commonly held beliefs about Machu Picchu upside down

WEDNESDAY May 27 *10:00am to 11:00am*

Location: CORAH at NSCC Middleton Campus
Register: corah-avc@nssc.ca OR 902-825-5215

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Stories of Survival

From Annapolis Valley

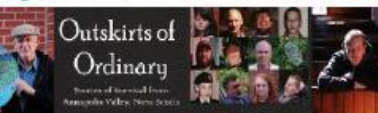
Join local author, photographer, and trailblazer, Steve Skafte, as he tells tales from his latest book, the harrowing and heartfelt **Outskirts of Ordinary!**

- Hear about **stories of locals** who overcame odds, mixed with memories of Steve's childhood.
- Steve's been widely featured in national print media, TV and radio. He'll also be **signing copies** of all his currently available books after the talk!

THURSDAY May 28 *1:00pm to 2:00pm*

Location: CORAH at NSCC Middleton Campus
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FREE



For the Love of Flowers!

Join Jane White for an experience of Colour as you Relax and Stop to Enjoy the Flowers:

- A look at some of the flowers that bloom in our own backyard: the Middleton Wetlands known as the Meadowhawk Trail!
- See the colours and plants of the Butchart Botanical Gardens in Victoria BC
- Be inspired by foliage found in the beautiful Abkhazi Garden!

WEDNESDAY June 03 *10:00am - 11:00am*

Location: CORAH at NSCC Middleton Campus
Register: corah-avc@nssc.ca OR 902-825-5215

FREE



Celebrating Earth Day at Centrelea!

Submitted by Save Our Old Forests & Centrelea Community Hall

Thank you to everyone that joined in the fun at the 3rd Annual SOOF & Centrelea Hall Earth Day Celebration on Saturday April 19th!

The celebration started in the morning with a nature hike with Donna, and thankfully the sun peaked out a few times to say hello. The Hall was filled to capacity for lunch, and SOOF served 150+ bowls of soup - it was our first time running out of soup! With bellies full people spent the afternoon outdoors experiencing the world around them in a guided Earthwalk, peering through microscopes, creating with clay, playing games, listening to music, planting trees, and more!

*Thank you to the Hall's and SOOF's dedicated Earth Day and SOOF Soup Sunday volunteers: Ashlea Viola, Cabot Lyford, Calvin Piggott, Chantelle Webb, Crystal Veinot, Deb Kuzyk, Devin Dorrans, Donna Crossland, Erin Todd, Geraldine Kenny, Greg Cosman, Judith Matthew, Keith Egger, Kristen Hopkins, Laura Bright, Larry Powell, Lisa Proulx, Nina Newington, Paul Wartman, Rhonda O'Grady, Robert Bright, Stephen Savauge, Tammy Redden, Tamara Rooseboom, Ted Agombar and Tracy Summerville

*Thank you to Bee's Knees General Store & Bakery, and Twisted Brook for all the delicious bread

*Thank you to Annapolis County Recreation, Clean Annapolis River Project, Ecology Action Centre, Firefly Art Therapy, Floreren Farm, Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute, Nature Nova Scotia, and the Valley Credit Union for your support and participation!

*Thank you to Ted Agombar for coordinating all the music, and to Sindy & Dion Schofield for the sound!

*Thank you to Danny O'Neal, The Res-O-Matics, Rumour Has It and The Possibilities for performing on the Nancy Godfrey Stage!



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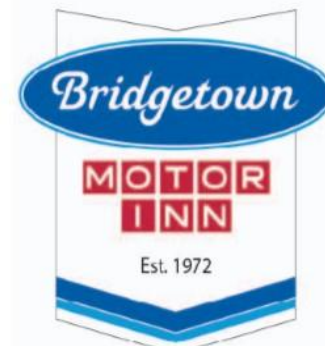
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Bulletin Board

Looking for something? Buying, selling, giving away, renting? Listings are free.

Garage Sale: Sat. May 2 and Sun. May 3, 8-4 at 54 Riverview Drive, Bridgetown. Rain or shine.

For Sale: Small portable record player, used twice, like new, \$40. Lots of old records, good music cheap. Hilda Connell, 902-665-4627.

For Sale: Five very sturdy hard plastic shelving units 4 foot high \$25 each. Cast iron mail box 4 foot high, very heavy. Great for your lane or yard. Asking \$250. We are in Annapolis Royal. 902 349-0526.

Looking to Rent: 2 bedroom apartment or home in Annapolis Royal area or Granville Road. Call after 9am, 902-308-5250.

For Sale: Aluminum 6 ft. Ladder, \$50. Singer sewing machine, \$50. Please contact 902-349-4314, Kingston.

For Sale: Infrared heater, paid \$200 new, asking \$50. Kerosene heater, hardly used, \$20. Movie projection screen, \$20. Camera tripod, one lock broken, \$10. Two-piece white wedding dress, \$20. 902-526-0285.

For Sale: Stainless steel kitchen refrigerator, \$250 OBO. Mini bar fridge, \$200 OBO. Both in excellent condition. Nearly new white full-size microwave, \$50 OBO. Bridgetown area. 902-309-1299.

For Sale: Two sets of 4 tires. 4 16", excellent condition, \$120. 4 17" summer tires, excellent condition, \$120. All have several years of wear left and are clean and bagged. 902-765-4961.

Wanted: Adult music student seeks donations of gear and clothing suitable for performance in a Highland Pipe and Drum Band. Kilts, caps and regalia and instruments may all be considered for himself and others in the band. (Clear a closet, help the band and get that family history proudly and reverently displayed on parade! win-win-win!) Contact Roger at (902) 526 4960

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For Sale: Milwaukee 1/2 inch angle drill Mod # 48-06-2871. Good condition with auger bits, \$200. 1 bag (22.7 kg) Color granite Polymeric sand, \$30. (902) 825-8311

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Anna/Royal - Rare & Unusual Plant Sale Join us SUNDAY, May 17th at 1:00 PM for a unique plant sale featuring rare and unusual finds! Expect: A great selection of specialty plants! PLUS: Starting at 11:30 am (by the Wharf)

Natal Day Fundraiser BBQ & drinks along with our Friends of the Library with a variety of plant-related books. Come early, Bring your change ☔ Rain or shine event! Come out, browse, and support local initiatives! We will be under the tent.

Anna/ Royal Inn is under new management now accepting applications for help to join our team. Housekeeping positions avail. Drop resumes at #3924 Hwy#1 Annapolis Royal.

Anna/Royal Lions are looking for your help! - a Food Drive to help 'FILL the SUV' At Miller's Independent (Anna/Royal) on Wed, May 20th from 10 am - 2 pm. Small donation. BIG Impact. Let's fill it together! Canned goods, baby items, pasta & rice, toiletries, cereal.

Anna/Royal- Toms Kool Bus is on the causeway- open for the season.

Anna/Royal - Did you know there is a new type of Gallery in town? It's at the Lark & Loon, 643 St. George St. in the carriage house. It's called, The 'Spoke & Feller'.

Anna/Royal- Natal Day Karaoke 'FUN'draiser with Theresa, Fri. May 1st from 7 - 10, at Anna/Royal Legion. Questions? Call/ text Theresa 902-532- 8629.

Anna/ Royal- Natal Day Fundraising Day @ Fire Hall, Sat May 16th 8:30 - 2. Yard Sale), Bake Sale & 50/50 is 8:30 -2, Car Wash & BBQ is 11:30 - 1. Do you have an hour or 2 to lend a hand on Natal Day weekend July 31st - Mon Aug 3....drop in and chat with us where you'd be comfortable helping. News...the parade route will be starting to compile on Champlain Drive and head out at The Academy. (Upper St. George).

Anna/ Royal- Annual yard sale, St. George St. Andrew church, Sat May 2nd 9 - 12.

Anna/ Royal Library- Sat May 23rd from 2 -3:30 Final Choices: Speaker Valarie Wilson. Find out about burial options that include traditional to transformative alternatives. Music room at the Com/ Hub #143 Ritchie Street . Free in person presentation. More info : friendsofthearlibrary@gmail.com

Bridgetown- Eden Golf Course, 4 Summer Jobs, 2 on course, 1 pro shop, 1 food & bev. Ages 15 - 30. Apply by May 8 resume to eden@edengolf.ca.

Bridgetown- Mountains & Meadows Online Auction starts May 1st. Reach out to arcreecreation@mountainsandmeadows.ca to donate.

Bridgetown- Mother's Day Brunch Buffet by Cindy Macdonald, on Sun May 10th at the Legion. Reservations req. 3625. 2 sittings @ 11am & 1:30 pm only. Reserve by Fri May 8th. **cancelled** 15 children under 12. Bar open 10:30 - 3pm

Bridgetown- Save the Date Sat. May 16th, Car Wash & Bottle Drive @ Br'town Car Wash. from 10am-2 pm. Free Will Offering! Come out and support Graduates of 2026

Cats For Keeps- 50/50 @ www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/cfkitten, Draw will happen live at fundraising dinner May 30. Dinner tickets: go to The Red Onion Market in AR with cash.

Did you know...the Annapolis West Education Centre (AWEC) High School is looking to have a Digital Sign be installed on the front of their school, Advertising for theatre productions, athletic games, SAC Initiatives, school closures and emergency alerts and are reaching out for your help. The goal for this project is \$12,000. If you would like to donate or have questions, you can contact me directly at... june.brown@avrce.ca or call the main office. 902-532-3150.

MacLeod Cares - Mother's Day Wishes- If anyone would like to send heartfelt Mother's Day greetings or cards to our wonderful mothers, you can do so by sending a note or card to residents at Anna/Royal Nursing Home % Kimberly Miller Recreation Coordinator #9745 Trunk #8 Anna/Royal , NS Canada B0S 1A0.

Middleton- Intro to Bee Keeping Class for May 23 at 1 pm, is filling up quickly. Cost is only \$40. Register at www.maritimebee.ca under classes.

Paragon Golf & Country Club- Longtime member Barry Morse and, along with his wife Valda Morse, have generously committed to fully fund the replacement of the bridge on Hole #4. Thank you Both!

Upper Clements - Cottages & RV Park - is hiring laundry/housekeeper, parttime seasonal. Send resume: careers@upperclemetnscottages.com.

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West Dalhousie Community Hall- WILDFIRE Preparedness Day, Sat May 2nd from 12 noon -3 pm. Free Com/ BBQ Br'town Vol. Fire Dept display. Door Prizes & Activities. Fire Smart Presentations. ALL WELCOME!

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL VOLUNTEERS NOMINATED! You make things happen!

Annapolis County Municipal Council Highlights

April 21, 2026

Proposed Forest Harvesting - Municipal Council directed a letter be written to invite DNR, the Minister of Natural Resources and local MLAs to meet with the Warden, Deputy Warden, CAO and senior staff to provide info on the proposed harvest at Mickey Hill, as well as timelines.

Expansion of Finfish Farm - Municipal Council directed a letter be written to invite the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture and local MLAs to meet with the Warden, Deputy Warden, CAO and senior staff to provide information on the proposed expansion of the finfish farm and Marine Aquaculture site 1040 license expiry, as well as timelines.

Property Tax Write-off - Municipal Council approved writing off an uncollectible tax account totaling \$1,376.05.

Capital Budget Increases:

- Municipal Council approved to increase the funding for the Bridgetown Sewage Lagoon Upgrades Phase 3 in the 2026-2027 CIP by \$300,000 to \$1,000,000 with the full amount to be funded by long term debt as originally approved in the 20262027 Capital Investment Plan.
- Municipal Council approved to increase the Recreation Infrastructure Upgrades in the 2026-2027 CIP from \$200,000 to \$300,000 with the \$200,000 to come from Capital Reserve Fund and the \$100,000 to come from the community.

- Municipal Council approved to increase the IT Systems Replacement in the 20262027 CIP from \$40,000 to \$65,000 with the additional funding to come from the Capital Reserve Fund.

- Municipal Council approved to change the \$35,000 funding for Alden R. Hubley Water Connection in the 2026-2027 CIP from the County Water Reserve to the Operating Reserve

Municipal Wildfire Prevention Grant - Municipal Council approved to move the Municipal Wildfire Prevention Grant of \$22,500 from the 2025-2026 Operating Budget to the Operating Reserve to be used in 2026-2027 to advance FireSmart initiatives along with Parks and Recreation.

Disbursement of Crouse and Willet Trust Interest - Municipal Council authorized payment from the Willet Trust to the Mountain and Meadows Care Group in the amount of \$673.76.

Plans for Future Use of Municipal Lands (former Upper Clements Park)

Municipal Council directed the CAO to re-issue a modified request for proposals for the Upper Clements Park property, as per the staff report of April 14, 2026.

Unsold Properties from March 5, 2026, Tax Sale: Council approved to call tender for property

- ANN 00-176-869 with a minimum bid of \$1,883.87
- In 90 days for property ANN 09-153-144 with a minimum bid of \$1.00
- ANN 02-099-349 with a minimum bid of \$4,456.02

Physician Recruitment Committee - Municipal Council approved a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to Dr. Thomas Ritchie in accordance with Policy 108 Medical Recruitment Financial Assistance Program. Of this approval, \$2,500 will be paid right away with the remaining \$2,500 to be paid in one year.

Marketing Levy Ad Hoc Committee:

- Municipal Council approved to revise the terms of reference to extend the Marketing Levy Ad Hoc Committee term for another 12 months, with a new ending date of March 31, 2027.

- Municipal Council instructed staff to reach out to the Town of Annapolis Royal and the Town of Middleton to initiate discussions regarding the Marketing Levy.

- Municipal Council requested that the Chief Administrative Officer review and prepare an updated Marketing Levy By-law for consideration by the Marketing Levy Committee, either electronically or at its next scheduled meeting.

Lawrencetown Swimming Pool - Municipal Council approved to support Lawrencetown Pool in the amount of \$1,000 for the vandalism repair.

Public Hearings:

- Cornwallis Park Secondary Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw - Municipal Council gave second reading and approval to amend the texts of the Cornwallis Park Secondary Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw to allow Public Use in the Light Industrial (IND) zone.

- Housekeeping Map Amendments - Municipal Council gave second reading and approval to amend the Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map of the Annapolis County Planning area.

- South St./Carlton Corner - Municipal Council gave second reading and approval, to amend the County-wide Municipal Planning Strategy to redesignate 148/150 South St. from Mixed Use to Residential and rezone it from Mixed Use (MX) to Multi-Unit Residential (R2).

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Fri. May 1, 7:00pm The Skeleton Dance (live performance) The Skeleton Dance is a highly physical, energetic, and light-hearted play with elements of clown and puppetry. Created and performed by Emma James (they/she) and Ella MacDonald (she/her), it is an all ages about death.

In The Skeleton Dance, two young children process the news that their Great Uncle Trout has suddenly passed away. They consider the implications of this in an entertaining, irreverent way, where the audience is privy to their many whimsical theories about death.

Emma & Ella believe that everyone has grieved something, be it a loved one, important events, or normalcy. The goal of The Skeleton Dance is to provoke thought about the ways in which we respond to hardship and comfort one another. Tickets: \$25 Adults, \$15 Youth/Supported.

Sat. May 2, 6:30pm Project Hail Mary (film, PG) Science teacher Ryland Grace (Ryan Gosling) wakes up on a spaceship light years from home with no recollection of who he is or how he got there. As his memory returns, he begins to uncover his mission: solve the riddle of the mysterious substance causing the sun to die out. He must call on his scientific knowledge and unorthodox ideas to save everything on Earth from extinction... but an unexpected friendship means he may not have to do it alone. Tickets: Adults \$11.95, Youth \$7.95.

Sun. May 3, 3:00pm Romeo and Juliet, a stage to screen presentation. Experience the greatest love story ever told on the cinema screen, with The Royal Ballet's brand new production of Romeo and Juliet by Sergey Prokofiev. In order to be together, Romeo and Juliet must risk it all. Tickets: Adults \$16.95, Youth \$7.95.

Wed. May 6, 7:00pm Holy Days (film, PG) Accompanied by a young boy, three unconventional nuns embark on a wild and chaotic road trip across New Zealand to retrieve the deeds to their convent. When an unexpected snowstorm derails their journey, they soon find themselves confronting loss, mortality and the transformative power of love, forgiveness and connection. Directed by Nat Bolt with Miriam Margolyes, Jacki Weaver, and Judy Davis. Tickets: Adults \$11.95, Youth \$7.95.

Fri. May 8, 7:30pm The Good Brothers (live performance) 50th Anniversary Tour. The Good Brothers original line-up of Bruce, Brian and Larry Good continue to deliver a world-class show that features their trademark sibling harmonies. This legendary group are the recipients of eight Juno awards for Best Country Group and headlined gigs at Massey Hall, Roy Thompson Hall, The National Art Centre and performed countless shows at L.A.'s Universal Amphitheatre with (their mentor) Gordon Lightfoot. The Good Brothers are inductees into the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame and the North American Country Music Hall of Fame, and received two nominations for Country Group and Roots Artist of the year at the Canadian Country Music Awards. They have gained a worldwide audience over the course of their accomplished career. Their acclaimed show encompasses country, bluegrass, folk and the occasional selection from their rock and roll songbook. Tickets: Adults \$40, Youth \$15.

Sat. May 9, 2:00pm and 6:00pm The **Sparkle Dance Academy** returns with their dynamic Spring Showcase: "Pirates, Vikings and The Great Treasure". Come discover the power of 90+ Sparkle Dancers on stage! Adults: \$20 for one show / \$35 for two shows. Youth (Under 18): \$5 for one show / \$8 for two shows

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For Sale by Owner: 2 bedroom 2 bath condo with terrace at The Academy in Annapolis Royal. Main floor with six appliances. \$272,900. For more information, contact evalake73@gmail.com.

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Where do you turn to RESTORE PLUSH?
Answer: UPHOLSTERERS

Quality of a person who says, "I NOW STRESS TRUTH"? Rearrange the letters for a one word answer.

"Course of Action" Cryptoquote
Answer: We have all heard the saying "the man with a plan is king." I believe a man without a plan is just a pawn to circumstance and embarking on a losing strategy. Wheeler Baker from Crisis Management: A Model for Managers

Anagrams Answers Puzzle 16
 Rearrange all the letters of each word to form another common English word.
 Anodyne - Annoyed
 Ateliers - Earliest
 Droopiest - Depositor
 Grudge - Rugged
 Gyrate - Tragedy
 Listening - Enlisting
 Spinal - Plains
 Sauciest - Suitcase
 White rose - Otherwise
 Zoned - Dozen

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Math Square 17
 Fill in the blanks. The missing values are whole numbers between 1 and 16. Each number is only used once. Each row is a math equation. Each column is a math equation. Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction. Answer next week.

"Believe Me" Word Search Answer

"Wow!" Word Search Puzzle

Brilliant	Elegant
Exalted	Excellent
Glittering	Gorgeous
Grand	Imperial
Imposing	Lavish
Lofty	Lordly
Majestic	Princely
Radiant	Regal
Superb	Towering

Find the word or phrase in the puzzle. Words can share letters as they cross over each other. Answer next week.

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 U W K X Z Z W R C X K Y P S W A

Anagrams Puzzle 17
 Rearrange all the letters of each word to form another common English word. Answers next week.

Androcles - _____
 Colonialist - _____
 Landrace - _____
 Nearness - _____
 Passed over - _____
 Procured - _____
 Quakes - _____
 Rodman - _____
 Saltiness - _____
 Stencil - _____

"The Greeks Had a Word for It" Cryptoquote: Each letter in the phrase has been replaced with a random letter. Answer next week.

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Meet Our 2026 Annapolis County Volunteers!

Volunteers are the heart of Annapolis County. Every day, individuals across our communities give their time, energy, and compassion to support others and help our region thrive. Whether they are coaching our children, creating community theatre, organizing events, supporting local initiatives, or responding in times of emergency, volunteers play an essential role in strengthening the places we call home. Over the past year, we were also reminded of this generosity during the West Dalhousie wildfire, when volunteers both locally and from beyond our region stepped forward to help in remarkable ways. Their selflessness reflects the spirit that makes Annapolis County such a special place to live, work, and play.

We are incredibly grateful to live in a community where so many people are willing to step in, lend a hand, and lift others up. Their dedication is a vital part of Nova Scotia's exceptional quality of life.

A heartfelt thank you and congratulations to our 2026 Annapolis County Community Volunteers, and to the organizations and individuals who took the time to nominate them.

Betsy Akin Nominated by King's Theatre

Elaine Bergen Nominated by Individual Starr Cardwell

Rachael Browne Nominated by Easter Extravaganza and Individual - Alyssa Blais

Jolene Bucholz Nominated by Annapolis Basin Community Band

Hilary Campbell Nominated by Annapolis Valley Exhibition Society

Jason Cleaves Nominated by: Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department

Jessica D'Anna Nominated by: Upper Clements Cottages

Mike D'Anna Nominated by the Round Hill & District Recreation Commission

Pat Fowler Nominated by Wilmot Community Centre

Yvette Martin Nominated by the Cornwallis Park Community Association

Lydia McLaren Nominated by Grace Haven

Katie McLean Nominated by Clean Annapolis River Project (Riverfest) and Individual - Valentina MacDonald

Joan Morrison Nominated by Twelve Baskets Foodbank

Agnes Nolan Nominated by Cornwallis Park Community Association (CPCA)

Carrie Potter Nominated by Bear River Fire Department

Tina Potter Nominated by Bear River Fire Department

Jerry and Maureen Publow Nominated by Centre of Rural Aging and Health (CORAH) - Annapolis Valley

Allan Read Nominated by Bear River Fire Department

Barry Snow (Posthumous) Nominated by Bear River Fire Department

June Taylor Nominated by West Dalhousie Community Hall Association

Wilfred Thorne Nominated by Round Hill & District Recreation Commission

Tim Wall Nominated by Upper Clements Community Association

Kyla Whalen Nominated by Emmanuel Congregational Christian Church

Gail Wilson Nominated by Cornwallis Park Community Association

2026 Annapolis County Volunteer Organization:

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Nominated by West Dalhousie Community Hall Association

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SATURDAY, MAY 2 @ 6:30 PM



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Faith, family, and a little bit of mischief.
Miriam Margolyes, Jacki Weaver, Judy Davis
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 @ 7:00 PM



SPARKLE DANCE SPRING SHOWCASE
The academy returns with a new show: 'Pirates, Vikings and the Great Treasure'
SATURDAY, MAY 9 @ 2 & 6 PM



ANNAPOLIS BASIN PROTECTORS
Discussion about fish farming + screening of Silver Donald Cameron's Salmon Wars. Free
THURSDAY, MAY 14 @ 6:30 PM



LITTLE LORRAINE
Crime drama, set in a Cape Breton fishing village caught up in an international drug ring in the 80s
SUNDAY, MAY 17 @ 6:00 PM



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THINKING BEYOND THE MARKET
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 @ 7:00 PM



MOTHER MARY
An pop star reunites with her estranged best friend. Anne Hathaway, Michaela Coel
SATURDAY, MAY 16 @ 7:00 PM



THE CHRISTOPHERS
Art can be copied. Artists cannot. Steven Soderbergh directs Ian McKellan & Michaela Coel
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 @ 7:00 PM

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