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Valley Credit Union "Kindness Crew" Drive

Our team is collecting new school supplies and monetary donations at all seven Valley Credit Union branches until Friday, August 21, 2026, to help support local families preparing for the upcoming school year.

This initiative supports SchoolsPlus of the Annapolis Valley and families who register directly through their program. Last year we were able to support over 150 families from Hantsport to Bridgetown. The Bridgetown Salvation Army was a huge part of that initiative and we thank them.

Anyone in our community who would like to contribute can drop off or donate at any Valley Credit Union branch (Hantsport, Canning, New Minas, Cambridge, Greenwood, Middleton, Bridgetown).

We will also be bringing a donation box to the Annapolis Valley Exhibition for Community Day on Monday, August 17, for anyone who would like to contribute while attending the opening day.

Summer Social Event – Music, Food, Fun & Friends!

The Bridgetown Lawn Bowling Club is launching B Cubed: Bowls • Beverage • BBQ! No bowls experience needed – no membership required! For Adults 19+ WHAT: a night to gather with friends, family and colleagues for an evening of fun, fresh air, and music on the greens!

WHEN: Wednesdays in August / September (August 12, 19, 26 & September 2), 7–9:00pm.

WHAT YOU NEED: just flat soled shoes - we provide everything else!

FORMAT: Teams of 3; or sign up solo and we'll find you a team!

Worried you can't make every week? No problem – we would love to put you on our spare list! There is always a need.

COST: \$50 for the session - includes a few tips to get you started; weekly green fees • BBQ treat • beverage & bowls!

*B Cubed originated in Regina and has become a wildly popular summer social event. Bridgetown is the first club in Nova Scotia to introduce it. Come give it a try! To sign up contact: Tammy Foster Veinot at fosterveinotbowls4ever@gmail.com or Jackie Foster, jackie14foster@gmail.com

Historic Gardens 45th Birthday! Join us for a fun day as we celebrate the 45th birthday of the Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens, which was officially opened on August 15, 1981! Sat. Aug. 15, 9am–5:00pm. Admission.

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Paint the Town

An Art Weekend & Online Auction
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Event: August 15&16, 2026 ■ Online Auction: August 17–21, 2026

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Fund Supports Community

On July 23, 2026, and August 6, 2026, in Bridgetown, directors of the Bridgetown and Area Community Fund made cheque presentations to local community groups.

(Right)BACF Chairman David Mack presented to Jennifer D'Aubin, Chair of the Bridgetown Historical Society

(Below) BACF Vice Chair Wendy Tupper presented to Mallory Marshall (L) and Gabriel LeBlanc (R), lifeguards at the Bridgetown Centennial Pool, on behalf of the Bridgetown Community Recreation Association



The BACF members are volunteers who receive and distribute local funds to support local projects.

**Bridgetown
Area
Community
Fund**

Community Calendar

Thur. Aug. 13-Sat. Aug. 15, 10am-4:00pm daily **The Farm Museum** open Thur.-Sat. until September, next to the Exhibition Grounds in Lawrencetown. Free admission...for the memories. *

Fri. Aug. 14, 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. Aug. 14 and Sun. Aug. 16, 10am-3:00pm **Digby Farmers and Artisans Market** takes place along Admiral's Walk, Digby, Fridays and Sundays to Oct. 4.

Fri. Aug. 14, 12-1:00pm **Tai Chi Classes**, each Friday at the Bridgetown Salvation Army Church. \$60 for 10 classes. 902-824-0099.

Fri. Aug. 14, 2-4:00pm **Crafts & Conversations** will take place every Friday at the O'Dell House Museum, Annapolis Royal, throughout the summer season. Crafts & Conversations is a drop-in community program for crafters and artists of all ages and skill levels. Simply bring your current craft project and enjoy an afternoon of conversation and creativity. Surrounded by beautiful textile arts from the AHS collection and in the company of like-minded makers, you are sure to feel engaged and inspired! Knitting, sewing, crocheting, weaving, drawing, sketching, beading, rug hooking, embroidery, etc. All are welcome! 902-532-7754. annapolisheritagesociety.com

100 Years Young



Winnie Rice's 100th Birthday Celebration

Parkers' Cove Baptist Church
Saturday, August 15, 2-5pm

Drop by with your best wishes only & celebrate this milestone with her.

Fri. Aug.14, 5-6:30pm The **Hampton Market** offers an eclectic mix of vendors featuring staples and a few things you didn't know you really needed! Offers include granola, lemonade, BBQ sauce, salsa, handpies, flowers, jewelry, jams & jellies, crafts and wood-fired sourdough. Plan a trip to Hampton Hall (8319 St Croix Cove Road) on Fridays and stop in for a coffee and a chat. Want to be a vendor? Email Sherry: sherryodell4k@gmail.com

Fri. Aug. 14, 6-8:00pm **Summer Music at the O'** with The Hupman Broothers. Free admission. At the Oqwa'titek Amphitheatre on the waterfront in Annapolis Royal. Rain location at the Port Royal Legion, 66 Victoria Street. or The Community Hub. Free music every Friday for the summer. *

Fri. Aug. 14, 7:00pm **Jam Session** every Friday Evening at the Youngs Cove Community Hall, 5407 Shore Rd. *

Sat. Aug. 15, 8am-4:00pm and Sun. Aug. 16, 12-4:00pm **Antique and Collectable Sale** at Granville Centre Community Hall, 5650 Hwy 1. 100s of books, Glass and China, Vintage Prints, Milk Bottles, Nostalgia. Something for everyone.

Sat. Aug. 15, 9am-1:00pm **Community Yard Sale** at Rotary Park, 337 Marshall St., Middleton. Browse, shop and connect with neighbors. Free and no registration. Limited number of tables available for \$15. first come. first served. More info at adventure@discovermiddleton.ca

Sat. Aug. 15, 9am-1:00pm **Summer Market** in the Masonic Hall Church St., Annapolis Royal. From local handmade wood products, cards, Jeanette's Jams, & Annette's apparel; to textiles, vintage clothing & goods, Thai clothing, African jewelry, antiques, collectibles, home decor, books, CDs, LPs and more! Rain or shine. Cash & e-transfer.

Sat. Aug. 15, 9am-1:00pm **Annapolis Royal Farmers and Traders Outdoor Market** at Market Square, across from the wharf. Nova Scotia's longest-running outdoor market. With produce and artisan breads, locally made beer and wine, and so much more the Market is a celebration of everything homegrown and handcrafted.

August 15-16 **Paint the Town Fundraiser.** Dozens of artists converge on Annapolis Royal to produce fresh artworks and raise vital funds for the Annapolis Region Community Arts Council. Witness the creative process firsthand. Bid online to collect new treasures and support the work of ARCAC and ARTSPLACE. Throughout the town of Annapolis Royal, headquartered at ARTSPLACE Gallery, 396 St. George St, Annapolis Royal. www.arcac.ca/paintthetown & www.32auctions.com/PaintTheTown2026

Poster Boys



Middleton and Bridgetown are well represented in this photo. Al Peppard, 98, of Middleton and Raymond Longley, 93, of Bridgetown are prime examples of how aging gracefully can be mastered by staying active and connected with friends.

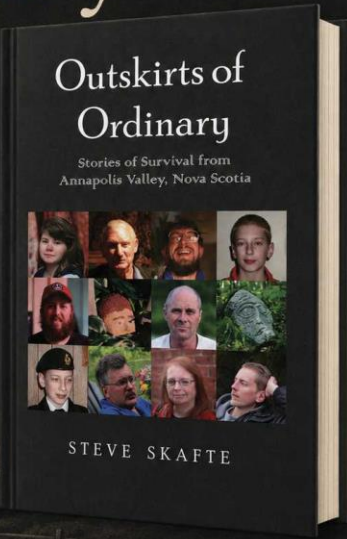
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Outskirts of Ordinary

Stories of Survival from
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— with author —
Steve Skafte

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Sat. Aug. 15, 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!



**Perotte Request for Proposal (RFP),
dated July 21, 2026**

This is a request for proposal from qualified bidders for the removal, or demolition, of the structure known as Perotte United Church, located at 2301 Perotte Road in Annapolis County. The proposal will include remediation of the site to natural grade.

The church is approximately 23 feet wide, 33 feet long, and 20 feet high at the peak. It was built in 1899, and is covered with a steel roof.

The winning bid will provide, in addition to removal and remediation, an appropriate cairn to mark the site of the church, to commemorate the life of the congregation that met there through the years it was an active meeting place.

Include in your bid the amount you are willing to pay/bid for the structure. Write a brief explanation about your planned process to deal with the removal of this structure. Please indicate your expected date of completion for this project.

There may be an opportunity to purchase the building 'in place'. This would require a variance requiring county approval, which would be the responsibility of the bidder to facilitate.

If you require any additional information, or want to inspect the building, please send an email expressing your interest to perotteunitedchurch@gmail.com.

The trustees of St George and St Andrew will choose the bid that best meets their needs.



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TAKE NOTICE THAT
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at **5:00 p.m.**
regarding:

**A Proposed re-zoning
at 52 St. Patrick's Lane**



Persons wishing to attend may do so at Council Chambers, Town Hall, 285 St. George St. Annapolis Royal.

Any interested persons are welcome to make their opinions known to Council by submitting a written submission by 4:00 pm on Friday, August 28th, 2026.

Send your written submission to cao@annapolisroyal.com. For further information, copies of housekeeping items, or questions contact Ken Knox at 902-532-2043 x 105 or kknox@annapolisroyal.com.

Sat. Aug. 15, 10am-2:00pm Your Valley Farmers Market at the Annapolis Valley Exhibition Grounds, Lawrencetown. Open every Saturday to October 3. Vendor applications are now open for the 2026 market season! Info at Facebook/Your Valley Farmers Market or email us at farmersmarket@valleyex.ca.

Sat. Aug. 15, 11am-2:00pm SOFAAR Demo Day at the MacDonald Museum. Bring along your knitting, crochet, embroidery, spinning, weaving, or any fibre project and enjoy a fun, relaxed gathering in the gallery surrounded by inspiring artwork. We'd love to see you there! Admission free. Sponsored by Society of Fibre Artists of the Annapolis River. 21 School St., Middleton.

Sat. Aug. 15, 11am-2:00pm The Young Adult group at the Parker's Cove Baptist Church are putting on a **Car Wash Fundraiser** at the Annapolis Royal Fire Hall. Proceeds will go to the non-profit organization, Food For Shore-"Bringing people together to fight food insecurity along the Fundy shore--because no one should go without a meal." For more information on Food For Shore go to their Facebook page or email foodforshore@gmail.com

Sat. Aug. 15, 11am-2:00pm L'Association francophone de la Vallée is excited to invite everyone to celebrate **National Acadian Day** at Fort Anne in Annapolis Royal. The event is free and is an opportunity for everyone to celebrate and share Acadian culture, history and pride in a family friendly day of fun and activities! Program of Events:11:30am - Words of Welcome 12:00pm - Lunch (Subs) - Free registration required to reserve your meal 1:00pm - Flag raising & signing of Ave Maris Stella Musical performance by Cindy Le Blan, Wilfred Boudreau and Désiré LeBlanc. Ongoing Activities: Annapolis Royal Market, bouncy castle, popcorn, cotton candy, cookies, face painting, balloon animals, guided tours of Fort Anne and Port Royal and much more!

Sat. Aug. 15, 11am-3:00pm The Peace and Friendship Medicine Trail Presents: **Peace and Friendship - Gathering on the Land**. Join us in Celebrating our Connection to the Land and Each Other through Art, Food, Knowledge Sharing, Stewardship and Gratitude. Enjoy - homemade Chili and Luskini (bannock), a Traditional Plant Walk, Art Exploration with Lorne Julien, help with Indigenous plant restoration and much more. Meet at Corbett Lake in the proposed Goldsmith Lake Wilderness Area (from Morse Rd. turn West onto Neaves Rd. Follow signs to the Lake). All welcome! All celebrated! We Are All Treaty People

Sat. Aug. 15, 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. *

Sat. Aug. 15, 1:15pm Book Talk and Signing at the Tupperville School Museum. Local author Steve Skafte's new book is Outskirts of Ordinary. Stories of Survival from Annapolis Valley, NS. 2663 Hwy 201.

Sun. Aug. 16, 8:50-10:30am Annapolis Shambhala Meditation Centre **Sunday Morning Sitting Practice**, weekly at the Granville Ferry Community Hall. <https://annapolis.shambhala.org>

Sun. Aug. 16, 9am-4:00pm Yard Sale at the Port Lorne Hall. Tea / coffee and sandwiches; free will offering.

Sun. Aug. 16, 10am-2:00pm Clarence Country Market, through October at the Clarence Community Hall. The market features local produce, baked goods, crafts, and artisan products from vendors across the Annapolis Valley. New vendors are always welcome. For more information, email clarencountrymarket@gmail.com or call 902-824-4999.

Sun. Aug. 16, 10:30am (note special time) **250th Anniversary Service of the Anglican congregation in Belleisle**. In 1776 the first Anglican Church was built. Today we worship in the St. Mary's Church (6772 Hwy 1, Belleisle) which was built in 1976 after the previous church burnt down. Bishop Sandra Fyfe will be our celebrant and Rev. Julia Ford, our preacher. Fellowship to follow. All are welcome to join us. We are an inclusive church.

Sun. Aug. 16, 10:30am Celebrating 250 Years at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Belleisle (note time change). (6772 Hwy 1). The Bishop presiding. Fellowship following. Everyone welcome

Sun. Aug. 16, 10:30am 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. Aug. 16, 10:30am Join us on Sunday at the **Port Lorne Baptist Church**, 550 Port Lorne Road in Port Lorne, for a joyful time of worship featuring music by John Montgomerie.

Sun. Aug. 16, 11:00am No service at St. James Anglican Church (289 Granville Rd, Bridgetown) today. We are celebrating with St. Mary's 250th Anniversary in Belleisle at 10:30.

Sun. Aug. 16, 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. Aug. 16, 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.

Sun. Aug. 16, 12-3:00pm You are cordially invited to our **Blueberry Tea Party** at North Hills Museum. Celebrate the beautiful blooms and berries of summer with an afternoon tea party steeped in history. Enjoy a guided museum tour, followed by a cup of freshly brewed tea and a delicious selection of homemade treats for just \$10/person. 5065 Granville Road, Granville Ferry

Sun. Aug. 16, 2:00pm Centrelea United Baptist Church, 3492 Hwy 201. Service every week. Join us as we explore The Book of Psalms. Follow our activities and events on Facebook

Sun. Aug. 16, 7-9:00pm Fun Darts, every Sunday evening at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. \$3 entry returned in prizes.

Mon. Aug. 17-Sat. Aug. 22 The 2026 Annapolis Valley Exhibition takes place at 570 Main Street, Lawrencetown, Annapolis County. Kick off the week with Community Day on Monday—free admission for everyone, featuring the Main Street Parade as it makes its way through the grounds and into the Main Ring. Grab a seat in the stands and take it all in.

Spend the day exploring market vendors, agricultural displays, the Farm Museum, 4-H activities, and live music happening across the grounds. Families can also take part in our Youth Passport program, encouraging kids to explore, learn, and try something new at stops throughout the exhibition.

At 6:00pm Mon. Aug. 17, the Main Street Parade kicks the week off with a high-energy burst of floats, music, and community spirit — a colourful, can't-miss tradition that brings the whole community out to celebrate.

From hands-on agriculture to evening entertainment, AVEX is a full week of experiences for all ages. Children 12 & under are FREE all week. Includes all exhibition events & concerts (midway rides excluded). Explore the schedule and buy tickets at <https://valleyex.ca/> or <https://go.valleyex.ca/#/> Download the App or keep up with updates on [Facebook.com/Annapolisvalleyex](https://www.facebook.com/Annapolisvalleyex)

Mon. Aug. 17, 9am-12:00pm Summer Open House at the Paradise Heritage Centre, 10307 Hwy 1, Paradise. We will be open on Monday mornings 9-12 for the summer and fall, starting on June 1! There will be coffee and muffins of course- and our quiet, beautiful space to relax for conversation, reading, or research. *

Mon. Aug. 17, 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. Aug. 17, 10am-6:00pm Help us Fill Some Backpacks School Supplies Drive at the Annapolis Valley Exhibition A donation box will be available at the Valley Credit Union Refresh Zone in the Old Dining Hall, ONLY on Mon. Aug. 17 during Free Admission Community Day. You are encouraged to bring a new backpack, zipper binder, lunch bag, school supplies, or paper.

Drop off your donation, then enjoy everything the Annapolis Valley Exhibition has to offer! Take in the opening ceremony, watch the parade from inside the grounds, and celebrate Community Day with us. Your donations help support SchoolsPlus and families across the Valley. Valley Credit Union branches are accepting donations until Aug 21st.

Mon. Aug. 17, 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 *

Mon. Aug. 17, 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. Bingo Cards are sold through valley retail locations. www.vlrb.ca *




REMEMBRANCE DAY 2026

Attention Crocheters, Knitters & Sewists!

This year, in addition to our annual Remembrance Day display, the Macdonald Museum will be featuring a special exhibit honouring the animals that served during times of war.

We are looking for handmade purple poppies, with a maximum diameter of 3 inches, to be included in this display.

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Mon. Aug. 17, 7:00pm Jam Sessions 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.

Mon. Aug. 17, 7-9:00pm Craft Club @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Now EVERY Monday night! Calling all Fibre enthusiasts. Join us at the Hall for a Stitch'n'Bi*ch. All skill levels welcome. Knit, crochet, embroider, felt, mend, sew, quilt, spin, weave, needlepoint, rug hooking... We will put the kettle on. Bring your project and \$2 Hall donation.

Tue. Aug. 18, 10am-12:00pm Plein Air Painting at the Wetland Park, 36 Brooklyn Rd., Middleton. We will take a short walk around the trail to take in the scenery before painting. All supplies provided. \$15/person. Register at adventure@discovermiddleton.ca

Tues. Aug. 18, 12:30-3:30pm Clothing Embroidery Workshop at 7Arts Join Zoe at the 7Arts studio to learn the basic stitches to embroider clothing. Please bring any old clothes or clothing you would like to embroider. Ages 12+. Registration required by email. \$10 per person. info@7Arts.ca. 619 Central Ave, Greenwood.

Tues. Aug. 18, 1-3:00pm The Annapolis East Seniors Card Group, meet at NSCC Middleton campus every Tuesday.

Tues. Aug. 18, 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 Sept. 1.*

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Tues. Aug. 18, 6:00pm Bridgetown Ramblers join us at the Bridgetown Baptist Church parking lot, 7 Park St., for a fun, social and relaxed ramble around the community. For more information text 902-824-0057.

Tues. Aug. 18 and Thur. Aug. 20, 7:00pm Bridgetown Pickleball at the Sports Hub tennis/pickleball courts. Newbies always welcome. \$2 drop-in fee. Questions? 902-665-4353 or 902-665-4308.

Tues. Aug. 18, 7:15-10:15pm Middleton Legion Bingo Tuesdays at 205 Marshall Street, Middleton. *

Wed. Aug. 19, 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. Aug. 19, 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



ANTIQUE AND COLLECTABLE SALE

Sat. August 15, 8-4
Sun. August 16, 12-4

**Granville Centre
Community Hall**
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100's of books
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Vintage Prints
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Something For Everyone



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Wed. Aug. 19, 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. Aug. 20, 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 Jeffrey St. *



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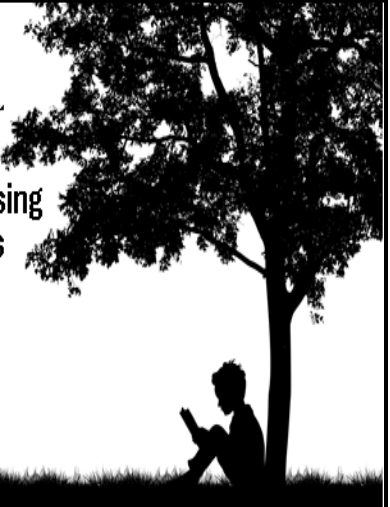
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EVENTS

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HAPPY HOUR

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4-9PM

AUGUST

YAPPY HOUR MEET & GREET 3PM-5PM	SAT AUG 1ST
LIVE MUSIC ON THE PATIO W/ BIG SOUND SMALL BAND 7PM-930PM	FRI AUG 7TH
YAPPY HOUR PUP PHOTO SHOOT W/ KAHLI ON THE PATIO 3PM-5PM	SAT AUG 8TH
FAMILY FRIENDLY KARAOKE PARTY W/AR KARAOKE & MUSIC EVENTS 2PM-4PM	SUN AUG 9TH
BEER CLUB SOCIAL 10% OFF FOOD FOR MEMBERS 6PM-8PM	THU AUG 13TH
YAPPY HOUR BBQ FUNDRAISER ON THE PATIO 3PM-5PM	SAT AUG 15TH
LIVE MUSIC ON THE PATIO W/ HOUSE BAND - MIC'D UP!! 7PM-9PM	SAT AUG 15TH
RESCUE PURRSDAY W/ CATS FOR KEEPS ADOPT • FOSTER • VOLUNTEER 6PM-8PM	THU AUG 20TH
NEW NEIGHBOURS ANNAPOLIS VALLEY MEET NEW FRIENDS - RESERVE A SEAT RSVP ROB: ROB@ROBSHELLENBERGER.CA 530PM - 9PM	THU AUG 20TH
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Wed, Aug. 19-Sun. Aug. 23, 10am-5:00pm Middleton Railway Museum open daily except Mon. and Tues. at 61 School Street, Middleton. Visit our HO model railway, restored railway station, and rolling stock. Call 902 221-6922. *

Tues. Aug. 19, 2:00pm Managing Photos and Storage Free beginner friendly workshop to help you understand your phone's storage and how to save and organize photos. Sponsored by Stoney Beach Computers at Granville Ferry Hall. Bring your device.

Wed. Aug. 19, 7:00pm Brickton Community Hall Jam Sessions Every Wednesday @ 7. Free will offering. All welcome. *

Wed. Aug. 19, 7-9:00pm Fun Cribbage every Wednesday evening at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. \$6 entry returned in prizes. All welcome. *

Thur. Aug. 20, 3-7:00pm Kingston Farmers Market 45+ Vendors weekly, a selection of delicious Food Trucks, live music from all your local faves - workshops, super fun theme weeks and more! Come out and support local growers, makers, businesses and entrepreneurs: because shopping local builds our community economy and keeps our hard-earned dollars right here at home! Aurora Inn Grounds, 831 Main St., Kingston. Doors open at 2:45pm.

Thur. Aug. 20 Kitchen Party at the Bridgetown Legion with Jim Ralph. Bar open 3-9:00pm, kitchen open 5:30-7:00pm. 20 Jeffrey St.

Thur. Aug. 20, 3:30-5:30pm Perler Bead Workshop Grab a friend and come down to the 7Arts studio to get crafty with perler beads! Please note we will be using hot irons in this class. For ages 12+ (unless accompanied by an adult). Please email to register. Family-friendly pricing: \$10/person, additional family members \$5 each. info@7Arts.ca. 619 Central Ave, Greenwood.

Thur. Aug. 20, 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.

Thur. Aug. 20, 7-8:00pm Free Fun 'n' Fitness Line Dancing with Durline and Trans World Dance Company (Weather permitting). All levels are welcome. No experience or partners are needed. Wear comfortable dance shoes and come help celebrate Trans World Dance Company's 34th year in Canada. Kick up your heels and join the fun! Each Thursday to Sept. 10 at the Oqwa'titek Amphitheatre, 275 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal, in conjunction with the Annapolis West Health Foundation, Annapolis Royal Recreation Department, and Explorer Visitors Guide. *

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Fri. Aug. 21, 6-8:00pm Summer Music at the O’ with Joker’s Right. Free admission. At the Oqwa’titek Amphitheatre on the waterfront in Annapolis Royal. Rain location at the Port Royal Legion, 66 Victoria Street. or The Community Hub. Free music every Friday for the summer. *

Sat. Aug. 22 The Fort to Fort Experience is back for the first time since 2019, inviting participants to walk, run, or cycle a stunning 25 km route connecting two of Canada’s oldest National Historic Sites, Fort Anne and Port-Royal. Along the way, enjoy interactive historical experiences, live demonstrations, scenic views, and welcoming communities before celebrating your accomplishment at the Good Cheer After Party at the Oqwa'titek Amphitheatre.

Whether you're in it for the history, the challenge, or simply a memorable day outdoors, this is an experience you won't want to miss. Registration is now open at <https://annapoliscounty.ca>

Sat. Aug. 22, 8am-1:00pm All Saints Church will be holding their **Annual Yard Sale**. All Saints Church Hall, 521 Pleasant St., Kingston. Muffins, scones, tea & coffee available. Come and join us!

Sat. Aug. 22, 9am-1:00pm Community Market @ Lower Granville Hall in Port Royal. (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal) Vendors inside and out will be offering a unique mix of items you didn’t know you needed but can’t live without! From handmade crafts to antiques, books to local goods – there’s truly a little of everything. Questions or want to be a vendor? More info on our website: LowerGranvilleHall.com , or Email LowerGranvilleHall@gmail.com.

Sat. Aug 22. 10am-6:00pm SOOFSTOCK 2026! Join Save Our Old Forests (SOOF) at the Beaver Creek Vineyard as we celebrate old forests at our 4th annual music festival! SOOFSTOCK 2026 is a family friendly day of fun with a market, kids crafts & games, BBQ & Food, and the annual SOOFSTOCK Forest Walk and Forest Talk with Nina Newington and Donna Crossland. This year's line-up includes live performances from Permanent Resonance, Lorne Allan, Alex & Autumn, Black Rock Buoys, Res-O-Matics, Strath, She The Archer and Zakary Miller. Many thanks to all the performers for Giving Nature A Voice. Thanks to the Valley Credit Union, Municipality of the County of Annapolis and the Nova Scotia Festival & Community Grant for their financial support. Details: Saturday, August 22, 2026 from 10am - 6pm at the Beaver Creek Vineyard (496 Carleton Road, Lawrence), Pay What You Can (\$20 suggested), Kids 16 and under always free. Find and follow us on Facebook @saveourolforests or check our website for more information: saveourolforests.ca/soofstock

Sat. Aug. 22, 12-2:00pm Community Picnic at the North Hills Museum. Join us for a day of family-friendly fun with outdoor activities, museum tours, and BBQ sales. Admission by donation. 5065 Granville Rd., Granville Ferry.

Sat. Aug. 22, 2-4:00pm Music in the Park Spend a relaxing summer afternoon in Centennial Park with a free live performance by Kingston Strings! Bring your lawn chair, sit back, and enjoy beautiful live music in the heart of Middleton. This event is free and everyone is welcome - we hope to see you there! 35 Church St., Middleton.



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Sat. Aug. 22, 7:00pm Live Music in the Orchard with Alex Meisner, an Annapolis Valley folk School event at 1963 Clarence Rd. Hailing from the Annapolis Valley, Alex Meisner has spent the last 15 years putting his own stamp on the country, folk, and traditional tunes we all love. Get ready for a great night of familiar tunes with a fresh twist! Barter Items for this event: Food would be amazing, fresh/frozen, preserves, honey, meats, cheeses etc. anything in that realm would be greatly appreciated.

If you happen to have a few extra cans or non-perishables hiding in your pantry, please bring them along! The Community Pantry would be incredibly grateful for any donations to help support our neighbors This is an outdoor event, so dress for the weather and get ready for some fresh air and great tunes. Please bring your lawn chairs or a cozy blanket to sit on. Come for the music, stay for the community. We can't wait to see you there! Got questions? Hit us up on Facebook @annapolisvalleyfolkschool, shoot an email to avfolkschool@gmail.com, or give Maureen a call at 902-309-0224.

Sun. Aug. 23, 10am-2:00pm The Medway Community Forest Co-op’s 10th Annual Forest Market at the Annapolis Royal Market Square (178 St. George Street). Medway Community Forest Co-op is marking the 10th Anniversary of celebrating Acadian-Wabanaki Forests and forest-based traditions through our annual Forest Market: 10th Anniversary Edition!

This is a Free Event and a perfect family activity for a Sunday in Annapolis Royal. Woodworkers, textile artists, illustrators, basket-makers, and craftspeople of all kinds will be vending their forest-based goods. You can also expect live music and some exciting hand-tool demos, live painting, and live basketmaking! Free Forest Cake will be handed out at 12pm. Browse handmade goods, connect with local organizations, and celebrate the people and stories rooted in our forest landscapes. Hope to see you there!

Sun. Aug. 23, 2:30pm August Makers Swap, an Annapolis Valley Folk School event at 1963 Clarence Rd. Pop your chairs back in the car and grab your tickets on Eventbrite—the Makers Swap is back this August! If you’re new to the swap, it’s a simple, money-free community gathering where all ages and skills are welcome.



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Help stock the community pantry: Our pantry is super active lately and could use a little love! If you can, please bring a few items to donate. The pantry is located at 51 Lawrencetown Lane, Pantry staples: Crackers, rice, pasta, sauce, mac and cheese, and canned meats/veggies/pasta. Fridge items: Milk, cream, margarine, yogurt, and cheese.

Got questions? Hit us up on Facebook @annapolisvalleyfolkschool, shoot an email to avfolkschool@gmail.com, or give Maureen a call at 902-309-0224. See you there!

Sun. Aug. 23, 4-5:00pm Opening of a new show of work by Bonnie Baker in the Flora Hall Art Gallery at King’s Theatre, Annapolis Royal. The show will run Aug. 11- Sept. 22. The Gallery is open during Box Office hours (Tues.-Fri., 10am-3pm, and Sat., 10am-1pm), as well as when doors are open for scheduled events at King’s Theatre.

Mon. Aug. 24, 7:30pm Granville Centre Community Hall Association will host a general meeting at the Granville Centre Hall. All community members are welcome and are invited to bring recyclable bottles and cans as part of an on-going fund-raiser. We are also looking for items for a silent auction. Auction items will be awarded at the Hillbilly Band concert on Sat. September 12, 2026.

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Tues. Aug. 25, 6-7:00am Sunrise Paddle is a peaceful way to start your day while being out on the water. Participants will be guided along the river while enjoying the sunrise and surroundings. After the paddle, coffee will be provided. Registration is required, and this is a free event open to all experience levels. At Riverside Park, 80 Bridge St., Middleton. To register email adventure@discovermiddleton.ca

Wed. Aug. 26, 4-8:00pm Bear River Night Market, bi-weekly, on the waterfront (near the Carol Dibble Community Greenhouse & Waterfront Gardens). Local food, art, and music with Ashlyne and Scott.

Fri. Aug. 28, 5:30-10:00pm Pub Night at the Bridgetown Legion with music by Corbett & Thurber starting at 6:00. Kitchen Open 5:30-7:30pm. Bridgetown Area Sports Hall of Fame Draw Night and Legion Meat Draw. 20 Jeffery St.

Sat. Aug. 29, 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. Aug. 29, 8am-5:00pm Nova Hollandia Reenactment at Fort Anne National Historic Site to mark the founding of the first English speaking colony in mainland Canada – the Anglo-Scottish settlement of Charles Fort. Although this settlement only lasted 3 years (1629-1632), it would shape the future of both province and nation, and was given a name that would endure across the centuries: Nova Scotia.

We will be delving into the lives of these intrepid settlers, showcasing day-to-day skills such as period cooking and handicrafts, as well as discussing the arms and armour of the fledgling colony. The Canada Strong Pass is back! Enjoy free admission at Fort Anne from June 19 to September 7, 2026.

Sat. Aug. 29, 3-7:00pm and 9pm-1:00am The Royal Canadian Legion Celebrates 100 years in 2026. Join the Bridgetown Legion for a **Pig Roast & Fundraiser**. 5 to 7pm, live music by Alec Crawford. **Dance** from 9pm to 1:00am with Jokers Right. \$12 Pig Roast plate. \$15 members \$12 non members for the dance.

AVRCE's Parent Navigator
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Friday, August 14/26
Wolfville: 10:00 am-12 noon
Windsor: 1:30-3:30 pm

Tuesday, August 18/26
Kingston: 1:00-3:00 pm

Wednesday, August 19/26
Annapolis Royal: 10:00 am-12 noon
Bridgetown: 1:30-3:30 pm

Friday, August 21/26
Kentville: 10:00 am-12 noon
Berwick: 1:30-3:30 pm

Tuesday, August 25/26
Middleton: 1:00-3:00 pm

Wednesday, August 26/26
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Mon. Aug. 31, 6:30pm Welcome to our **Genealogy Circle at the Paradise Heritage Centre** on the last Monday of each month. This month- A Maud Lewis Session: How does history judge us? How do we know fact from myth? Or can we? Bring your questions, the answers you think you have found, your favourite Maud print, a story- and let's think about historical and genealogical thinking- about Maud, perhaps about our own ancestors, about how history, myth, and genealogy meet. Everyone knows Maud Lewis, but what is true and what is myth? Would the same questions apply to the oral histories and family traditions of our own? To read more and to register here is a link: <https://paradisehistoricalsociety.ca/event/genealogy-aug-2026/>

Thur. Sept. 3, 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).

Sat. Sept. 5, 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. Sept. 5, 8-10:00am Lions Big Breakfast at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. Free will offering. All welcome. A large dose of community spirit will be present.

Sat. Sept. 5, 8am-1:00pm Our Annual Local Missions Yard Sale at Hillsburn United Baptist Church, 3686 Shore Road West, Hillsburn. Lots of treasures to be found!!

Sat. Sept. 5, 8:00pm Cajun/Folk Dance Party Live music from Grouyan Gombo and Jack Pine, at the Oakdene Centre, Bear River. \$20.

Sun. Sept. 6, 8-10:00am Port George Monthly Breakfast, Port George Recreation Centre. Bacon, Sauage, Home fries, Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Baked Beans, Toast, Tea, Coffee. \$13 per person, Children \$6. *

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Wed. Sept. 9, 1-3:00pm Senior's Day at the Bear River & Area Community Health Clinic, 1112 River Rd. This recurring monthly event falls on the second Wednesday of each month and is intended as a time to catch up with old friends and meet new ones! Enjoy light refreshments and rotating activities through the year. Free will donation at the door. *

Wed. Sept. 9, 2-4:00pm Genealogy Coffee Club Join us for an afternoon of socializing and storytelling at the O'Dell House Museum & Genealogy Centre. All are welcome. Donations Appreciated. The event takes place on the second Wednesday of each month, except for December.

Thur. Sept. 10, 11:30am Best Years Fellowship for Seniors, Hillsburn United Baptist Church, 3686 Shore Road West, Hillsburn. Come and join us for a free lunch and entertainment. Theresa Porter and Angela Hudson will be providing the entertainment.

Thur. Sept. 10, 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. Sept. 11, 3-8:00pm and Sat. Sept. 12, 9am-3:00pm Kingston Sportsman Show at the Kingston Lions Club, 1482 Veterans Lane, Kingston. Hunting and fishing gear, firearms, ammunition, archery, knives, militaria, and much more. Admission \$5, children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult. Canteen on site. 50/50. Info contact Doug at 902-225-0517, or dougjohnson@accesswave.ca

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Sun. Sept. 13, 1:00pm Heritage Plaque Unveiling Ceremony at All Saints Anglican Church, 3335 West Dalhousie Rd. The County of Annapolis is inviting community members, local residents, church representatives and heritage supporters to this event as the church is recognized for its historical significance in the community. Official remarks and unveiling begins at 1pm. RSVP is appreciated to lbent@annapoliscountry.ca

Sat. Sept. 26, 8am-1:00pm Soldier's Memorial Health Auxiliary September Yard Sale 2026 at Middleton Fire Hall, 49 Church Street, Middleton.

Sun. Sept. 27 Paradise Apple Fun Run 5K A family-friendly 5km run/walk through the orchard, plus a free 1km kids run for children under 12. Enjoy a scenic route, apple-themed fun, and tasty treats at the finish line! Registration Deadline: August 31, 2026. Get more info at paradiseshall.ca or register on <https://raceroster.com/> (search for "Paradise Apple Fun Run")

Sat. Oct. 3, 8:00pm Wild Country Dance Live music from Petunia and the Vipers at the Bear River Legion. \$15, 19+.

Thank You: A special Thank You to everyone who sent cards, phone calls, visits and food, and helped me through David's passing. Hilda Connell

Centrelea Bridge Club is looking for new members. We play every Friday at 1:00pm at the Centrelea Hall, starting in September. If interested call Iva at 902-665-2021.

Paradise Community Hall Raffle Tickets available at the Annapolis Valley Exhibition August 18-21. Enter for a chance to win a \$300 prize package including a Ryobi wet/dry hand vacuum (with battery and charger) and a \$50 Home Depot gift card. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. All proceeds support the Paradise Community Hall.

For full details and ticket sale times, visit us on Facebook or our website at paradiseshall.ca

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Anna/Royal - the Youth band showcase Proletariat & the Parallels, scheduled to happen at the 'O' Aug 8th, postponed due to the rain forecasted, stay tuned for their new date .

Anna/ Royal - Car Wash on Aug 15th from 11 - 2 pm @ the AR Fire Hall. Parkers Cove Baptist Church Youth with proceeds going to Food For Shore. Visit their Facebook . Free Will Donation. Questions call 902-526-0544. If you'd like to send an E-transfer : foodforshore@gmail.com. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Anna/Royal- did you know that refills @ Hutchins Pharmacy/ Pharmachoice are made easy with the NEW myRX Link app on your phone at 'Rx2GO', refills and tracks your meds, now in myRXLink,download and have it at your fingertips.

Anna/ Royal - Class of '76 ARRA Reunion Sat Aug 29th 5:30pm at the Annapolis Brewing Company. Cape Breton's Jim Ralph performing at 7 pm. To register contact Brian PGr. by Aug 19th at peisandcastles@gmail.com. Book online www.annapolisbarbershop.ca

Anna/Royal - Lunch Music on Fri's at 12:15 - 1:00. Aug 14th is Mike & Robert Mandolin & Guitar, 21st is Blake Singer/songwriter with Guitar, 28th is Y'lania singer/songwriter on Piano. Adm: &10 cash. More info 902-340-7778. Children & full-time students are free.

Anna/Royal-Summer music at the 'O, 6-8 pm Fri's. Aug 14th Hupman Brothers, 21st is Joker's Right,28th is Rhinestone Romeo's, Sept 4 Jamie Alcorn, Last one is 11th Mark Riley Band. If it rains, it's either at the Legion or the Academy 'Hub'.

Anna/Royal -Paint the Town , Art & Online Auction. Event Sat Aug 15th & 16th, Online Auction is 17-21st . All from ARCAC.

Annapolis Barbershop- Daniele's Aug hours, Mon 10 am - 6 pm, Tues 4pm - 8 pm and Wed (Walk-ins only) 4 pm - 8 pm.

Centrelea- Blues Berry Fest. TAKE 2,this event has been postponed until Sun, Sept 6th 3-7 pm. Hope to see you then. Pay what you can, baking contest and lots of music .

Clementsport - Annual Service @ Old St. Edward's Church. Civic # 34 Old Post Rd. Sun Aug 16th, starts at 3:00 pm, refreshments on the grounds afterwards . (weather permitting) WINE is involved... oh ya, so is cheese n crackers & iced tea. All are welcome.

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Granville - Mark your calendars Sat, Aug 22 from 9 am - 1 pm., the Lower Granville Com/Market. So many supporters have donated some amazing household goods: come find your newest treasure!

Lawrencetown- Valley EX runs 17th - 22nd,9 yr old Carson Fullerton is on Stage Fri 21st at 6:30pm. Get tickets www.valleyex.ca, https://events.frontdoorplus.com/event/1832

Paradise- Keep Smiling Flower Cart located # 5894 Hwy 201.Small & large cards available too. Facebook/ Keep Smiling Flowers.

Paradise- Bottle Drive Fundraiser Aug 15. Collecting bottles and cans to raise funds for the hall, drop off from 10am - 2 pm. Civic # 10300 Hwy #1.

Parkers Cove Community Food Pantry - Civic # 4841 Shore rd West . Provides non-perishable goods plus they even have a freezer for frozen soups, chili and baked beans, for those in need from Delaps Cove to Hampton, Parker Mtn, Granville Ferry and Bridgetown folks . It has helped over 300 families a month so if you could help in any way with nonperishable goods for our pantry, veggies to make soups or donations it would be greatly appreciated. Or if you'd like to drop your donation off at Weasy's Salon we will make sure it gets there.

Tidal Transit- re: King's Transit Click on https://tidaltransit.ca/2026-schedule-changes/. There may be some issues with the tracking app during the transition. Call if you have any questions; 902-678-7310, info@tidaltransit.ca

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A New Chapter for Paint the Town as It Celebrates 31 Years

ARTSPLACE Gallery and the Annapolis Region Community Arts Council are pleased to present Paint the Town 2026, taking place August 15 and 16 in Annapolis Royal, followed by an online auction from August 17 to 21. Celebrating its 31st anniversary, the event enters a new chapter this year by welcoming artists from across Canada to participate.

For over three decades, Paint the Town has transformed Annapolis Royal into an open-air studio, inviting artists to create work on location in the town's streets, gardens, waterfront, and historic landscapes. This year, 50 artists have registered; 36 will paint and create throughout the community over the weekend, while an additional 14 artists from across Canada will participate remotely from their studios. Remote participants will share works in progress online and contribute selected works to the auction, expanding the event while maintaining its strong connection to place and community.

Visitors are encouraged to explore Annapolis Royal throughout the weekend, where they will have the opportunity to meet artists and experience the creative process firsthand, an enduring tradition that has made Paint the Town a favourite annual event for residents and visitors alike.

"Paint the Town has always been about bringing artists and the broader community together," says Sophie Paskins, Gallery Director of ARTSPLACE. "This reimaged format allows us to welcome artists regardless of geography while keeping the energy and community engagement that have made the event special for so long. This year we are especially fortunate to have realtor Brent Goertzen as our lead event sponsor."

Paint the Town has served as ARTSPLACE's signature annual fundraiser. Thousands of artworks have been created and sold, supporting participating artists while also helping sustain the year-round exhibitions, workshops, youth programming, and community arts initiatives of the Annapolis Region Community Arts Council.

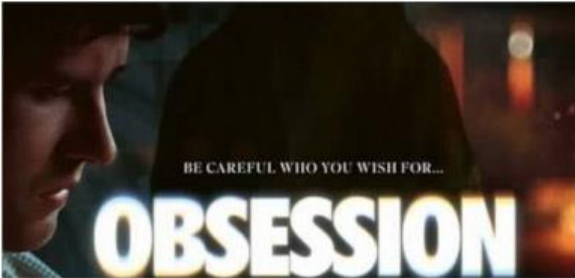
"This event has always reflected what's possible when a community commits to art as something that belongs to everyone," says ARCAC board member Ted Lind. "Extending it across Canada is a natural next step."

Artists aged 19 and older from anywhere in Canada, whether emerging or established, are invited to participate. Registration is open to those working in painting, drawing, sculpture, fibre, printmaking, collage, and related media. Photography and reproduced works are not eligible. Registration is also open for collectors and supporters wishing to participate in the online auction. Businesses and organizations interested in sponsoring Paint the Town are encouraged to contact admin@arcac.ca.

Artist and bidder registrations are now open. For more information or to register, visit arcac.ca/paintthetown or follow @arcac.artsplace on Instagram.



COMING EVENTS



OBSESSION
A hopeless romantic discovers that some desires come at a dark, sinister price
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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26 @ 7:00 PM



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Cleanfarms, a not-for-profit organization that helps farmers recycle agricultural plastics – including hay bale wrap and feed tarps – and operate more sustainably, has received \$76,000 to expand its plastics recycling pilot project across Nova Scotia.

The organization's recycling programs help divert thousands of tonnes of plastic from landfills across Canada each year. Other Cleanfarms programs in Nova Scotia include agricultural pesticide container recycling and disposal of pesticide and old livestock and horse medications.

Learn more at Cleanfarms: <https://cleanfarms.ca/>

Thanks to a multi-year donation from the Robbie's Fund Foundation, the Nova Scotia SPCA will be able to shorten the previously announced hiatus of its Trap, Neuter, Return program.

While the operational costs for medical supplies, a new mobile surgery vehicle, and veterinary medical staff will be covered by the Robbie's Fund Foundation, the program will still require volunteer trappers and community volunteers to bring the program back to communities across the province, as well as the recruitment of registered veterinary technicians and veterinarians.

The Trap, Neuter, Return program addresses the challenge of unowned outdoor cats. The cats are humanely trapped, vetted to be spayed or neutered, ear-tipped for identification, and returned to their outdoor territory.

About Nova Scotia SPCA

The Nova Scotia SPCA does not receive any government funding for shelters, programs, the college or hospitals, so the SPCA relies on community support to help care for local pets in need. To learn more, visit www.novascotiaspca.ca.

Hunters, guides and trappers are now able to purchase most types of Nova Scotia hunting licences online. The Province has launched an e-licensing pilot program through HuntNS for the base hunting licence, small fur-bearing animals and game birds. Convenient and accessible, it modernizes wildlife licensing services for Nova Scotians and visitors while maintaining public safety.

- wildlife habitat stamp (for residents and non-residents), which is the base licence required for all hunting and fur harvesting
- small game licence (for residents and non-residents), for snowshoe hare and birds such as ring-necked pheasant geese and ducks
- fur harvester licence (legally restricted to residents), for animals such as beaver, raccoon and fox
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Bottle Drive – Help Support the Paradise Community Hall

On Saturday, August 15th from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, 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!

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For Sale: Three sturdy, white bar stools (Ikea Rosentorp). Great shape. \$120. Queen platform, good shape. \$25. Contact evalake73@gmail.com.

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We feed approx 500 people a month from our small senior run pantry. If you can find it in your heart to donate, even a box of stove top stuffing, a box of cereal. It would be greatly appreciated.

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Thank you so very much.

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Heather Bishop, Coach

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**It's an heirloom called GRAHAMS
TENDERFOOT.
What was it:
GARDEN FRESH TOMATO**

“Bon Voyage” Cryptoquote Answer
Old and young, we are all on our last cruise.
If there is a fill of tobacco among the crew,
for God’s sake pass it round, and let us have
pipe before we go! Robert Louis Stevenson
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Anagrams Answers

Puzzle 31

Rearrange all the letters of each word to form two other common English words.

- Palings – Lapsing
 - Sapling
 Reagent –Grantee
 - Greaten
 Residents - Dissenter
 - Tiredness
 St Elmo – Molest
 - Motels
 Tinges – Ingest
 - Signet

Full Stop! Double Puzzle - Unscramble the words below and use the numbered letters to solve the phrase at bottom. Answer next week.

DEELINC				35	10	37					
JRTCEE				3	26	49	36		7		
LREEP				43		1	48	12			
NSPUR				15	25	23	29	18			
ADIWSOLL				51	20	21	2	44		19	
BFFREU				45	42	34	47	6	14		
SNRCO				9		13	39	17			
REPSULE				46	38		50	11	22	8	
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“On Two Wheels” Word Search Answer

R	M	D	C	T	V	G	T	B	Z	P	R	O	T	A	E
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G	D	U	D	F	O	I	N	F	E	Y	Y	V	R	M	J
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A	U	K	R	O	A	D	M	A	S	T	E	R	E	Y	N
Y	B	T	K	U	X	T	L	D	C	Q	F	C	A	V	E

“It’s a Mystery to Me!”

Word Search Puzzle

- | | |
|------------|-----------|
| Ambiguity | Baffle |
| Concealed | Confusion |
| Conundrum | Doubt |
| Enigma | Knotty |
| Mistrust | Obscure |
| Perplexity | Poser |
| Quandary | Riddle |
| Stumper | Unknown |
| Vague | Whodunit |

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

A	W	M	X	R	A	B	E	P	T	L	B	R	O	D	V
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D	N	K	I	G	C	N	K	Z	D	D	L	T	U	B	I
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C	T	Y	A	O	C	I	K	N	O	T	T	Y	E	E	Y
G	U	L	S	L	W	P	T	M	O	L	N	R	R	H	R
E	E	A	B	R	S	N	V	Y	I	C	O	P	R	V	A
D	N	O	I	S	U	F	N	O	C	S	L	A	R	A	D
S	T	U	M	P	E	R	X	S	I	E	T	G	I	G	N
R	V	H	O	R	E	S	O	P	X	I	C	R	P	U	A
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V	V	T	R	I	L	J	T	V	N	D	N	M	J	S	Q
G	F	N	R	N	E	Y	X	F	H	S	U	W	T	R	T
M	L	F	M	T	X	W	J	B	M	R	Y	P	N	Y	U

Anagrams Puzzle 32

Rearrange all the letters of each word to form two other common English words.
Answers next week.

Chagrin - _____

Harems - _____

Terrace - _____

Tingles - _____

Ungearred - _____

“Unhinged?” Cryptoquote: Each letter in the phrase has been replaced with a random letter.

Answer next week.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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Annapolis Valley Exhibition
Daily Highlights

Runs Mon. Aug. 17-Sat. Aug. 22

Mon. Aug. 17, Open 9am

The Exhibition, of course, is 6 days of skills competitions, rodeos, livestock and farm and ranch life, but if you're not competing or watching those events there's plenty more to see and do for the whole family. And food, don't forget food, plus Craft Demos such as Rug Hooking, Punch Needle, Quilting daily, along with displays, vendor tables and more.

Little Roots Roundup at 2:00pm A fun-filled kickoff to Exhibition Week featuring live music with Sebastien Sanchez, games, crafts, dancing, and activities designed especially for children and families.

Official Opening of the Annapolis Valley Exhibition at 6:30pm. Main Street Parade leaves Fitch Rd arrives at 7pm in Main Ring. The Parade departs Fitch Road at 6:30pm and travels west through Lawrencetown to the Exhibition Grounds, where it leads directly into Opening Ceremonies in the Main Ring.

Corbett & Thurber, 8:00pm on the Arena Stage
Audiences will thoroughly enjoy this classic/folk rock duo!

Side by Tide Band, 8:00pm at the Giddy Goat Pub. Rich Harmonies and infectious energy that blend classic rock, pop, country, and east-coast favourites.

Tues. Aug. 18

Mad Science, 1:00pm and 3:00pm at the Arena Stage. Amazing demonstrations, surprising reactions, and audience participation make this science show a cool—and hot—family favourite.

Baby Contest, 2:00pm on the Arena Stage. A cherished Exhibition tradition celebrating the charm and personality of our youngest visitors. Families are encouraged to register early for this crowd-pleasing event.

Latin Party with Sebastien Sanchez, 3:00pm on the Arena Stage. Born in Colombia, Sebastian Sanchez has spent nearly 30 years writing and performing original music that blends Latin rock, pop, reggae, funk, and alternative influences.

Matt the Music Man, 4:00pm on the Arena Stage. An interactive musical adventure featuring songs, movement, laughter, and plenty of opportunities for audience participation.

Valley Stompers - Line Dancing, 5:00pm on the Arena Stage. The Valley Stompers bring fun, friendship, and plenty of energy to every performance!

Syd Read 6:00pm on the Arena Stage. A professional musician for more than 55 years, Syd Read celebrates his Scottish heritage through traditional Scottish and Cape Breton music, including Great Highland Bagpipe tunes.

Firefighter Bucket Brigade, 8:00pm in the Exhibition Courtyard. Cheer on some of the Valley's bravest as local fire departments compete in one of the Exhibition's longest-running traditions.

Route 12 Band, 8:00pm at Giddy Goat Pub. Route 12 is a Valley based group that has been providing music for over 10 years.

Kim Doolittle, 8:00pm on the Arena Stage. Born and raised in rural Nova Scotia, Kim Doolittle has been entertaining audiences since her first paid performance at age 10.

Wed. Aug. 19

Exhibition Ambassador Junior, 2:00pm and Exhibition Ambassador Intermediate, 3:00pm on the Arena Stage. One of the Exhibition's most beloved youth traditions. Participants share their interests, talents, and personalities while building confidence, communication skills, and community spirit. Winners serve as Youth Exhibition Ambassadors.

The Great Timbeanie, 3-6:00pm on the Arena Stage. The Great Timbeanie has been entertaining audiences with his comedic magic and balloon animals for 30 years.

Ian Stewart - Chainsaw Juggler, 6:00pm on the Arena Stage. Comedy, audience participation, incredible juggling, and jaw-dropping feats combine for a show the whole family will remember.

Strong Man Competition, 6:00pm in the Exhibition Courtyard. Do you have what it takes to be the strongest in the Valley?

Wild n' Woolly Sheep Rodeo, 6:30pm in the Main Ring. Think you've got what it takes to wrangle a sheep? One of the Exhibition's most entertaining traditions returns as young cowboys and cowgirls take on a woolly challenge.

Canadian Cowgirls Rodeo Drill Team, 7:15pm in the Main Ring. A breathtaking display of speed, precision, and showmanship as the award-winning Canadian Cowgirls thunder into the Main Ring! Featuring elite horsewomen, stunning horses, dazzling costumes, and perfectly choreographed musical drills.

The Fog, 8:00pm on the Arena Stage. This Nova Scotia based band has been performing together since 2021. With an eclectic repertoire that includes covers from Sinatra to Sublime and just about anything in between.

Shane Douthwright, 8:00pm at the Giddy Goat Pub. Shane Douthwright is an ECMA-nominated, award-winning country artist from New Brunswick whose rich baritone voice, authentic storytelling, and engaging stage presence have made him a favourite with audiences across Canada.

4x4 ATV races, 8:45pm at the Main Ring. Hold on tight! Watch as skilled riders push their machines to the limit through a fast-paced obstacle course packed with ramps, tight turns, tires, and technical challenges.

Thur. Aug. 20

Mad Science, 1:00pm and 3:00pm on the Arena Stage. Amazing demonstrations, surprising reactions, and audience participation make this science show a cool—and hot—family favourite.

Future Farmer, 2:00pm on the Arena Stage. A hands-on agricultural challenge where participants test their knowledge, problem-solving skills, and farm know-how through fun, age-appropriate activities. A great way to celebrate the next generation of agricultural leaders.

Farmer's Challenge, 6:45pm in the Main Ring. From hay bales to heavy carries, the Farmer's Challenge celebrates the strength, grit, and ingenuity that form everyday life on the farm.

Common Ground, 8:00pm on the Arena Stage. Make sure you catch this Annapolis Valley based band! Common Ground balances contemporary sounds with the traditional roots of bluegrass music.

Non Refundables Band, 8:00pm at the Giddy Goat Pub. The Non Refundables band bring a blend of musical genres, crowd engagement and enthusiastic stage presence and wrap it all up into a blend of 'Classic Rock -Kitchen Party'.

Fri. Aug. 21

Precision Dance Performance, 12-1:00pm on the Arena Stage

Toddler Olympics, 1:00pm at the Arena Stage. One of the Exhibition's cutest traditions! Children ages 2-4 can crawl, race, toss, and play their way through a series of fun challenges.

Pets on Parade, 2:00pm on the Arena Stage. A long-standing favourite celebrating the special bond between children and their pets. Young participants introduce their furry, feathered, or scaly companions while competing for fun prizes and bragging rights.

Jamzone Duo, 2:00pm at the Giddy Goat Pub. The musical duo of Paul Marshall and Inigo Cuartero, combining live performance with professionally tailored backing tracks to create a dynamic full-band sound.

Maritime Marionettes, 3-7:00pm in the Exhibition Courtyard. Look for the Purple Puppet Wagon! New to the Exhibition this year! The Purple Puppet Wagon rolls into AVEX for an afternoon of storytelling, laughter, and puppet magic.

Ryan Harvey, 6:00pm. Arena Stage. Award-winning Canadian recording artist Ryan Harvey blends bluegrass grit and storytelling with modern country appeal. A two-time ECMA Composer of the Year.

Carson Fullerton, 6:30pm, Riverside Stage. Carson is a 9-year-old musician from the Annapolis Valley. At a very young age he has shown extreme interest in music, with influences from old classic country to bluegrass.

Hunter Bushell, 7:30pm, Riverside Stage. Hunter is a 21-year-old independent singer/songwriter from Canada Creek Nova Scotia. Blending the grit of 90s grunge with folk influence and acoustic guitar, Hunter has developed his own unique sound.

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Aging Disgracefully, 8:00pm, Arena Stage. Catch this bold blues duo from Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. Redefining what it means to grow older with bold lyrics, soulful sound, and fearless storytelling.

No Curfew, 8:00pm, Giddy Goat Pub. No Curfew is an HRM based cover band. They bring a blend of Classic Rock, Country Rock, Grunge, and Currents Hits to the stage!

Tyler Salsman, 8:30pm, Riverside Stage. Tyler is a young country singer-songwriter from Windsor, Nova Scotia, known for his down-to-earth style, storytelling, and genuine connection with audiences.

Cameron Nickerson & the 340 South, 9:30pm, Riverside Stage. Cameron draws inspiration from lived experience at his century-old camp in small-town Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Nominated by the Canadian Country Music Association for 2025's Innovative Campaign of the Year.

Sat. Aug. 22

Amy & Arwyn, 1:00pm, Arena Stage. This dynamic duo from Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, are fresh to the country scene and ready to have you dancing and singing along!

Antique Tractor Parade, 1:15pm, Main Ring. Celebrate the Valley's agricultural heritage as beautifully restored tractors and vintage farm equipment roll through the Main Ring.

Valley Hooper Troopers - Hula Hoops, 2:00pm
Kinneybrookkid, 2:00pm, Giddy Goat Pub. Hailing from Ashmore, Nova Scotia, Kinneybrookkid learned to play guitar at the age of 8 while watching his uncle play in their local church. His love for music hasn't stopped.

Alora Ells, 3:00pm, Arena Stage. 15 year old singer/songwriter Alora Ells is from Canning, Nova Scotia. Her sound blends the emotion of folk with the storytelling tradition of country.

Andy Comeau, 4:30pm, Arena Stage. Andy Comeau is a Nova Scotia-born singer-songwriter blending the heart of classic country with the energy of modern country-rock.

Sean Michael Ryan, 7:00pm, Riverside Stage. Opener for Cory Marks, Sean Michael Ryan is a Nashville recording country artist from Canada's East Coast known for his high-energy performances and authentic storytelling.

Karaoke with Theresa Porter, 8:00pm, Giddy Goat Pub

Cory Marks, 8:30pm, Riverside Stage. Cory Marks is redefining country rock with his signature blend of powerful vocals, hard-driving guitars, and authentic storytelling.