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This exhibit will be on display at the O'Dell House Museum until the end of August. Visit us Wednesday-Sunday from 9:30am-4:00pm to see it for yourself! 136 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal.

BCRA Update and Announcement We want to send a BIG thank you to all past Bridgetown Community Recreation Association (BCRA) members for their many years of dedicated service to our community. The arena, pool, and ball field are core pieces of Bridgetown's identity, supporting both competitive and recreational sports for generations, and these facilities could not operate without the care and effort you have provided.

A special thank you goes out to Steve Clayton, who has devoted much of his life to stewarding these facilities, their programs, and the people who filled them.

To Steve, Angela, Dave, Tristan, Don, Holly, and Caroline: thank you for everything you have done to provide these resources and opportunities for the community of Bridgetown.

Please join us in welcoming the new BCRA Board:

Chair: John Osborne

Vice Chair & Facilities Manager: Robbie Agombar

Secretary: Emma Agombar

Member at Large: Ben McNeil

Member at Large & Pool Rep: Geoff Agombar

Member at Large: Harrison Murphy

Member at Large: Raymond Toole

If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to us. Let's keep Bridgetown active together!

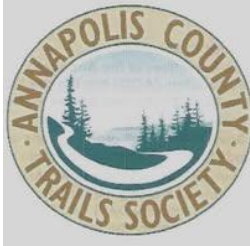
Annapolis County Trails Society – Annual General Meeting

Sun. Aug. 30, 2-4:00pm at Centrelea Hall, 3495 Hwy 201

The Harvest Moon Trailway is an Annapolis County gem, offering recreational and tourism opportunities and beautiful vistas as it passes through 53 km of pastoral landscapes following the Annapolis River.

You are invited to attend the Annapolis County Trail Society (ACTS) meeting which will provide updates on trail objectives, particularly on new regulatory signage required for safety, and extensive trail resurfacing efforts- aimed at improving conditions for cyclists and walkers while maintaining a safe and enjoyable use for all, including our OHV community. We are strengthening communications. New trail kiosks will be installed over the next year.

Memberships are available (\$10), and we welcome some new members to join the ACTS board and contribute their perspectives, skills, and time to shaping the future of this important multi-use trail. There are many opportunities to enhance this trail. ACTS welcomes you to be part of its success. - Chair: Donna Crossland



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Community Calendar

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

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. 21, 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. 21 and Sun. Aug. 23, 10am-3:00pm Digby Farmers and Artisans Market takes place along Admiral's Walk, Digby, Fridays and Sundays to Oct. 4.

Fri. Aug. 21, 12-1:00pm Tai Chi Classes, each Friday at the Bridgetown Salvation Army Church. \$60 for 10 classes. 902-824-0099.

Fri. Aug. 21, 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

Fri. Aug. 21, 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: sherrydell4k@gmail.com

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. *

Fri. Aug. 21 Community Board Game Night at the Middleton Firehall An evening of board games, good company, and a little friendly competition! 6-7:00pm is Low Sensory Hour. This first hour will offer a quieter, lower-sensory environment for those who prefer it. 7-9:00pm, everyone welcome. Bring along your favourite board game or choose from one of ours! Light refreshments will be provided. Middleton Firehall, 49 Church St. Questions? Contact mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca Please note: Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Fri. Aug. 21, 7:00pm Jam Session every Friday Evening at the Youngs Cove Community Hall, 5407 Shore Rd. *

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/community/events-calendar>

INVITATION FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

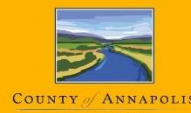


The Municipality of the County of Annapolis is seeking applications from residents of Annapolis County for various municipal committees

We are recruiting for the following vacant positions:

- Annapolis County Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Advisory Committee
- Audit Committee
- Climate Change Action Plan Review Committee
- Annapolis County Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Planning Advisory Committee
- Police Advisory Committee
- Source Water Protection Advisory Committee

Application deadline is **September 25, 2026**
For further information on the recruitment process or to apply, please visit:
www.annapoliscounty.ca or scan this QR code.



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.

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Sat. Aug. 22, 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. 22, 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.

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 (featuring 12+ vendors and local groups), kids crafts & games, BBQ & Food, and the annual SOOFSTOCK 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: Sat. Aug. 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. Free parking on site. Tent camping (\$30) available. Contact Katie to reserve your spot by email beavercreekvineyard@gmail.com or text 902-489-0977. For more information about SOOFSTOCK find and follow us on Facebook @ saveouroidforests or check our website: saveouroidforests.ca/soofstock

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THE LINEUP

10:00 Permanent Resonance
11:00 Res-O-Matics
Noon Alex & Autumn
1:00 Black Rock Buoys
2:00 Lorne Allan
3:00 Strath
4:00 She The Archer
5:00 Zakary Miller

FOOD & DRINK
Popcorn, Paletas, BBQ
Beaver Creek Bistro
Lunn's Take Out

MARKET
10am - 6pm
KIDS CORNER
11am - 1pm
2pm - 4pm
FOREST TALK
5pm

SAVE OUR OLD FORESTS

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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, 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. 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.

Sun. Aug. 23, 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. 23, 9:30am Holy Eucharist at the Anglican Church of St. Mary's (6772 Hwy 1 in Belleisle). All are welcome to join us.

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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, 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. 23, 10:30am Join us on Sunday at the **St. Croix Cove Baptist Church**, 9087 Shore Road East, in the Cove, for a joyful time of worship featuring music by John Montgomerie.

Sun. Aug. 23, 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. 23, 11:00am Holy Eucharist at St. James Anglican Church (289 Granville Rd, Bridgetown) today. followed by fellowship and food. All are welcome. We are an inclusive church. Wheelchair accessible via the parking lot door.

Sun. Aug. 23, 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. 23, 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.

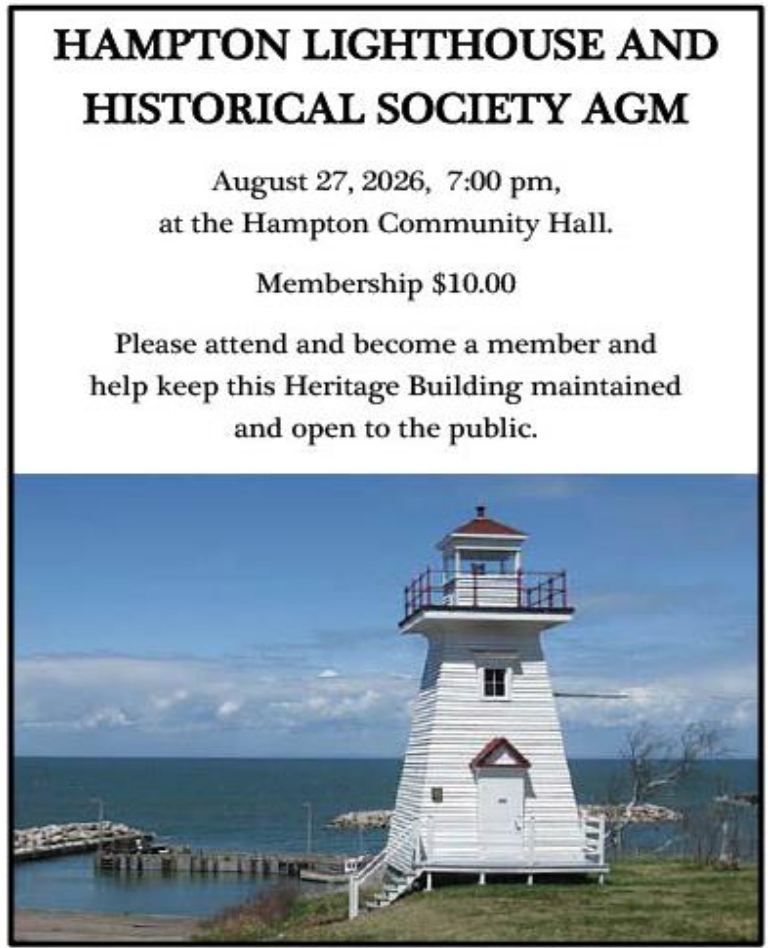
Sun. Aug. 23, 12-2:00pm Inglewood Community Club Fish N’ Chips Take-Out. 2pc. Haddock and Home Fries with Coleslaw and Tartar Sauce. Price: \$20. Pick up Time: 12Noon until 2:00pm at the Inglewood Community Hall 246 Inglewood Road, Bridgetown. Pre-Order to: inglewoodtakeout@gmail.com (Include your name and number of orders) Or call/text Krista-Lynn: 902-824-1949; Ed: 416-839-4655; Michelle: 647-868-9724.

Sun. Aug. 23, 1:00pm The Annapolis Royal Legion, Branch #21 will host Lester Slade and Revelstoke Power Supply, with Special Guests Gina Burgess and Alex Hastie for a **Country Dance Matinee**!! Doors open at 1pm and the show starts at 2pm. BBQ from 1-5pm. Everyone welcome, members and guests.



Community Picnic

Saturday August 22nd
12:00-3:00pm
North Hills Museum
Admission by Donation
BBQ Sales & Lawn Games



HAMPTON LIGHTHOUSE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGM

August 27, 2026, 7:00 pm,
at the Hampton Community Hall.

Membership \$10.00

Please attend and become a member and
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and open to the public.

Sun. Aug. 23, 1:00pm Pot Luck Luncheon at the Granville Centre Community Hall. A free will offering will be taken up - all proceeds for the Hall. We are also looking for items for our up-coming Silent Auction. Folks can bid on auction items at the pot luck and at the Hillbilly Band concert on September 12th. So grab your favourite pot luck dish and silent auction item and we will see you there!

Sun. Aug. 23, 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

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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.

The concept is easy: bring anything you’ve made, grown, or a service you can offer, and trade it for treasures from others. Perfection is definitely not required—just a willingness to share your passion projects! Bring what you can: Share whatever you’re comfortable giving. There are no expectations, and the generosity always surprises us.

The Common Table: Everything goes onto a shared table. After hanging out and getting to know each other, everyone takes turns picking items from the table, one at a time, until it feels fair. What to bring: Think preserves, pickles, baking, plants, soaps, jewelry, woodwork, art, dog treats, or vouchers for services like haircuts, massages, or home-cooked meals. Everything under the sun goes!

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!

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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.

Sun. Aug. 23, 7-9:00pm Fun Darts, every Sunday evening at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. \$3 entry returned in prizes.

Mon. Aug. 24, 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. *

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Mon. Aug. 24, 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. 24, 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. 24, 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.vlr.ca *

Mon. Aug. 24, 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. 24, 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.

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.

Tues. Aug. 25, 1-3:00pm The Annapolis East Seniors Card Group, meet at NSCC Middleton campus every Tuesday.

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, 8o Bridge St., Middleton. To register email adventure@discovermiddleton.ca

Tues. Aug. 25, 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.

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Tues. Aug. 25 and Thur. Aug. 27, 6:30pm 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. 25, 7:00pm (note date change) Live Music in the Orchard with Alex Meisner, an Annapolis Valley folk School event at 1963 Clarence Rd. Rain venue 3337 Clarence Road (Clarence Community Hall) 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.

Tues. Aug. 25, 7:15-10:15pm Middleton Legion Bingo Tuesdays at 205 Marshall Street, Middleton. *

Wed. Aug. 26, 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. 26, 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

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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.

Wed. Aug. 26, 7:00pm Brickton Community Hall Jam Sessions Every Wednesday @ 7. Free will offering. All welcome. *

Wed. Aug. 26, 7-9:00pm Fun Cribbage every Wednesday evening at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. \$6 entry returned in prizes. All welcome. *

Wed. Aug. 26, 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. 27, 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. *

Thur. Aug. 27, 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. 27, 7:00pm Hampton Lighthouse and Historical Society AGM at the Hampton Community Hall. Membership \$10. Please attend and become a member, and help keep this Heritage building maintained and open to the public.

Thur. Aug. 27, 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. 27, 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. *

Fri. Aug. 28, 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. *

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 Jeffrey St.

Fri. Aug. 28, 6-8:00pm Summer Music at the O' with the Rhinestone Romeos. 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. 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.

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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 for Pig Roast plate. Dance Admission \$15, \$12 for members.

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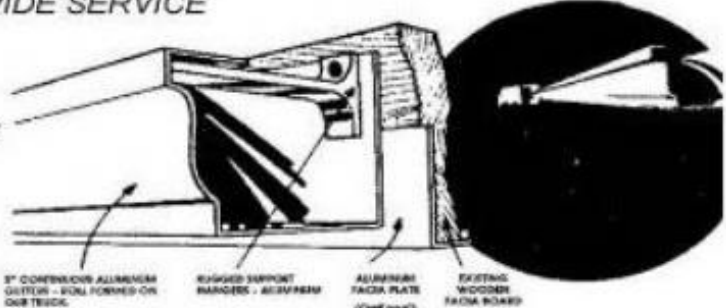
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<https://paradisehistoricalsociety.ca/event/genealogy-aug-2026/>

Tues. Sept. 1, 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. 15.*

Tues. Sept. 1, 7:00pm Welcome members and newcomers to **Bridgetown Area Garden Club's regular monthly meeting** held at St. James Anglican Church Hall, 289 Granville St., Bridgetown. Starting off our fall season of guest speakers is Ashlea Viola, horticulturalist at the Historic Gardens in Annapolis Royal. Ashlea's illustrated talk will be on The Effects of Climate Change on Local Gardening. Are there newcomers in your neighborhood? This is the perfect opportunity to invite them to join a welcoming group interested in learning together how to deal with the challenges of climate change. First time attendance is free, annual dues are \$20. See you September 1st!

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).

Fri. Sept 4, 1-3:00pm and Sat. Sept. 5, 9am-12:00pm St. Luke's Church, Annapolis Royal will be holding a **Yard Sale** in the Church Hall. On Saturday only, fill a shopping bag for \$5 unless items are priced. For further information call 902 532 5568.

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, 2:00pm Join us for an uplifting **Choral Afternoon** featuring members of the Granville Ferry, Granville Centre and Annapolis Royal Baptist churches, assisted by special solo vocalists and instrumentalists, and old and new favourites narrated by Gordon Bragg. There is no charge, but donations for the maintenance of the church gratefully accepted. Fellowship and delicious snacks to follow. First United Baptist church, 762 St George St., Annapolis Royal.

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.

Sun. Sept. 6, 3-7:00pm Blueberry Fest Take Two at Centrelea Community Hall, 3495 Highway 201. We were rained out so we're coming back with Music, Food, Fun and Family Activities. Sign up for Blueberry dessert baking contest and a vendors' market by email at centreleacommunityhall@gmail.com

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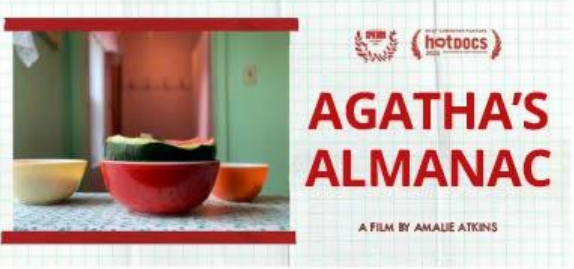
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Mon. Sept. 7, 10-11:00am & Wed. Sept. 9, 10-11:00am Lawrencetown & Area Seniors Association (LASA) Exercise Classes Seniors 55+ are welcome to come and join in LASA's Exercise Programs at the Lawrencetown Legion, 490 Main St (main entrance). **Head-to-Toe Exercise class**, Mon. Sept 7 10-11am and **Yoga class** Wed. Sept 9, 10-11am.

General Meeting to follow Exercise Class on Monday, Sept 7, 11am to hear, discuss and plan for LASA's fall and winter activities which include guest presentations, community information, social activities and fitness classes. Thanks to the support of the Municipality of the County of Annapolis & the New Horizons for Seniors Program for making these programs possible.

Tues. Sept. 8, 10:00am Weekly Senior Exercise Class at Bridgetown Legion with qualified instructor. Stretch, strength, cardio, etc. Work at your own comfort level. \$4 per class. Bring hand weights and resistance band if you can. Come out for some fun while working out! Everyone welcome....just show up! 902-665-4308.

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.

Wed. Sept. 9, 7:30pm Concert at Belleisle Hall Acadian Cultural Centre with Grouyan Gombo, a Montreal based group that is passionate about Acadian music from Louisiana. Tickets are \$20. Call or text Jennifer at 902-247-2019 or email theacadianpeasant@gmail.com. 16 Little Brook Lane, Belleisle.

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.



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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 doujohnson@accesswave.ca

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Sat. Sept. 12, 7:00pm Hillbilly Band at Granville Centre Community Hall. Come on out for an evening of music at the Granville Centre Hall, for the price of a free-will donation. There will be refreshments available at intermission (for free will donation). There will be a Fall harvest basket raffle, silent auction and 50/50 draw. Hope to see you there for an evening of fun, friends and good music!

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@annapoliscounty.ca

Mon. Sept. 14 - Fri. Sept. 18, 10am-4:00pm daily One Week Art Workshop

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

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Sun. Sept. 27, 10:00am Maregold Auctions is Back! We are taking over the Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Hall for a massive, fast-paced live auction event you won't want to miss. Preregister at www.maregold.com Over 300 lots. No reserves. Everything absolutely must sell. Items start at just \$10, meaning there is a treasure and a bargain for everyone!

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

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Anna/ Royal - The Charlies Place Chinese Food is back open!

Anna/Royal - Happy 45th Anniversary to Annapolis Historic Gardens.

Anna/Royal - Sun Aug 23rd is Medway Com/Forest Co-op. The 10th Anniversary of Forest Market, 10 - 2p. Anna/ Royal Farmers Market. www.medwaycommunityforest.com

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Anna/Royal - do you like auctions? Mark SUN Sept 27th, Maregold Live Auctions is back with an Antique Auction at the Annapolis Royal Fire Hall. #5 St Anthony St.

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Annapolis District Drama Group Dinner Theatre 'Washing Soldiers 1797'. Oct 3rd & 4th @ 7 pm.

At the Middleton Fire Hall (49 Church St.) Menu is Bathwater Soup, Porcupine Stew, Bear Hunters' Cake, T & Coffee. \$47.50 per person. Directed by Wayne Currie. For tickets call or email Macdonald Museum 902-825-6116 or drop by #21 School St. Middleton or email: macdonald.museum@outlook.com (warning: does contain adult humor)

Annapolis Royal - Annapolis English Country Dance Society announces the Fall Dance Session! Starting Sept 1st every Tues evening from 6 - 8 pm at St. Luke's Parish Hall across from Fort Anne on St George St. All dances are called and instructed by Mark Stubbs and his experienced team. NO experience necessary, partners provided. Session is 8 weeks \$40 in cash on first session or by e-transfer. Session concludes on Oct 24th

Bridgetown- Did you lose a key ? D'Aubin Family Meats found one in driveway. It's a GM with a rectangle shaped keychain with circles hanging off of it.

Bridgetown - Happy Tails Dog Park is hosting a fun day of washer toss at the Lawrencetown Legion. Sat Sept 19th @ 11 am (register by Sept 17th Bridgetowndogpark@outlook.com) Or 902-309-3174. Open doubles, \$40 a team, Cash Bar, Raffle & Prizes. Fundraising for the costs associated with the park and future events.

Bridgetown- Slopes & Cycles has a BIG AUGUST sale from Aug 15th - 29th. #4 Queen St. Even more deals throughout the shop!

Clarence & North Mtn- we want your photos of these places, Community fundraiser until Aug 31st. Send to : inquiries.clarencecommunity@gmail.com, if used we give you a prize.

Breathtaking landscapes, wildlife, historic blds., changing seasons, farm life, or your favorite scenic view, we want to see it.

Cornwallis- The Basin Centre is up for Tax Sale by Tender, sealed envelope mailed to Municipality of the County of Annapolis, PO Box 100, B0S 1A0 , or dropped off, in person at #752 St George St. The deadline is NO later than 1:00 clock on Monday Aug 31st. 902-532-2331. Tender #08-2026.

Granville Ferry- Garage sale Sat Aug 22, 9 - 1 pm Lower Granville Hall. Cats for Keeps will also have so many great items for sale. Bring your carrying bag and come find your newest treasure! # 3551 Granville Rd.

Be sure to ask Cats for Keeps about 'Win a CUSTOM BUILT Catio' (patio for a cat). Draw date is Sat Sept 5th at Annapolis Farmers Market. Every donation earns you an entry. Etransfer to treasurer.cfk@gmail.com include your name and email in the transfer message so they can contact you if you're the winner.

Lawrencetown- SOOFSTOCK 2026 Market Vendors 10 am - 6:00 pm, Band Spotlight & Festival Headliner: Zakary Miller. Sat Aug 22nd @ 5:00 Beaver Creek Vineyard (496 Carleton Rd) Pay-what-you-can (suggested \$20).

Moschelle Hall- Next Breakfast is Sat Aug 29th. The time is 8 am - 10:00. Cost \$10 Cash

Round Hill- Pork BBQ is Sat Sept 12th at Bishop Park. Drive thru Pick up is 4:30 - until they run out. Dessert included. Cash only.

Contact The Reader: Call or text 902-824-0412, email us @ readerpublishing@outlook.com message us on Facebook or use the contact form at www.bridgetownreader.news.

Hatha Yoga and Gentle Flow Yoga At Lower Granville Hall in Port Royal. (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal) Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting September 8th, 8-week Fall Session on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Start date: Tues, September 8th through Thursday, November 5th. (No classes on September 24th or October 27th.) Buy the session package for \$180 for twice a week, \$90 for once a week, Or...\$15 drop in

Hatha Yoga (all levels) 4 to 5:15 pm. Build strength and flexibility through a flowing practice that connects breath with movement, including standing poses and floor stretches.

Gentle Flow Yoga 5:30-6:45 pm. Gentle flow yoga moves you through strengthening and stretching poses both on the floor and while standing, with breath, focus and calm.

Register: Email: love4srorcas@gmail.com Or walk in on the first day of class.

Rug Hooking for Beginners: Sept. 27 and Oct. 4. You start with a “mug rug” and who knows how far you can go? Our next Workshop for Rug Hooking Beginners takes place on September 27 and October 4. There are still a few spaces left, first come first served. The cost: \$100. 10am-3:00pm at Paradise Heritage Centre, 10307 Highway 1, Paradise with Instructor, Monica Bailey.

On September 27 you will learn the craft and start your own mug rug. Then you take it home to complete.

On October 4 you return to learn how to do the edge finishing, and take home your creation to enjoy and inspire.

And who knows how far you go from there? If as predicted the coming winter will be cold and very snowy- how lovely to spend it creating beauty. Workshops begin at 10 a.m. To register, for more information, or to be on a waiting list for the next class, please e-mail barbarabishop84@gmail.com.

Painting A River of History: Te’wapskik, Riviere du Dauphin, Annapolis River- a three-day workshop with Janice Leonard, exploring in Art and in Story the idea of the flow of time. At the Paradise Heritage Centre, 10307 Highway 1, September 18, 19, 20, 10am-3:00pm. Cost: \$100.

This workshop culminates in an Art Exhibition and Sale by participants. The public is invited to join us for the Exhibition, with Tea and Cake, \$15. Please register for the workshop at <https://paradisehistoricalsociety.ca/event/artist-workshop/> and Public Exhibition and tea, 2-4pm on the 20th at <https://paradisehistoricalsociety.ca/event/art-exhibition/>

St Louis Church in Annapolis Royal will be changing its weekend mass time starting on September 5 . The new time will be on Saturdays at 5pm. There will be no regular masses on Sundays at St Louis after that date.

The **County of Annapolis Satellite Office** in Middleton has moved. You can now find them across the street at 292 Marshall St., Unit 1. Hours, phone number, etc. remain the same. (902) 955-3707. Open Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30am – 4:30pm.

The **Dr. Frank W. Morse Library & Learning Centre** is a volunteer based, non-profit organization operating under the governance of the Lawrencetown Village Commission with the aim of reopening and operating a library in the village. Every helping hand, every suggestion, and every new idea is welcome. Email them at library@lawrencetownnovascotia.ca.

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.

Summer Math Camp @ Lower Granville Hall in Port Royal. (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal) Fri. August 28th, Mon. August 31st, AND Tues. September 1st. Time: 9:30am - 10:30am (for those entering Grades 3 & 4) or 11am - 12pm (for those entering Grades 5 & 6) Confidence building: Strengthen math facts. Be prepared for the new school year. Hands-on learning projects! Price: \$100 (Paper and project materials included!) What to Bring: Pencil, eraser, ruler

Why Choose Me? Dani Peters earned her degree in Economics from UCLA in California. After working many years as an accountant, she earned a Substitute Teaching Credential. She owned and operated a math learning centre called Mind Over Math for many years, providing individualized tutorial services to her students. Register at: mathwithdani@gmail.com



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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Library System Receives Major Private Donation

The Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL) has received a gift of \$300,000 from bestselling author and Nova Scotia native Rachel Reid, one of Canada’s most celebrated contemporary romance writers and the author of Heated Rivalry.

The donation represents one of the most significant private gifts in AVRL's history and will help strengthen library services across the Annapolis Valley in the months ahead, supporting the library's mission to provide free access to books, literacy, learning and welcoming community spaces for people of all ages.

Julia Merritt, CEO of the Annapolis Valley Regional Library, said the donation represents an extraordinary investment in library services and in the people and communities they serve.

"This is an incredibly generous gift, and we are profoundly grateful to Rachel for choosing to invest in libraries, the Annapolis Valley, and the people our libraries serve," said Merritt. “Her support will make a meaningful difference and help us continue creating opportunities for people across the region to read, learn and connect.”

The donation will support priority library services across the Annapolis Valley, with additional details on its implementation to be shared as plans are finalized.

"Libraries are one of the most important services governments provide. I credit my local library for being a huge part of the reason I'm a published author today. As essential community cornerstones, libraries provide free resources, information, assistance, and safe spaces to their residents. Nova Scotia governments should be prioritizing libraries, and working to ensure these fundamental branches remain open for their communities,” says Reid.

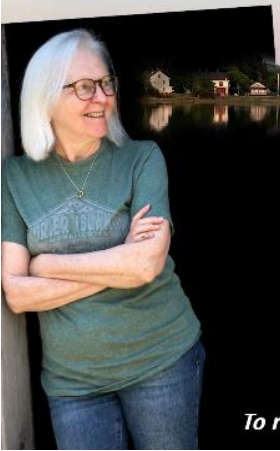
Reid, whose novels have earned international acclaim and a devoted global readership, has long championed the importance of reading, literacy and accessible public libraries. AVRL also announced that Reid will participate in a special ticketed public event this September celebrating libraries, reading and community. Additional details will be released later this week.

As a significant private contribution, Reid’s gift complements, but does not replace, the critical need for an increase in the stable annual public funding and strong municipal and provincial partnerships needed to sustain library services over the long term. AVRL remains committed to working with its government partners to ensure communities across the region continue to have access to strong, vibrant public libraries.

For more information, please visit our website <https://valleylibrary.ca/>

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Sat. and Sun. October 3 & 4, 7:00pm at the Middleton Fire Hall, 49 Church St. The Macdonald Museum is thrilled to partner with the Middleton Railway Museum and the Annapolis District Drama Group to bring you Washing Soldiers 1797! Set in Molly's bath house in 18th century Annapolis Royal, this entertaining dinner theatre production is packed with cheeky humour, memorable characters, and plenty of laughs. \$47.50 per person.

Your evening includes a delicious, themed dinner: Bathwater Soup, Porcupine Stew, Bear Hunters' Cake, Tea or Coffee

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Yard Sale: Sat. Sept. 5, 9:30am to 4pm, 309 Highway 201 Moschelle. I am moving and a lot of things can't go with me. Items are too numerous to list but includes a few small pieces of furniture, lots of bundles of fabric, sewing accessories, pet supplies, children's games and puzzles, bedding, other household items, a few house plants, and a table full of assorted free items. Rain date will be Sun. Sept. 6th. For inquiries call Janet at (902) 532-7284.

For Sale: Lowenstein Medical Prisma Smart Plus/Max CPAP Machine. Gently used (3 mos.), excellent condition. Asking \$900 (Paid \$2200). Pride Jazzy Ultra Light Power Wheelchair. Folds up & fits in trunk. Has its own charging system and batteries have been kept charged. Only used 3 times for 10 min each, like "Brand New". Asking \$2000 (paid \$3600). Call Paul at +1-403-680-8240.

For Sale: Vintage Bedroom set. Solid birch, maple colour. Made in Quebec. Dresser, double headboard, mattress and box springs. \$250. 902-825-4945.

For Sale: 2 new 18" steel wheels, 6 bolt pattern, still in boxes. Fits Silverado. \$200. 902-532-5612.

For Sale: One, 6 ft. aluminum step ladder (like new), price \$50. One, 20 ft. extension aluminum ladder, price \$200. Wood planner, 12 1/2 in., mounted on a stand, price \$75. Phone 902-532-5125

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Zuppa, based in Kijipuktuk / Halifax, aims to make extraordinary experiences that provoke the consideration of new perspectives and ideas and thrive on the play between the imagined and the real. With each project we attempt to do something we don’t know how to do and work with collaborators who bring new life experiences or skill sets to the table. Zuppa is a member of Theatre Nova Scotia and an affiliate member of the Professional Association of Canadian Theatres. Tickets: Adults \$40, Subsidized \$20, Youth \$10.

Sun. Aug. 23, 6:00pm Project Hail Mary (film, PG) Back by popular demand. 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.

Wed. Aug. 26, 7:00pm Agatha’s Almanac (documentary film, G) Fiercely independent 90-year-old Agatha Bock lives alone on her ancestral farm. Despite health challenges, she defiantly tends to her land, cultivating heirloom seeds passed down through generations. Employing antiquated techniques, Agatha plants and harvests her expansive field of watermelons, beans, flowers, herbs, and vegetables entirely by hand. Without a car, cell phone, running water, or even a functioning landline, Agatha’s meditative processes and daily rituals form a vivid counterpoint to the rapid pace of contemporary life. Made intentionally with sensory sensitive viewers in mind, the film carves out a (mostly) calm space in a chaotic world.

Shot by an all-female crew—including director Amalie Atkins and cinematographer Rhayne Vermette— over six years on 16mm film, using a windup Bolex and an ArriSR2 studio camera, the project captures the handmade materiality inherent in both the medium of film and Agatha’s tactile world. Her century-old farmhouse, with its grey exterior, contrasts with the bursts of vibrant colour and texture inside. Unchanged since the 1950s, her home serves as a living archive of a vanishing era, rooted in her esoteric practices that predate modern conveniences. Tickets: Adults \$11.95, Youth \$7.95.

Sat. Aug. 29, 7:30pm Gypsy. Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band (live performance) The Premiere Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band features accomplished musicians, returns to King’s Theatre with their world-class show! The songs of this iconic recording artist transcend across three generations of music fans. Fleetwood Mac has reached international acclaim with countless Billboard charting smash hits.

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Sun. Aug. 30, 6:00pm Once Upon a Time in a Cinema (film, PG) Once Upon a Time in a Cinema is set in a small-town cinema during one eventful Friday night screening from hell. Over the course of one evening, the film follows the travails of beleaguered cinema owner Earl Clancy (Colin Morgan) as he faces a myriad of disasters, any one of which could sink him. Drawing from writer/director David Gleeson’s own experience growing up in a family of cinema owners where his father’s 78-year career marked the longest in the cinema business in Ireland, if not the world, this film is a love letter to a peculiarly Irish cinema experience, which was as much about connecting with people as it was about the movie. Content expanded. Tickets: Adults \$11.95, Youth \$7.95.

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YAPPY HOUR PUP PHOTO SHOOT W/ KAHLI ON THE PATIO 3PM-5PM	SAT AUG 8TH
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In 1919 the first signs of the precursor to the Canadian Legion were reported: namely the “Great War Veterans Association” (GWVA) which was founded nationally in 1917 but was founded in Bridgetown in November of 1919. The founding President was H. T. McKenzie, 1st Vice President, Sgt. Maj. Gill, 2nd Vice President, Phillip Donat, Secty. Treas. V. A. Lloyd, Executive Committee G.K. Dodge, Harry Egan, Louise Messenger, Eugene Poole, Harry Carter and Charles Spurr.

A “smoker” was held in town for the returned men that November of 1919. A smoker event was a social gathering where soldiers would come together to smoke. Smoking in the trenches provided camaraderie and a sense of normalcy for maintaining the spirits of the soldiers during the war. After this event the G.W.V.A. was formed.

In July of 1920 it was reported: A War Trophy for Bridgetown. Mayor Salter has received word from Mr. A.L. Davidson, MP that a captured German Trench Mortar will be sent to Bridgetown for a war trophy. We trust this will be placed in a suitable position in a prominent part of the town.

For lack of this suitable position, at the time town council had the mortar stored in the basement of the school! The G.W.V.A. themselves had a devoted meeting room within the Ruggles building. The mortar is now held by the Bridgetown & Area Historical Society.

An article entitled “Armistice Day in Bridgetown” posted November 1920, expressed disappointment with Bridgetown’s observation of the day. Few flags flown and no “regular celebration” as seen in the neighboring towns was held. However, another article reports the attendance at a “divine worship” by over 30 members of the local G.W.V.A. – the precursor of the Canadian Legion service. It was interesting to note a “large Union Jack” was used for the “special decoration”. It was perhaps the first public showing of the same flag in the possession of the Prat family for many years and, after being on loan, was donated to the Bridgetown and Area Historical Society in 2021. It is also likely that same flag which adorned the window display in the ladies’ wear store of Charles Prat, once a fixture of the Ruggles Block, in honor of our veterans. Many will remember that loyal display over many, many years.

On Armistice Day 1921 the drive was “Buy a Poppy on Poppy Day”. Red poppies were made by French orphans and sold throughout the Allied countries for Armistice Day. The poppy of Flander’s Field had been adopted by the veterans of the Great War as the Flower of Remembrance or Memorial Flower. The local Monitor reminded readers to “Wear a Flanders Poppy in honor of the men who fought so bravely and in memory of those who lie amid the crosses”

The organization held its’ second annual meeting in November of 1921 where they elected new officers and put forward a winter program, including a call for more participation. They reported the following December that nationally \$80,000.00 was raised by the sale of poppies which was to be contributed to the French Children’s League. At the next meeting in the New Year the G.W.V.A. invited women to join them at their meeting and played the game: Housie – aka Bingo. Most Bridgetownians remember well the days of Bingo hosted by the Legion.

In October of 1923 an editorial was written, Lest We Forget, in support of C.G. McNeil, the Secretary of the Dominion Command in Nova Scotia of the G.W.V.A., who was forced to resign due to his loud advocacy of pension plans for the veterans of WW1. His advocacy was pushing to make sure those veterans most vulnerable to pension cuts were helped. The Monitor Editor was advocating for unity and growth within the G.W.V.A. but it was reported that the Nova Scotian veterans were indeed loud on rights!

Thus, this was the beginning of the Royal Canadian Legion; one hundred years strong and still being supported thanks to dedicated teams of volunteers. Thank you and keep it up folks! (article submitted)

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And I have no desire to get ugly, But I cannot help mentioning that the door of a bigoted mind opens outwards so that the only result of the pressure of facts upon it is to close it more snugly. Oden Nash (American poet)

- Underage

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

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Thur. Sept. 10, 1-2:00pm

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Mondays Sept. 14, 21, & 28th.

10:30-11:30am Art for Tots.

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Mondays Sept. 14, 21, & 28th.

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Thur. Sept. 17, 6:30-8pm

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Tues. Sept 22, 6:30-8:00pm

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