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Paint the Town, A Celebration of Creativity and Community!

Annapolis Royal is getting ready to celebrate the 29th anniversary of Paint the Town, Nova Scotia's premiere plein-air-inspired festival.

"Artists from the region, the province, and beyond come to create freshly made art for auction on August 17 & 18. With a history that spans nearly three decades, it's clear how deeply this festival resonates with the community," said Gallery Director, Sophie Paskins.

All art created during Paint the Town will be available through a silent auction held at the Legion that runs 10-6 each day, with a Buy-It-Now option before 5pm. Artwork sold Saturday leaves the gallery, and the process starts all over again on Sunday!

Proceeds from the auction support the artist and ARTSPACE programming year-round.

No matter where you are, you can follow the creative journey starting August 10 with the hashtags: #PTT29 #PTT29Artist #FreshlyMadeArt24. If you're in Annapolis Royal on August 17 & 18, join the fun, spot a Paint the Town artist, ask to take a photo, add the hashtag #PTT29 (plus tag @arcac.artsplace) and ARTSPACE will share your post!

ARTSPACE Paint the Town 29 Festival, takes place in Annapolis Royal on August 17 & 18 10am - 6pm. Auction venue is the Royal Canadian Legion, 66 Victoria St., Annapolis Royal. Register for a bid number (\$2 donation), valid all weekend.

For more details and a list of registered artists, arcac.ca/paintthetown.html.

Coffee and Conversation with AVRCE's Parent Navigator

Do you have a child starting school, or have general questions about the schools in the Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education? Would you like help to understand, locate, or access programs for your children or your family?

Come meet Tammy Ring, AVRCE's Parent Navigator, to learn more about the support available to families with children in our schools!

The Parent Navigator helps both families and schools find information about programs and services. The Parent Navigator is a "connector" between your family, the school, and community supports. They are here to help guide your family to services in education, justice, health, recreation, community services, and more.

Registration not required, please just drop by with your questions.

Tues. Aug. 27, 10am-12:00pm at the Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library, 45 Gates Ave., Middleton.

Tues. Aug. 27, 2-4:00pm at the Bridgetown & Area Library, 38 Queen St., Bridgetown

Thur. Aug. 29, 10am-12:00pm at the Annapolis Royal Library, 143 Ritchie St., Annapolis Royal.

Thur. Aug. 29, 2-4:00pm at the Dr. Frank W. Morse Memorial Library, 489 Main St., Lawrencetown.

Centrelea Calendar Photo Contest

Looking for a summer activity for the whole family. Want to use your phone for a "good" cause and exercise your creativity? Enter the Centrelea 2025 Calendar Photo Contest.

Visit a friend or family in Centrelea, walk the Harvest Moon Trail, Stop by Bloody Creek or the Centrelea Hall, Church or Graveyard and snap some pics. Your photo could win a spot in our beautiful 2025 Calendar! All photos must be submitted by Aug. 31st, 2024.

Please visit our Facebook page for all the details. Pics should be sent to: centreleacommunityhall@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunity at Soldiers Memorial Hospital! Want to make an impact in patient care and your local community? Soldiers Memorial Hospital is recruiting volunteers for their new Ambassador volunteer role. To find out more information on this or other volunteer opportunities, please contact Volunteer Services at 902-365-1706 or send an email to ruth.dugie@nshealth.ca.

Centrelea Community Hall is looking for

vendors to sell items (produce, crafts, etc.) for our Pop Up Market on Aug 29th, 4-7pm. We are also looking for local musicians to play during the market. There is no vendor fee. Please reach out to Darcee to confirm your place by Aug 15th at dorransdarcee@gmail.com

Need Sports Gear? Valley Waste will be hosting a gear giveaway of donated items on Saturday, August 24 from 9am - noon at the Valley Waste office at 90 Donald Hiltz Connector, Kentville. If you have items you would like to donate, you can do so at the following locations from August 12-21:

Port Williams Library

New Minas Recreation

Valley Waste Facilities in Kentville or Lawrencetown

Berwick Library

Kingston Recreation

Annapolis Royal Town Hall, from 10am - 3pm

Follow Valley Waste on Social Media or go to www.vwrm.com for more info.

Bridgetown and Middleton Libraries have new hours!

Beginning in August 2024, the Bridgetown & Area Library's hours will be:

Tuesday 2 pm - 8 pm

Thursday 10 am - 5 pm

Friday 10 am - 5 pm

Saturday 10 am - 1 pm

The Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library's new hours are:

Tuesday 10 am - 8 pm

Wednesday 10 am - 5 pm

Thursday 10 am - 8 pm

Friday 10 am - 5 pm

Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Drop by and visit us! Keep up with your local libraries at <https://valleylibrary.ca/>

The Bridgetown Reader is published weekly on Friday by TAR Publishing. The deadline for submissions to our next issue is noon Monday August 12. Community Events, news and Bulletin Board items are free. Email us at readerpublishing@outlook.com

The **VON Adult Day Program** has space available in Middleton and Berwick.

Berwick: Mondays & Fridays at Western Kings Memorial Health Centre

Middleton: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays at NSCC Annapolis Valley campus.

For more information or to enroll, contact Nerissa Smith, Program Coordinator

(902-538-7844) nerissa.smith@von.ca

The Adult Day Programs (ADPs) provide social, recreational and therapeutic activities for seniors and individuals with a disability, in a safe and supervised environment.

Hampton Cemetery Update: Thank you to those who donated. Because of the support we have up-righted one headstone and straightened ten more. Thanks again.

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Community Calendar

Thur. Aug. 8 – Sun. Aug. 11 The 49th Annual **Digby Scallop Days**. The tradition continues. Family, food, fun and of course... Scallops! Digby Scallop Days, the area's longest running festival, is a celebration of scallops, the scallop fishing industry and the people who brave the seas to harvest them. Digby Scallop Days is celebrated over a four-day period starting on Thursday and ending on Sunday. Every year the festival has a different theme, but the focus of the festival always remains on the local scallops and the fleet that harvests them.

Watch our Grand Street Parade, visit our vendors along admirals walk, see locals compete in the Scallop Shucking Competitions. Learn more about the industry through a scallop shucking demonstration or boat gear demonstration. You can even try your hand at shucking a Digby Scallop. A Woodsmen Competition wind down the weekend which wraps up with Live Entertainment and a fireworks show Sunday evening. More info at <https://digbyarea.ca/event/scallop-days-2024/> or find them on Facebook

Fri. Aug. 9, 10am-3:00pm Digby Farmers and Artisans Market runs from June to September, each Friday and Sunday (10am-3pm) Admiral's Walk, downtown Digby. We have an ever-changing line-up of vendors selling a wide range of locally crafted products that will appeal to all ages. Come find us along the picturesque Admiral's Walk in downtown Digby, weather permitting.

Fri. Aug. 9, 12:15 -1:00pm A Little Lunch Music Our summer noontime concert series continues this Friday with a varied program, featuring the sweet and expressive sounds of the soprano saxophone, played by Saburo Murato, accompanied on the piano by Phil Roberts. The soprano sax, bright and melodic, adapts itself beautifully to classical, jazz and popular music. The program includes music by Bach, Fauré, and Piazzola, as well as popular tunes such as The Sunny Side of the Street, among other works. Please join us at the Annapolis Royal United Church (the brick church at the lights).

And— on August 16, we welcome back our returning artist from Cuba, Augusto Enriquez with his usual flair and panache, and fiery Latino music! Don't miss these great concerts! Admission \$10. Children and students free. For more info call 902-340-7778.

Fri. Aug. 9, 6-7:00pm Yoga with Esme Endres every Friday night from 6-7 at Brickton Community Hall, 12062 Hwy 1.

Fri. Aug. 9, 6-8:00pm Summer Music at the 'O' presents **PM Blues Band** Free

admission. At the Oqwa'titek Amphitheatre on the river in Annapolis Royal. Sponsored by The Nicholson Foundation. Rain location Port Royal Legion or Community Hub.

Fri. Aug. 9, 7:00pm Jam Session every Friday Evening at the Youngs Cove Community Hall, 5407 Shore Rd.

Sat. Aug. 10, 9am-1:00pm Summer Market in the Masonic Hall Church St., Annapolis Royal. From local handmade live-edge wood products, driftwood crafts, cards, vintage fabric tote bags, Annette's birdhouses & Jeanette's Jams; to Thai clothing, African jewelry, textiles, baskets, home decor, vintage goods, collectibles, antiques, books, CDs, LPs and more. Rain or shine. Cash & e-transfer.

Sat. Aug. 10, 9am-1:00pm Annapolis Royal Farmers and Traders Market From fresh produce to handcrafted treasures and more, the Annapolis Royal Farmers and Traders Market is a tradition, each Saturday until Fall. Outdoors at Market Square.

Sat Aug 10 Ancient Awareness adult workshop, Mickey Hill Prov Park. Learn to minimize your disturbance in nature and expand your senses to move on the land the way the animals do. Deepen your connection to nature, self and spirit... More information and registration at connectionpathways.com/in-person-events

Sat. Aug. 10, 10:00am & 2:00pm Never Mind the Pollocks! Don't miss the 'splash mob' on the Annapolis Royal Wharf. Paint the Town artists creating large Jackson Pollock canvases for the hilarious upcoming King's Theatre play about a million-dollar masterpiece found in a thrift store! ...Or is it? | Bakersfield Mist, August 16-18 at King's Theatre, www.kingstheatre.ca / Paint the Town, August 17-18 in Annapolis Royal, www.arcac.ca/paintthetown

Sat. Aug. 10, 10am-3:00pm Craft Sale at the Port Lorne Fundy Hall. Free admission and canteen on site.

Sat. Aug. 10, 1:00pm Games for Young Folk at Tupperville School Museum, 2663 Highway 201.

Sat. Aug. 10, 3-5:00pm Novel Launch, The View From Errisbeg by Sheila Graham-Smith, at ARTSPLACE Gallery, 396 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal. Annapolis Valley artist and writer Sheila Graham-Smith celebrates her new novel, The View From Errisbeg, with readings and discussion. Love, grief, memory and poetry all play their parts in this

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remarkable story set in Ireland and on the South Coast of England. Maritime-born Graham-Smith has travelled widely but has long been settled in the Annapolis Valley where she writes, blogs and creates her pastel art - all while she is not tending her garden or remodelling her home. The View From Errisbeg is Sheila's first published novel, her second is forthcoming in 2025, also from Askance Publishing.

Askance's origins are in the UK, where the publishing project began in Cambridge around 2009. Now Askance is firmly based in Annapolis Royal with a small but mighty list of titles and more in the pipeline. As Stephen Fry once said, "A major minor writer is usually so much more rewarding than a minor major one." So true of Askance authors.

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Economic Development Coordinator
 The Towns of Annapolis Royal and Middleton and the Municipality of the County of Annapolis are located in the wonderful Annapolis Valley, approximately 50 km apart.

Our Opportunity
 We are looking for an exceptional leader who uses their robust experience to navigate through the County to research and compile an inventory of assets and establish the gaps, assist and inform the public on opportunities available in our region. Reporting to the CAO's, you will provide sound advice and recommendations on matters, with a focus on continuous improvement and implementing changes. This is an exciting prospect for an individual to experience as identify opportunities for shared resources and efficiencies that can lead to long-term sustainable practices for the communities.

Expectations:

- Research and complete an inventory of all commercial and business enterprises in Annapolis County
- Research and develop a comprehensive community profile that can be used to attract developers, new businesses, new residents including health care workers
- Review the current business climate in Annapolis County, determining where business and service level gaps exist, and develop business and development programs and packages seeking to attract new commercial enterprises to fill these citizen needs.
- Identification of funding opportunities to support the activities identified above, drafting of applications and/or securing support required to assist with grant writing.

Qualifications:

- Demonstrated experience in economic development
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and with others
- Excellent communication skills (Written, Verbal and Listening)
- Proficient computer skills in programs such as Microsoft 365; demonstrated support for modern technology and innovation
- Sound, independent problem-solving and organizational skills

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Job Type: Contract ends March 31, 2025
Site Location: Town of Middleton or Town of Annapolis Royal
Salary Range: \$38,000 - \$42,000 (Approximately 30 weeks; Start Date September 3, 2024)
To Apply: Please send your cover letter and resume as one document to hr@town.middleton.ns.ca or mail to Town of Middleton, PO Box 340, Middleton, NS B0S 1P0
Competition Closing Date: Friday, August 23, 2024

Sun. Aug. 11, 7-9:00pm Fun Darts, every Sunday evening at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. \$3 entry returned in prizes.

Sun. Aug. 11, 8:00pm Lloyd Spiegel performs at Evergreen Theatre. Lloyd Spiegel is a trailblazer at the forefront of modern blues and one of his country's most recognised guitarists, recently being named in Australian Guitar Magazine's list of the top 50 Australian guitarists of all time.

A touring artist since age 11, the eleven-time Australian Blues Award winner has one of the most unique stories in music. His show blends jaw-dropping guitar expertise with a commanding voice, powerful songwriting and storytelling to deliver a complete concert experience, launching him onto theatre and festival stages across the globe.

His 8th release, 'Backroads' is a hard edged, personal and brutally honest account of Spiegel's life and follows up from his previous albums, all debuting in the top 10 of the Australian independent music charts and holding the #1 spot on the Australian Blues Chart for several months.

Tickets: Adults \$40, Members \$30, Military \$35, Students \$20, available at www.evergreentheatre.ca or 902-825-6834. 1941 Stronach Mountain Rd, Margaretsville.

Mon. Aug. 12 – Sun. Aug. 17 Celebrate 98 Years of Tradition at **the Annapolis Valley Exhibition!** Join us for a spectacular week-long festival that showcases the heart and soul of our community and includes a diverse lineup of events including adrenaline-pumping rodeos, powerful ox pulls and horse shows. Explore a variety of vendors, experience breathtaking ATV stunts, and enjoy a laugh during our comedy night. Plus, get your thrill on with our exciting midway rides! Highlighting our entertainment is award-winning country singer Jess Moskaluke with a performance that's bound to be the talk of the town.

Choose from a variety of ticket options and save money with our Bundles. Don't forget to grab your Annapolis Valley Exhibition 50/50 Cash Raffle Fundraiser tickets! A link to buy tickets from Raffle Box will be provided after checkout!

Whether you're a local or just visiting, the Annapolis Valley Exhibition is the perfect way to enjoy the essence of agriculture and community spirit. Grab a program at local businesses or find a schedule at <https://annapolisvalleyexhibition.com/> You can also keep up on Facebook.

Mon. Aug. 11, 6:00pm Jam Session at Habitation New Horizons Hall at 1771 Granville Road in Port Wade. All welcome. For info call Ann Marie at 902-955-2244 *

Mon. Aug. 12; Tues. Aug. 13; Wed. Aug. 14 at 7:00pm daily Three Lectures: "Pilgrimage & Freedom" Featuring The Reverend Dr. Watler Hannam speaking on Valley Authors Robert Crouse & Earnest Buckler. At St. Anne's Anglican Youth Camp (3232 West Dalhousie Road). Suggested donation of \$5 per lecture

Mon. Aug. 12, 7:00pm Valley Lions Radio Bingo (VLRB) is a Media Bingo broadcast on Annapolis Valley Radio, AVR 97.7FM and other AVR stations from Digby to Windsor, every Monday night from 7-8pm. Bingo Cards are sold through valley retail locations. Info at www.vlrb.ca *

Sun. Aug. 11, 10am-2:00pm Clarence Country Market. Plenty of vendors selling a wide array of homemade, homegrown and home baked items! With around 15 vendors, indoors and outdoors at the Clarence East School, 3337 Clarence Road! Be sure to stop by, say hi, and support local! Market runs each Sunday to Fall.

Sun. Aug. 11, 10am-3:00pm Digby Farmers and Artisans Market runs from June to September, each Friday and Sunday (10am-3pm) Admiral's Walk, downtown Digby. We have an ever-changing line-up of vendors selling a wide range of locally crafted products that will appeal to all ages. Come find us along the picturesque Admiral's Walk in downtown Digby, weather permitting.

Sun. Aug. 11, 10:00am Annual Church Service. Please join us for our annual service of Holy Eucharist at Old Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 49 Main Street (Highway 1), Middleton.

Sun. Aug. 11, 10:00am Christ Church Karsdale Old Home Service You and your family are invited to Karsdale to celebrate the Anniversary Service of Christ Church c.1791. 3065 Granville Road, Karsdale. There will be no morning service at St. Luke's on this day. All welcome!

Sun. Aug. 11, 4-9:00pm Help Celebrate **Holly Everette's 100th Birthday** at Granville Centre Community Hall, 5650 Hwy. 1. Meet and greet, lunch and music. All welcome.

Sun. Aug. 11, 4:00pm Classical Second Sundays at St. Luke's. You are invited to come and hear concert pianist Jennifer King perform "Nocturne". Jennifer will perform recent, newly commissioned Canadian works and past nocturnal gems for solo piano including works by Claude Debussy, Frederic Chopin, Ottorino Respighi, Amy Beach, Dana Suesse, Peter A. Togni, John Plant, Dame Ethel Smyth and more. Doors open at 3:30pm, 340 St. George St, Annapolis Royal. Admission by donation. All welcome!

Tues. Aug. 13, 9:00am Yoga for All Ages and Levels every Tuesday at Clarence Community Hall, 3337 Clarence Road, 10 to 11am. There will be a free will offering to cover heating costs for the hall. Bring your mat or if you are a chair yoga person they will be available. Also, if you are able a few items for the food pantry that Annapolis Valley Folk School runs in Lawrencetown would be greatly appreciated. Email avfolkschool@gmail.com or call Maureen at 902-825-3070. *

Tues. Aug. 13, 7-8:00pm Annapolis Royal Lions Club monthly meeting at the Firehall. If you've ever wondered what we are all about or have some time to join or volunteer with us, come check us out. All are welcome and we would love to see you. Please enter through the back door.

Tues. Aug. 13, 7:15-10:15 Middleton Legion Bingo Tuesdays at 205 Marshall Street, Middleton. *

Wed. Aug. 14, 9am-1:00pm Annapolis Royal Farmers and Traders Market, Wednesday mornings to August 28th at Market Square, across from King's Theatre.

Wed. Aug. 14, 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. 14, 10:00am NS WALKS BRIDGETOWN a walking group for all levels and abilities If you are looking for motivation to get out for a bit of exercise and to socialize come join us. Walkers meet at the Library every Wednesday at 10:00 am. All are welcome Registration is not required. For more information check our Facebook Group NS WALKS BRIDGETOWN

Wed. Aug. 14, 10:00am CMHA NS Peer Support Group - Circle of Friends Connections are important for overall mood enhancement and can help us through 'blue' periods as well as during times of isolation. If you'd like to improve your communication skills and improve your ability to connect or just broaden your circle, join Circle of Friends! This virtual peer support group is a safe, confidential place for peers to connect and share their journeys as they offer peer support to one another. Sessions are held each Wednesdays via Zoom. Newcomers are welcome! To register, visit www.novascotia.cmha.ca *

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August 17 & 18

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- Artists (18+) sign up at arcac.ca/ptt2024
- Volunteers, sign up to our mailing list arcac.ca/paintthetown

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Wed. Aug. 14, 11:00am Introductory Tai Chi Harvest Series. 8-week series (August 14 - October 16 (No Class on September 4th & 18th)) at Lower Granville Hall 3551 Granville Rd, Port Royal. Pre-registration of \$95 is required to reserve your space. To register or for more information, contact paulchessman@gmail.com.

Spaces are now open for the Summer Series of Tai Chi classes with Paul Chessman, a martial artist with over 30 years' experience. Paul holds various teaching grades and qualifications including Advanced Tai Chi Instructor (certified by Shi Kon).

**Please note no drop-ins due to focused class sizes. Current students continue with scheduled classes, offered twice weekly at 10am Wednesdays and 6pm Sundays. **

Wed. Aug. 14, 1-4:00pm Rock Solid Career: A Rock Painting Workshop
 Come join PeopleWorx and the Native Council of Nova Scotia for a sunny rock painting workshop. Rocks and paint are provided for a fun and inclusive afternoon! For ages 15+. Free food and refreshments. 298 Marshall St., Middleton.

Wed. Aug. 14, 3-5:00pm Farmers and Crafters Market, every Wednesday at the Lions Club at 948 Hwy 1, Deep Brook. Local vendors and farmers. New vendors always welcome. *

Wed. Aug. 14, 4-8:00pm The Bear River Night Market is an evening farmer's market on the Bear River waterfront. Each market will have a variety of food vendors (groceries and prepared food), a live musician each week, and spots to picnic and stay a while. Markets will also take place on Wednesday Aug. 28, Sept. 11 and 25, and Oct. 9.

Wed. Aug. 14, 7:00pm Brickton Community Hall Jam Sessions-Every Wednesday @ 7. Free will offering. All welcome. *

Wed. Aug. 14, 7-9:00pm Fun Cribbage every Wednesday evening at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. \$6 entry returned in prizes. All welcome. *

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**TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL
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Municipal Election
October 19, 2024**

The preliminary list of electors has been prepared for the upcoming election. The Returning Officer or Assistant Returning Officer may make additions or corrections to the list upon application by telephone, fax, email, mail or in person.

Electors may find out if they are on the list of electors by:

(1) Visiting Town Hall between the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
285 St. George Street,
Annapolis Royal, NS

(2) Contacting the returning office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Telephone: 902-532-2043 extension 103
Fax : 902-532-7443
E-mail : elections@annapolisroyal.com

You will be asked for your name, your address, and your date of birth. Additions or corrections must be received by August 27, 2024.

Dated at Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia this 19th of July 2024.

Melony Robinson
Returning Officer

Wed. Aug. 14, 7:00pm CMHA NS Men's Peer Support Group Unrealistic expectations based on gender and a lack of suitable mental health options can prevent those who identify as men from honouring their mental health and reaching out for support when they need it. CMHA NS Division's virtual Men's Peer Support group provides a safe, confidential space for those who identify as male to connect without judgement. Sessions are held each Wednesday via Zoom. Newcomers are welcome! To register, visit www.novascotia.cmha.ca Questions? Contact Keith Anderson, Provincial Lead - Peer Support and Community Suicide Prevention at keith.anderson@novascotia.cmha.ca

Wed. Aug. 14, 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. 15, 12-4:00pm Greenwood Mall Farmers Market. Every Thursday. Our mission is to promote healthy living by eating, drinking and shopping local! Greenwood Mall.

Thur. Aug. 15, 2-3:00pm Nova Scotia Works Job Search Club Embarking on a job search journey? Join our dynamic Job Search Club! Connect with like-minded individuals, share insights, and gain invaluable support and resources to ace your career transition. Let's navigate the job market together and land your dream job!

Weekly at PeopleWorx, 298 Marshall Street, Middleton.

Thur. Aug. 15, 2-3:30pm Celebrate National Acadian Day at Fort Anne. We are hosting an event to Celebrate National Acadian Day in partnership with L'Association des Familles Acadiennes de Port-Royal. The event itself includes the raising of the Acadian flag, presentations, and Acadian music performances all of which are free and are hosted outside. If interested, with the price of admission to the museum, discover the rich heritage and culture of the Acadian people inside Fort Anne's Officers' Quarters Museum.

Thur. Aug. 15, 3-7:00pm Kingston Farmers Market takes place every Thursday, June to October, on the grounds of the Aurora Inn, 831 Main Street, Kingston. 50+ vendors, live music, workshops, children's activities and more!



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Thur. Aug. 15, 7:00pm Hampton Lighthouse and Historical Society AGM at the Hampton Community Hall. Everyone is welcome. Please become a member and support this Provincial Heritage Lighthouse. Membership is \$10.

Thur. Aug. 15, 7:30pm On National Acadian Day the Belleisle Hall Acadian Cultural Centre, 16 Little Brook Lane, Belleisle, will host **Geoff Arsenault in concert.** Geoff has collaborated with a host of artists such as Ray Bonneville, Bill Stevenson, Matt Anderson and Colin Linden. Geoff is a drummer, percussionist, singer and songwriter and a veteran touring and recording artist. For this event he will be playing the guitar. Tickets are \$20. To reserve call or text 902-247-2019 or email theacadianpeasant@gmail.com

Sat Aug 17 Holistic Tracking adult workshop. Mavillette Beach Prov Park. Learn to embody the animals and see through their eyes. Learn to see the tracks within the whole ecological context they were made in. You will also learn the basics of identifying the clear tracks of common North American mammals and interpret basic gait patterns. More information and registration at connectionpathways.com/in-person-events

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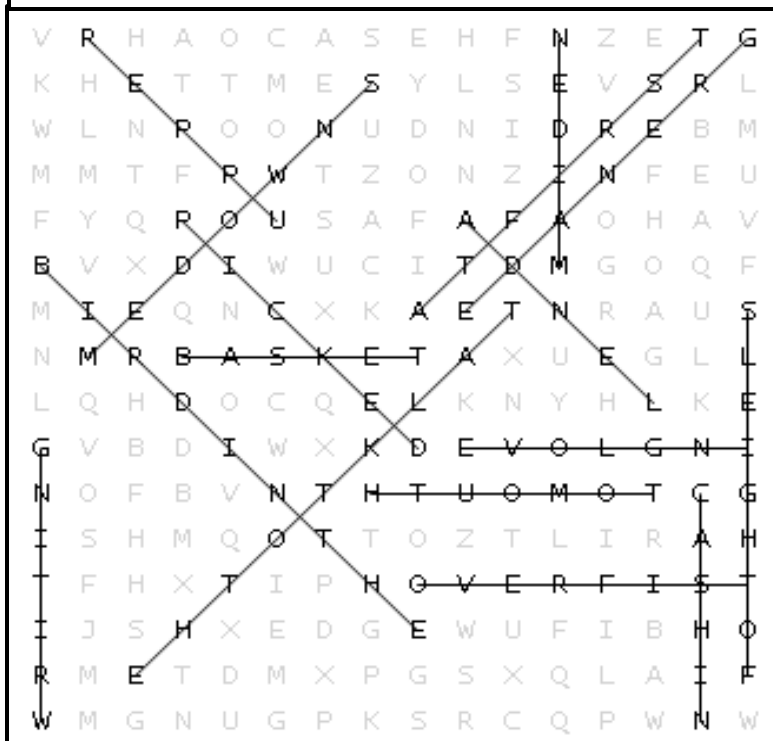
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Sat. Aug. 17 and Sun. Aug. 18 Paint the Town Experience Nova Scotia's top outdoor art weekend in Annapolis Royal.

Paint the Town allows you to watch the process and interact with emerging and established artists from Canada and the US. Then, view and bid on finished pieces in the Silent Auction, 10am-6pm daily, donation of \$2 per bid number. Bid numbers are valid for the weekend (auction on Sat & Sun).

Paint the Town grew from 25 artists in 1995 to over 80 in recent years. The event has been a highlight of the Annapolis Royal cultural calendar for 28 years, with artists and volunteers signing up to take part year after year. The community embraces the event, offering places for artists to stay as well as porches, gardens and studio spaces to create.

Among the favorites who make Paint the Town a regular stop each summer are Wayne Boucher, Bonnie Baker, and Cam Albright. You will also find many new, up and coming artists. Learn more at www.arcac.ca/paintthetown

Sun. Aug. 18, 9:00am The Annapolis Royal 5K This chip-timed, certified 5K road race will take place downtown and explore Annapolis Royal, running past many historic buildings, including Fort Anne. Medals, prizes, food, fun. Get more info at <https://www.facebook.com/AnnapolisRoyal5K>, or register at Raceroster.com, search for Annapolis Royal 5K.

Sun. Aug. 18, 1:00pm Acadian Forest Walk at Tupperville School Museum, 2663 Highway 201. Explore the old growth forest behind the museum (Guided)

Sun. Aug. 18, 3:00pm Annual Old St. Edwards Church Service, 34 Old Post Rd., Clementsport. Reception to follow.

Tues. Aug. 20, 7-9:30pm Jam Sessions at Parker Hall, Victoria Vale, across from the church. We have decided to hold Jams every 2nd week. Next Jam Sept. 3. Doors open at 6:30. Come out for an evening of music, fun and refreshment and support the Hall. *

Wed. Aug. 21, 12:00pm Please join us for a **Community Barbecue** at the Lawrencetown United Baptist Church. Hotdogs and refreshments will be available. Please bring a lawn chair with you and we're encouraging each person to bring somebody with them.

Wed. Aug. 21, 3:00-pm Mad Hatter Books & Bar presents **Open Mic for Book Conversations**, the third Wednesday of the month. 902-532-2070. 213 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal.

Wed. Aug. 21, 6:30pm August's Makers Swap, an Annapolis Valley Folk School event at 1963 Clarence Road. We are headed back outside for this month's swap! So, pop your chairs back in the car

and get your tickets. Get tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/augusts-makers-swap-tickets-975040481327> or find the link on our Facebook page. For those who are new to the Makers Swaps, this is a simple community gathering where all ages and abilities are welcome and the concept is simple: bring anything you have made with your hands, grown or a service you have to offer and trade for treasures from others.

It is also greatly appreciated if you can bring a few pantry items to the swap. Our pantry located at 43 Lawrencetown Lane. A few suggestions are crackers, canned pasta, meats, and veggies, rice, macaroni and cheese, pastas and sauces. We were gifted a fridge so milk, cream, margarine, yogurt, cheeses can all be dropped off as well. If you have any questions reach out to us on facebook @annapolisvalleyfolkschool or at avfolkschool@gmail.com or call Maureen at 902 825 3070.

Thur. Aug. 22, 6:30pm Wetland Walk, an Annapolis Valley Folk School event at 39 Schaffner's Drive, Middleton (just before the Avery's) on Brooklyn Road). Come for a hike at the Wetlands in Middleton that was developed by Clean Annapolis River Project. Jessica will take us on an interpretive walk focused on exploring the wetland. Many species of flora and fauna will be highlighted during this walk. We will learn the many great reasons why wetlands deserve a place in our natural habitat.

Get your tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/barter-based-session-a-walk-in-the-wetlands-tickets-921981640907> If this is your first time attending a barter-based skills-trade class, note that attendees are encouraged to bring an item(s) to offer in exchange for the knowledge shared. Barter Items: will be for the AVFS's pantry in Lawrencetown. Please bring items that will be shared with those in need of food. Cereal, milk, cheese, pastas, rice, canned meats, veggies, meals, Oatmeal, spices, canned fruit, granola bars, eggs. Anything that can be shared with those experiencing food scarcity.

There is no fee associated with this ticket but please do not just indicate "coming" on the event - we've found this is not an accurate capture of attendees. If you have any difficulty registering email avfolkschool@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you!

Fri. Aug. 23 and Sat. Aug. 24 SOOFSTOCK Music Festival Help Save Our Old Forests (SOOF) through music! Featuring 18 bands and performers, this family friendly music festival is happening at the West Dalhousie Community Hall (4868 West Dalhousie Road). Gates open on Friday at 4pm with music starting at 6pm. Saturday includes a morning Forest Walk at Goldsmith Lake Wilderness Area (registration required), Kids Corner with crafts and facepainting, SOOFSTOCK Market (10am - 5pm), free popcorn

(Valley Credit Union), and 12 hours of music starting at 12pm (noon)! Food trucks and vendors on site, rough camping available. Tickets are "Pay What You Can" - please check saveouroldforests.ca/soofstock for more details and suggested pricing. The festival will go on RAIN or SHINE because the Hall has a fantastic indoor stage and lots of space! Many thanks to our sponsors: Valley Credit Union, the Municipality of the County of Annapolis, and the Rotary Club of Middleton.

Sat. Aug. 24, 8am-12:00pm All Saints Anglican Church will be holding a **Yard Sale**. All Saints Church Hall, 521 Pleasant Street, Kingston (turn west off Bridge Street). Furniture, household items, books, puzzles, toys, and more; you name it - we're probably selling it!

Sat. Aug. 24, 9am-3:00pm Community Market @ Lower Granville Hall in Port Royal. Featuring over 14 vendors selling antiques, homewares, kitchen items, tools, plants, flowers, eggs, herb bundles, books from local authors, raffle tickets for a quilt, unicorns, mermaids, doll house miniatures, Lego sets, felt dolls, other crafts, bake sale, coffee, and so much more. You will find a little of everything! Lower Granville Hall, 3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal. LowerGranvilleHall.com

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Whether or not you plan to be a babysitter, this course will teach you some very important life skills! Ages 11-13. Registration is required. Please contact the Middleton Library to register. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Middleton & Area Library.

Sat. Aug. 24, 10am-12:00pm Old Growth Forest Walk with Donna Crossland Before the music gets going at SOOFSTOCK why not take a walk in the woods with forest ecologist Donna Crossland? The walk will take place in a newly discovered area of old-growth Wabanaki/Acadian Forest in the eastern part of the proposed Goldsmith Lake Wilderness Area. The 1.6-hectare old growth forest is close to Corbett Lake and includes Sugar Maple and Yellow Birch that are estimated to be 150 to 200 years old, and possibly older. Participants will meet at the West Dalhousie Community Hall (4868 West Dalhousie Road, site of SOOFSTOCK). Maximum participants 20. Registration required. Go to saveourolforests.ca/soofstock for more information and the link to register.

Sat. Aug. 24, 1:00pm Ice Cream Making at Tupperville School Museum, 2663 Highway 201 Make your own ice cream (Turnout permitting)

Sat. Aug. 24, 2:00pm Bagpipes at Schafner Point Lighthouse. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an open-air musical performance by Pipe Major Robert Redden on the clifftop at Schafner Point, 3420 Granville Road, Port Royal. Suggested donation \$5/adults. (Rain date Sun. Aug. 25 at 2pm) PortRoyalLighthouse.ca PortRoyalLighthouseAssociation@gmail.com Visit us on Facebook.

Sat. Aug. 24, 8:00pm Charm of Finches play Evergreen Theatre. Australian sister duo Charm of Finches delivers intricate folk-pop that is simultaneously graceful and darkly bewitching. Their seamless blood harmonies traverse melancholy and wonder in equal measure. The sisters, Mabel and Ivy Windred-Wornes, released their third full length album Wonderful Oblivion in 2021 through New York-based label AntiFragile Music to critical acclaim. They have since toured extensively through the UK, Europe and Canada in 2022/23. Winners of the Australian Folk Music Awards Best Folk Album (2022) and Music Victoria Best Contemporary Folk Act (2021), their music has been nominated twice for the prestigious Australian Music Prize.

In February 2023 the sisters spent a month in rural Nova Scotia recording with acclaimed Canadian producer Daniel Ledwell (Jenn Grant, Oh Pep!), inspired by the frozen beauty of the landscape and their transient life on the road with their music. The result is their fourth studio album "Marlinchen In The Snow" released in April 19th 2024. Tickets: Adults \$35, Members \$25, Military \$30, Students \$20, available at www.evergreentheatre.ca or 902-825-6834. 1941 Stronach Mountain Rd, Margaretsville.

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Thur. Aug. 29, 4-7:00pm Centrelea Community Hall is looking for vendors to sell items (produce, crafts, etc.) for our **Pop-Up Market** on Aug 29th. We are also looking for local musicians to play during the market. There is no vendor fee. Please reach out to Darcee to confirm your place by Aug 15th at dorransdarcee@gmail.com

Sat. Aug 31, 8am-1:00pm Our **Annual Missions Yard Sale** at the Hillsburn United Baptist Church, 3686 Shore Road West, Hillsburn. Lots of treasures to be found!!

Sat. Aug. 31, 9am-1:00pm St. Luke's Yard Sale The church will be holding a yard sale in the church hall, 340 St. George St., Annapolis Royal. Come see what treasures you can find!

Sat. Aug. 31, 1:00pm Closing BBQ at Tupperville School Museum, 2663 Highway 201. Note, the museum will remain open to visitors until Sept. 8.

Sun. Sept. 1, 8-10:00am Monthly Breakfast at the Port George Rec Centre, first Sunday of each month to December, 12256 Shore Rd., Port George. Bacon, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes, toast, tea, coffee, juice. \$12 per person. \$6 per child (12 to 6) and children under 5 free. *

Wed. Sept. 4, 3:00pm Mad Hatter Books & Bar presents an **Author Reading and Chat**, the first Wednesday of the month. 902-532-2070. 213 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal.

Sat. Sept. 7, 8-10:00am The **Community Breakfasts** resume at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Middleton. Free will offering. We buy local and we buy fresh and that's the only way to serve the best. "Best eggs east of TOFINO", Anon. Everyone welcome!

Sat. Sept. 7, 8-10:00am Monthly Breakfast. The first Saturday of every month to October 5th the Margaretsville Firehall will be holding a monthly breakfast. It is a full breakfast including eggs, bacon, sausage, homemade potato hash, beans and pancakes, fruit, toast, juice tea and coffee. Prices are \$15 adults, \$7.50 12 and under, 5 and under are FREE! Call 902-825-4327 or 902-825-4067 if more info is required! *

Thur. Sept. 12, 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

Sat. Sept. 14, 7:00pm Jason Price in Concert. "I Told You So" at the MacDonald Museum, 21 School St., Middleton. Our concert series kicks off with fan favourite Jason Price. Join us as Jason celebrates the music of Randy Travis along with his own original music. Doors will open at 6:30 and will close at 7:30pm. Cash bar will be available.


Sat. Sept. 28, 10am-2:00pm Mycology Workshop with Keith Egger Come join Save Our Old Forests (SOOF) at the Goldsmith Lake Wilderness Area to learn about the about the importance of fungi in the forest. Guest speaker, Keith Egger, will be acting as our guide and sharing his knowledge about the astonishing range of fungal diversity and their roles in the environment as decomposers, pathogens and mycorrhizal symbionts with forest trees. If your sole interest in mushrooms is foraging for edibles this is not the workshop for you as Keith will be focusing on fungal diversity and ecology. Free workshop. Maximum 12 participants. Registration Required. Go to saveourolforests.ca/events for more information and the link to register.

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August 1 marks the start of Nova Scotia's first official Acadian Heritage Month, honouring more than four centuries of Acadian history, culture, language and traditions. Nova Scotians and visitors travelling to Acadian communities will be treated to a variety of activities – including concerts, culinary experiences and gatherings – throughout the month.

A highlight of this year's festivities is the Congrès mondial acadien 2024, the largest Acadian gathering in the world. The event, held in a different location every five years, will bring thousands of people to southwestern Nova Scotia August 10-18. The Congrès mondial acadien 2024 is hosted by the regions of Argyle and Clare but local events will include an event at Fort Anne and a concert at Belleisle Hall Acadian Cultural Centre, 16 Little Brook Lane, Belleisle, both on August 15. See the Community calendar for details.

Upcoming Events at the Belleisle Hall

The Congrès Mondial Acadien is not far away. have several events and three reunions at the hall during that time.

On August 11th at 2 pm-3pm, Wayne Boucher will be joining us to talk about his beautiful painting "Reveil".

August 12th, Marc Bastarache will be hosting a Rappie Pie Workshop from 2pm-5pm. Advance tickets are available on Eventbrite and walk-ins are also welcomed.

August 14th, we will be hosting the Broussard Reunion and there will be an unveiling of an Acadian interpretive panel at Hebb's Landing.

August 15th is National Acadian Day and Geoff Arsenault will be playing at the hall in the evening at 7:30. Call or text for tickets:

902-247-2019 or email theacadianpeasant@gmail.com

August 16th, the Martins and Morins will be joining us at the hall.

August 18th, the final day of the Congrès will be the Brault reunion.

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Fri. Aug. 9, 7:30pm Tom Allen and Friends: J. S. Bach's Long Walk in the Snow (live performance) In 1705, the 20-year-old JS Bach walked 400 km north, away from a messy work situation and toward musical enlightenment and, quite possibly, love.

King's Theatre welcomes Tom Allen and Friends back to our stage for 'JS Bach's Long Walk in the Snow', a narrated performance accompanied by music. About the show, CBC Radio host Tom Allen writes that it "...is a coming-of-age-story about a hot-headed, small-town orphan who narrowly avoided committing murder, turned his back on a perfectly good job and walked 400 kilometres north to find love, fulfillment, and the father figure he didn't know he needed." The 20-year-old's trek to the sophisticated port city of Lubeck was a four-month odyssey, a memorable coming-of-age trip that musical storyteller Tom Allen takes you along for a tale of sword fights, big business, and a glittering Christmas romance.

Enjoy the journey with the brilliant musicianship of harpist Lori Gemmell, violinist Karen Graves, pianist Andy Creggan, and virtuoso vocalist Melody Dobson. Tickets: \$40 Adults, \$10 Youth.

Sat. Aug. 10, 7:30pm Mama Mia! Singalong (live performance) Join Dany Rousseau and her cast in for a one-of-a-kind night Live + Film Experience!!! The show mixes the beloved film Mamma Mia with on-stage singing & dancing plus audience sing-along participation. "Just one look and I can hear a bell ring! One more look and I forget everything! Whoa!" This August, Mama Mia! fans will be invited to the best immersive sing-along experience that Annapolis has to offer! Enjoy a tropical drink with the vibrant, feature-length film, and sing along with this smash-hit musical performance. Voulez Vous, Dancing Queen, Does Your Mother Know and S.O.S., are just a few of the melodies you can expect to make this night one to remember! Come enjoy this joy-filled film the way it was intended: singing along to Dancing Queen at the top of your lungs and dancing in the aisles. This is an open-captioned screening for accessibility and sing-along opportunities.

What to wear: Vacation vibes, summer styles and fancy dress are highly encouraged. Come as a Dancing Queen or a Disco Diva. Linen shirts, overalls, bell bottoms, feather boas, sunglasses are all encouraged. Want to be part of the stage show? Those interested in being part of this interactive ABBA dance party can come out to contact the director, Dany Rousseau, at rousseaucomadany@gmail.com. We're seeking dancers all ages and genders to bring this Greek fantasy to life – all welcome! Tickets: \$25

Sun. Aug. 11, 3:00pm Despicable Me 4 (animated film, G) In the first Despicable Me movie in seven years, Gru, the world's favourite supervillain-turned-Anti-Villain League-agent, returns for an exciting, bold new era of Minions mayhem in Illumination's Despicable Me 4. The biggest global animated franchise in history now begins a new chapter as Gru (Oscar® nominee Steve Carrell) and Lucy (Oscar® nominee Kristen Wiig) and their girls-Margo (Miranda Cosgrove), Edith (Dana Gaier) and Agnes (Madison Polan)-welcome a new member to the Gru family, Gru Jr., who is intent on tormenting his dad. Gru faces a new nemesis in Maxime Le Mal (Emmy winner Will Ferrell) and his femme fatale girlfriend Valentina (Emmy nominee Sofia Vergara), and the family is forced to go on the run. Tickets: Adults 10.95, Youth 6.95.

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During the August 20 commemoration, you will learn about the challenges they faced during their three-year stay here in Annapolis Royal where they built Charlesfort in the cradle of our nation. This unique event includes storytelling, music, displays of artifacts, maps, exhibits, and a tour. Discover how our local history is part of the much larger national fabric, indeed, the very fabric of world history. The event moves to the Legion in the event of inclement weather.

Mapannapolis will host an Acadian celebration and will be joined by the Municipality of the County of Annapolis and Parks Canada staff August 27, 2024 at Fort Anne National Historic Site in Annapolis Royal, NS.

Acadie: Discover its Vibrant History - Port Royal: Cradle of Acadie takes place from 1 to 3pm at the historic fort as part of Acadian Heritage Month. Nova Scotia celebrates Acadian Heritage Month for the first time in August 2024. The August 27 Mapannapolis event takes a look at the lives of the province's first European settlers. Mapannapolis documents Acadian history in time and place through online Storymaps, including one on Acadian settlements, the Acadian Deportation, and the final resting place of many at the Acadian cemetery at Fort Anne. Stay tuned for more details on this August 27 event. To view our Storymaps, go to: www.mapannapolis.ca



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Protecting Goldsmith Lake

There's a lot going on around Goldsmith Lake these days, from an Op-Ed in the Chronicle Herald calling for permanent protection for the area, to WestFor's plans to log there. This pristine lake on the South Mountain inland from Tupperville hasn't seen so much excitement in a long time. Known to local fishers as a place where native trout still thrive and to biologists as the headwaters of the East Branch of the Round Hill River, where young salmon have once again been documented, the area is unusual and important in a number of ways. Goldsmith Lake has never been dammed and has no cottage development around it. Satellite images show that the forests surrounding it largely escaped the wave of clearcutting that stripped the South Mountain between 2001 and 2022. Drone shots show how continuous the forest is, barring, that is, the slash of a logging road WestFor put in on the west side of the lake two years ago.

From the point of view of carbon storage, flood buffering, wildlife habitat, continuous forest cover like this is not only unusual, it is crucial. It's not just quantity that counts on all these fronts, it is quality too. The older and more diverse the forest the better. Clearcuts and the young softwood plantations that often follow just don't do the job. Over the centuries, and particularly in the last 50 years, Nova Scotia's forests have gotten younger and simpler. As a result, they are less resilient. It is a matter of urgency now to protect the best of what is left.

The forest surrounding Goldsmith Lake saw plenty of cutting during the time the Bowater Mersey pulp mill owned the land from 1970 to 2012. Most of it took place between 1970 and the mid 1990s. Quite a few Annapolis County residents worked in those woods during that time, cutting, planting and thinning. So some of the forest cover is only 30-50 year old. It's hard to find anywhere on Crown land that doesn't include such areas of relatively young 'managed' forest. The interesting thing about the area around Goldsmith Lake is how much old forest

Bowater left. This is partly because, as a pulp mill, they were interested in softwoods -- red spruce and fir mainly -- and so spared many of the area's hardwood stands. As it happens, Goldsmith Lake has some unusually good soils for the South Mountain, soils of the sort required by long-lived hardwoods such as the huge sugar maple and yellow birch that can be found there.

Two stands of old growth mixed forest have long been recognized and protected on the west shore of Goldsmith Lake, first by Bowater then by the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables (NRR). What is extraordinary and exciting is the discovery of how much more old and old growth forest there is in the area. Just north of those known parcels, for example, still on the west side of the lake, is a whole hill -- a drumlin -- of old forest, the crown of which is a 9.2 ha stand. The trees sampled in that stand by NRR last year averaged over 250 years old. The province's age threshold for old growth hardwood forest is 140 years. It is on that hilltop that citizen scientists found the largest tree so far in the whole area, a Yellow Birch measuring 107 centimeters in diameter at breast height.

These citizen scientists, formally the Citizen Scientists of Southwest Nova Scotia, are a volunteer group of naturalists who have been doing something called ground-truthing, otherwise known as spending time in the woods (as opposed to studying computer models) to find out what's there. Most, including Karen Achenbach, Nina Newington, Lisa Proulx and Ashlea Viola, are Annapolis County residents. Between their efforts and the work of NRR's Old Growth Forest team, it now looks as if old growth forests essentially ring Goldsmith Lake, as well as being found on the peninsula that separates the two arms of the lake, and on islands in the lake. More stands have been discovered recently further to the west and east of Goldsmith. Just as important, from the point of view of conservation, are the large areas of

late mature (over 80) and old (over 120) forest that wrap around many of those stands of old growth forest.

If left undisturbed these mature and old forests have everything they need to become old growth. Since estimates suggest that less than 1% of the forests left in the province are currently old growth, this is a big deal. There is only one way to rebuild the stock of old-growth and that is by leaving old forest alone for however many years are required. You can't hurry the process, but you can mess it up by logging in those forests.

Why does it matter so much to rebuild the amount of old growth? Simply put, old growth forest supports the greatest variety of life. It is far more diverse than young forest, both in its composition -- the number of different species living there both above and below ground -- and its structure. Old-growth forest is complete and complex. It has had time to develop a huge number of nooks and crannies also known as microhabitats, from the crowns of mature

trees to the trunks of fallen giants colonized by moss and fungi, to the seedling trees

growing on those decaying nurse logs. There is so much more happening under our feet in an old forest than science has even begun to describe. This variety of life -- biodiversity -- is under threat from many directions, most of which, like climate change, boil down to the way our economic system has led us to extract, refine and use more and more of nature's resources in pursuit of perpetual growth. We consume too much and, as a result, we produce too much waste for the earth to absorb. The years between 1970 and 2016 saw a 70% drop in the populations of mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians (based on 4392 monitored species).

Recognizing the mess that we are in, 196 countries signed onto the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework in December 2022. They -- including Canada -- committed to permanently protecting 30% of land and waters by 2030. Here in Nova Scotia our government had already made a legal commitment to protect 20% by 2030. Thirteen and a half percent of Nova Scotia is currently protected so in the next six years, we will be adding another 6 1/2% of the province or 350,000 ha. Most of this will come from Crown land. That's where Goldsmith Lake comes in.

Local fishers aren't the only ones who know what a special place this area is. Local naturalists and forest ecologists have long been aware of the area. In fact, when NRR posted plans to log 462 ha of it on their Harvest Plan Map Viewer, they got an earful about importance of conserving this area. Members of the public were given 40 days to comment in the spring of 2022, but they weren't informed of the decision to allow logging to go ahead. They only found that out in October 2022 when some of the citizen scientists came upon a brand new logging road west of Goldsmith Lake. After staring, sickened, at the 30m wide roadway clearcut through old forest to make a 6m wide road, they set about collecting evidence of the ecological importance of the area. This evidence includes identifying old-growth and documenting biodiversity, in particular the presence of species at risk, from birds to lichens.

In less than a month they had identified seven species at risk (SAR) occurrences in the cutblocks just west of the lake. CBC came out to film a segment with members of the group. As the Citizen Scientists of Southwest Nova Scotia, they submitted a proposal to the Department of Environment and Climate Change to protect the Goldsmith Lake Wilderness Area in November 2022. The proposed Wilderness Area covers 3900 ha of Crown land stretching from Barry's Stillwater in the west to the western shore of Dalhousie Lake in the east.

The group's efforts to find species at risk didn't end then. Far from it. As of July 23rd, they have identified and reported 68 species at risk occurrences within the proposed Wilderness Area. But that's a story for another article. Suffice to say that no logging has taken place around Goldsmith Lake so far, though a small amount did take place around Stailings Lake, further to the west.

Important as science is and should be in deciding which areas will be protected, politics is inevitably going to play a part. Thanks to outreach by the Save Our Old Forests (SOOF) association, the Municipality of the County of Annapolis and the Towns of Annapolis Royal and Middleton have written letters supporting the protection of the proposed Goldsmith Lake Wilderness Area. Citizen scientists and members of SOOF are eager to talk with all the groups who use the area, including snowmobiles and ATVers, to ensure that they too can continue to enjoy this special place.

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