

# The South Marysburgh Mirror

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## *A Maypole Dance?*

Well not exactly, but that's what passersby may have concluded was occurring in front of the Milford post office on November 13th. In fact it was Bruce Dowdell, Pieter deBoer and Tom Evans stringing lights onto the 60-foot pine tree in preparation for this month's tree lighting on December 14th.

The Recreation Committee has a busy holiday season planned for the residents of South Marysburgh.

The countdown to the tree lighting on the 14th will begin at 6:00 p.m. After the tree is lit, children will be able to add their own magic to it by hanging decorations. At 6:30 p.m. events move to St. Philips church, including a puppet show and hay rides around Milford. An assortment of refreshments will be available all evening.

Then on January 1st in conjunction with Swingate Gardens B&B, the 5th annual New Year's Levee takes place at 965 County Road 13, just west of the Black River Cheese Factory. The levee is a great opportunity to welcome in the new year with your friends and neighbors.

During the holidays, please remember to consider those less fortunate by donating to the food bank.

Assuming that the temperatures drop in January, the Committee will be working on events for the Milford Winter Carnival. Additional information about these events and others is included throughout this month's issue of the *South Marysburgh Mirror*.

Just when the Recreation Committee will organize a *Milford Maypole Dance* is unknown but they generally take place in May. The *Mirror* is pleased to have planted the seed!

## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Like most people, I have to occasionally give my head a shake when I compare my problems with those of others around the world. I'm not dealing with war, starvation, drought, oppression or a host of other calamitous circumstances. My biggest concerns right now are making sure the sump pump is working properly, and trying to figure out how to expand 19 pages of Mirror copy and advertising to 20 pages, and get it to Printcraft and then off to you.

I have much to be thankful for including all the Mirror's readers, advertisers and supporters who have helped me immensely since I took on the paper in September. Of the Mirror's suppliers, Gord Meder and his staff at Printcraft have done a fabulous job turning the Mirror around each month; and Shaila Van Vlack, Rick Jewell and Doug Beslisle at the Milford Post Office have made distribution to each household in South Marysburgh as effortless as possible. We might criticize the post office as an organization, but we cannot fault our own branch's employees!

Because the Mirror is advertising supported, it could not be published without their help. I am encouraged that new advertisers are interested in space and that current ones are increasing the size of their ads, perhaps recognizing that this paper can positively affect their businesses. I have increased the circulation accordingly and now distribute copies to all the public libraries in the County as well as to more stores in Picton, Cherry Valley and outlying areas.

The December issue of the Mirror—the gala Christmas issue, as I have been referring to it—is 20 pages, indicative of more contributions from advertisers and readers. I am pleased to have more copy to include and in this issue some photo submissions. Thank you for your participation and contributions

which make the Mirror that much more interesting for its readers.

Finally, whether you are a Christian celebrating Christmas, a Jew celebrating Hanukkah on December 21st or another religious denomination gathering for your own celebration, all the best for your holiday, and much success and happiness in 2012.

Please remember that although we live without the horrors of other countries, there are those in South Marysburgh and Prince Edward County who need our help. Give as generously as you can to our community's charities and food bank.

Regards,

Steve Ferguson

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## Fundraising Goal Reached!

By Doug Parker, Chair of Taborfix

The Taborfix Committee is pleased to announce that the funding objective to upgrade building code and fire code requirements for Mount Tabor has been reached. *No further donations are required!* The generous and enthusiastic response from the community has been nothing less than outstanding. The first major upgrade is being made as new steps to the main entrance are being installed. Other upgrades will follow.

The Committee is deeply thankful to those individuals and groups who made personal donations; to those who organized fundraising activities; and to all the people who donated their time and effort to make the fundraising such an amazing success. Thanks to the generosity of all involved, Mount Tabor will continue to play a significant role in the activities and identity of our community.

## Des & Barbara

Des Marcille and his sister, Barbara, are both in the hospital. On behalf of all the *Mirror's* readers, advertisers and supporters, I wish you both a speedy recovery.

(Readers and advertisers who would like to send a personal message can mail it c/o Des and/or Barbara, RR2, Milford, K0K 2P0. They would both appreciate hearing from you, particularly at this time of year.)

### The South Marysburgh Recreation Committee, including the Marysburgh Mummers and the Milford Fair

#### Upcoming Meetings & Events

**Friday, December 2nd & Saturday, December 3rd from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

Marysburgh Mummers presents *An Evening of Improv and Drama Games* at Mt. Tabor Playhouse  
Contact: Al Hazell 613.476.8553 ajhazell@kos.net

**Thursday, December 8th at 7:30 p.m.**

*Recreation Committee Meeting* at Milford Town Hall

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

*Tree Lighting* (in co-operation with St. Philips Anglican Church) in front of the Milford Post Office  
(See page 1 for more details)

**January 1st, 2012 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

*5th Annual New Year's Levee*  
Swingate Gardens, 965 County Rd 13  
Black Creek (See page ... for more details)

**January 3rd to March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

*Wii Bowling* at Milford Town Hall. Every Thursday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Family bowling available in the evening by request.

**Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

*The Milford Winter Carnival*

**Fowke Tales Revisited**   
A hand-clappin' toe-tappin' look at Ontario folk music  
  
Starring Allan Kirby, Janet Kellough, Jim Yates & Trinity

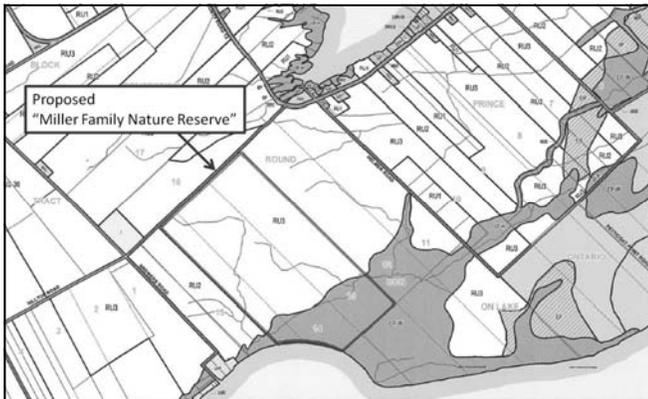
**Friday, Dec. 30 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Mount Tabor Playhouse, Milford**

**Tickets: Adults \$20**  
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Available at Hicks' Store, Milford  
Scott's Store, Picton  
Call 476-3988 or email janetkellough@gmail.com

Please see *Fowke for the Folks* on page .... for additional information.

## New Nature Preserve on the South Shore

The Hastings Prince Edward Land Trust (HPELT) is very excited to announce the creation of the Miller Family Nature Reserve along the South Shore of Prince Edward County. This 466 acre parcel of land will be maintained by the Land Trust as a Nature Reserve forever. This property is ecologically significant and has been recognized as within the PEC South Shore Important Bird Area and as a Globally Significant Important Bird Area, containing several threatened species. The property also has 80 acres of Provincially Significant South Bay Coastal Wetland along 2000 ft of shoreline. As a Nature Reserve this property will only be used for educational purposes by the Land Trust and will serve to conserve an important part of PEC's natural heritage.



Funding for the purchase of this property came from the Nature Conservancy of Canada and Ontario Heritage Trust. The Land Trust is responsible for raising funds for the Stewardship Fund which will be used to maintain the property. The amount needed to be raised, as per our funders' requirements, is \$85,000 by January 15th, 2012. To date we have raised \$30,000.

For more information and pictures of this beautiful property, please visit our new website, [miller-family-reserve.com](http://miller-family-reserve.com). We would also ask the public to consider becoming part of this project by supporting our fundraising efforts. Details are provided on the website or, alternatively, you may contact Stewart Murray, president of HPELT at 613.966.7196 for further details.

HPELT is a non-governmental, not-for-profit registered charity. Our mission is to preserve the diverse natural and cultural heritage of Hastings and Prince Edward Counties.

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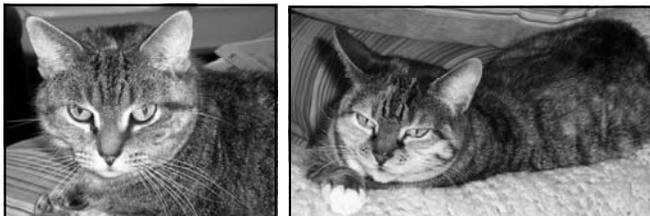
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# Gossip!

*Personal Notices, Announcements  
& Random Notes*

## The Cats of the Milford Bistro need a loving home: two feline sisters available.



Given his upcoming travel schedule and his life changes, Chris needs to find a good permanent home for 'Pounce' and 'Cuddles'. They are approximately 14 years old and extremely friendly house cats. He will include a three-month supply of food. Please call Chris at 476-0004 if you are interested.

There's no better time to get your car ready for winter at Walker's Garage than from December 5th to 16th. Brent and Glendon are giving away a free poinsettia with any automotive service during that time. And right across the road, Diane Walker is offering gift certificates for sale at Walker's Greenhouse.

Charlie Vincent of the Milford Fair board advised the *Mirror* that the Prince Edward Bay/South Bay area of Lake Ontario is approximately the same size as the Sea of Galilee. Who's to argue?

*Contributions to the Mirror are always welcome! Send a letter or a picture, list an article for sale or make an announcement. Please see page 2 for details.*

*And speaking of the Bistro, this came in last week...*

Dear Sir,

I was fortunate enough to attend the theme night at the Milford Bistro on November 19th. I thoroughly enjoyed Chris' hospitality, the food and the ambiance of the restaurant with one exception: the distraction of having 3 clearly visible OPP police cars outside the restaurant conducting a RIDE program on a wet, cold Saturday evening in November.

I live in Hillier by way of Ottawa but am thoroughly acquainted with Milford and its charms, particularly the Bistro which I have frequented on many occasions under its various owners/chefs. I have done some business with other local merchants such as Hicks (where I picked up the *Mirror*), Minakers and others over the years so I have contributed somewhat to the local economy. I also know that traffic patterns in the village couldn't have changed enough to warrant the setup of a RIDE program for a couple of hours in the middle of November.

Although I fully support getting drinking drivers off the road, I can only assume that the Bistro's event was targeted by some individual or group either jealous of the restaurant's contribution to the community, or with a chip on their shoulder, or both.

If this is in fact the case, the individuals should be ashamed of themselves and perhaps consider moving to another community where such actions may be tolerated. Regardless, I look forward to my next visit to Milford and the Bistro.

Sincerely,

Judy Lamb

## Coming Events

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**— U.C.W. will have a Christmas pot luck lunch at 12:00 noon at South Bay United Church hall. Irene Robb has devotional; Roll call – A memorable Christmas thought; Program – wrap presents for two children from the Angel Tree; Objective – Hats and mitts for school children.

*The Milford Fair is only 10 months away, but the new board is hard at work planning an even more special fair for 2012!*

## River Cruise

By John A. Jackson

I've always loved to travel. As a child the family moved from Toronto to Scarborough then to Midland and back to Scarborough. When I started working, I moved from Scarborough to Brampton to Whitby to Cheltenham and then back to Toronto.

During my years at work with the Ontario Government I traveled all over Ontario and the rest of Canada except for two provinces. To this day I have never visited Saskatchewan or Newfoundland.

Valerie and I have traveled as tourists through Canada, much of the United States, Britain, France, Italy and other places too numerous to mention. For a number of years we sailed through Lake Erie and Ontario and up the St. Lawrence until we retired and moved to Prince Edward County where we switched from a sailboat to a 30' Sea Ray power boat on which we traveled in Ontario and New York State.

It's safe to say that we both love to travel and do so as much as we can. We both love cruise ships and have traveled the Mediterranean, Caribbean, Alaska, Hawaii and Egypt. For those of you who get the Anglican Journal, you have seen on a regular basis the ads from Craig Travel. It was with that company that we traveled through Egypt and had as part of the tour a three day cruise on the Nile River. We planned to go to Egypt for some years and every time there was some sort of a crisis in the Middle East. So finally we took the plunge and are so very glad we did because I'm sure no-one is planning to visit Egypt these days.

We were having lunch with some friends one day when the subject of river cruising came up and we were intrigued by their description of their cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest on Scenic Cruises on the Danube and Rhine rivers. We contacted our travel agent - yes we are of the age that still has a travel agent and do not book everything on the Internet! Our travel agent spoke very highly of Scenic Cruises and in fact we had to book very quickly, almost a year ahead to get the accommodation we wanted. So before we knew it we were booked on a cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam which we did this past July.

Is there much difference between ocean and river cruising, I hear you ask? Yes there is, but each

has its own appeal. The major difference is size, with the cruise ships carrying 3000 plus passengers and a large number of crew, whereas the river cruise ship carried 130 passengers and 50 crew.

The other major difference with Scenic Cruise is that everything is included in the price with such things as no tipping, free wine and beer at all meals and in our case butler service no less.

We flew to Amsterdam where we changed planes for Budapest where we were met by representatives, and taken to a downtown hotel to wait in luxurious splendour for the ship to be ready for us. We met a number of people from the ship who had just completed their tour and were waiting for transport to the airport.

We arrived at the ship, went to our suite to unpack and then roamed about to see the facilities and to listen to the plans for the next day. That evening we had a marvelous dinner in the main dining room which can seat all of the guests at one sitting. Then we were taken on a cruise around the harbour of Budapest under the moon and the stars as well as the lights from the city.

The next day we went on a bus tour and guided walking tour through Budapest and later were invited to the Captain's welcome cocktail party and a Gala Dinner and dance. Valerie actually got me to dance. The following day we sailed to Bratislava, thence to Vienna where we toured on buses and went to the magnificent Schoenbrunn Palace. In the evening a private classical concert was put on for us at the Palace Lichtenstein.

The boat traveled at night so we woke up in the beautiful Austrian village of Durnstein which had the ruined castle at the top of the hill where Richard the Lionheart was held captive for ransom - shades of Robin Hood. We stayed on board but a number of the passengers went on a guided bike ride and we picked them up later when we got to Melk. At every stop there were opportunities for bus tours but we decided that four hours in a bus going to Cesky Krumlow or Salzburg wasn't for us so we just stayed on board.

I think you are realizing how good the trip was so I won't go into more detail, but we did go through more than 50 locks on the Danube and the Rhine sailing to Passau, Regensburg, Nuremberg,

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## *Druella Acantha Malvina's Column*

*Gem for the month: Busy people do not have time for busybodies.*

Two robins were sitting in a tree. "I'm really hungry," said the first one.

"Me too," said the second, "Let's fly down and find some lunch.

They flew to the ground and found a big spot full of worms. They ate and ate till they could eat no more.

"I'm so full I don't think I can fly back up to the tree," said the first robin.

"Me either. Let's just lie here in the warm sun," said the second one. So they just plopped down, basking in the sun.

No sooner had they fallen asleep then a big hungry tom cat snuck up and gobbled them up.

As he sat washing his face after his meal he thought, "I love baskin' robins."

### **What's the difference between prison and work?**

In prison you spend the majority of your time in an 8 x 10 cell;

At work you spend most of your time in a 6 x 8 cubicle.

In prison you get time off for good behavior;

At work you get rewarded for good behavior with more work.

In prison you get three meals a day;

At work you only get a break for one meal and you have to pay for it.

In prison you can watch TV and play games;

At work you get fired for watching TV and playing games.

In prison all expenses are paid by taxpayers with no work required;

At work you get to pay all the expenses to go to work and then they deduct taxes from your salary to pay for prisoners.

In prison there are wardens who are often sadistic;

At work they are called managers.

### **Funny Signs**

A hotel: Help! We need inn-experienced people

A muffler shop: No appointment necessary. We hear you coming.

A radiator shop: Best place in town to take a leak.

A gynecologist's office: Dr. Jones at your cervix!

A fence sign: Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive.

A car dealership: The best way to get back on your feet – miss a car payment.

A restaurant: Don't stand there and be hungry, come in and get fed up.

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A second grader came home from school and told his grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today."

The apprehensive grandmother kept her cool and decided to find out what the schools were teachin their students.

"That's interesting. So how do you make babies?"

"It's simple," the little girl replied. "You just change the 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."

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### *Exit line:*

*Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.*

**The next Milford Fair is 10 months away, but it is never too early to start working on your craft entry.**

## Bury Me Not On The Lone Praireee...

By George Underhill

I was in difficulty trying to come up with a topic for this month, until this squib appeared in the *Globe and Mail*: "When he dies, Clem Parnell wants his ashes loaded into a shotgun shell and blasted at a turkey. 'I will rest in peace knowing that the last thing that turkey will see is me screaming at him at about 900 feet/second.' Mr. Parnell and his business partner have launched *Holy Smoke LLC*, which offers to load the cremated ashes of customers into shotgun shells and bullets."

Well, that is the dumbest idea I've heard of in a long time, and I'm not anxious to wait for one that's dumber. First, I find it strange that Mr. Parnell feels he cannot rest in peace until what's left of him kills something else, in his case a turkey. I suppose we can be grateful that he doesn't wish the shotgun to be aimed at his wife, but it's not total consolation. Second, he thinks that there are many more people who have the same desire, thus he's starting a business. How about he loads his cremains into a shell and fires at the sky, giving him a boost heavenwards? Or perhaps he can load his ashes into a shotgun shell and shoot his business partner in the head. That probably wouldn't kill him, though, because seeing as he wants in on this opportunity it sounds as if his head contains nothing but a vacuum.

As it happens, I was listening to the CBC tonight, the program *As It Happens*. You know what? They reported on the second dumbest idea I've heard in a long time. A guy in Bellingham, Washington is building a cemetery for golfers. Golfers! Only Golfers! The cemetery will have ponds, sand traps, and all the accoutrements of a golf course. So when your own Sam Snead wannabe heads off to the nineteenth hole in the sky, you can specify his cremains be placed by the green on the sixteenth hole. Really, isn't that kind of... how will I put it...dumb?

I think I'll start one of these things and call it a fisherman's cemetery. I would designate that it be Smith's Bay, and I would, for a modest fee, sprinkle the fisherperson's ashes on the water. I wouldn't have the expense of land and other things, thus making it a high profit enterprise.

Think how happy a fisherman would be if his ashes were devoured by a five pound bass. I couldn't guarantee that, of course. Maybe he'd be filtered through a zebra mussel and then eaten by a round goby.

I guess soon we'll be seeing baseball and football cemeteries. You couldn't really have a sheet of ice for hockey fans, nor could you hang airplane enthusiasts in gas balloons, but most everything else could be invented. I think there a rule about the disposal of cremains, but I doubt there's a squad of cremains enforcement officers, so you would be relatively safe from prosecution.

On the topic of bizarre death rituals, the *Toronto Star* reports that a company called *Last Rides* will take your favourite vehicle and turn it into a custom funeral urn. This will cost around \$2000, but you can eternally settle inside a nice metal container made out of your old farm truck. I don't know why on earth anyone would want that, but there's the option.

The *Sunday Times* of London reports that a Belgian man who walks about dressed as a penguin wishes to be buried at sea in Antarctica in a coffin decorated with penguins. He was involved in a car accident in 1968 which left him walking with a waddle, and he became affectionately known as Mr. Penguin. Well, if that's what he wants....

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The Milford Public Library's November 12th 'Crafternoon' featured a Needlefelting workshop. Participants created miniature felt Santas and animals to hang on their Christmas trees this season.

*(Photo courtesy of Christine Renaud)*

## The South Marysburgh Recreation Committee

You are cordially invited to attend the  
5th Annual New Years Levee

Sunday, January 1, 2012  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Swingate Gardens B & B  
965 County Road 13  
Black River

Please drop in and start the New Year  
with friends old and new.

## The South Marysburgh Recreation Committee & St. Philip's Anglican Church invite you to the Annual Milford Tree Lighting

Join your friends and neighbours on  
Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 6:00 p.m.  
at the Milford Post Office

*Christmas Carols  
Hot Cider  
Tree Decorating  
Hot Chocolate and Cookies  
Puppet Show  
Horse-drawn Wagon Rides*

The countdown to the lighting of the  
60' tree will be followed by  
children hanging decorations.

***Kids! Bring your letters to Santa  
for special delivery to the North  
Pole, and don't forget to include  
your return address!***

At 6:30 p.m. St. Philip's Church  
welcomes everyone for hot chocolate  
and cookies. Judy Cole and her pup-  
pets will entertain, and free horse-  
drawn wagon rides around the village  
will leave from the Church.

*(Donations for the Food Bank will be  
gratefully accepted at the Tree Lighting)*



## Fowke for the Folks

“By the time the last bits have been picked off the turkey and the tree has started to drop its needles, everyone has pretty well had enough of Christmas,” says storyteller Janet Kellough, “yet people are looking for something to do during the holiday week, especially if they have visiting relatives. We thought it would be a great time to take the Fowke Tales show into Mount Tabor Playhouse.”

“Fowke Tales Revisited” has been booked for Friday, December 30th at the newly-refurbished theatre in Milford.

The title of the show, which is a play on words, recounts the odyssey of music collector Edith Fowke, who began documenting Ontario’s folk music in the late 1950’s.

“Fowke began looking for unique Ontario songs at a time when everyone was convinced that no such thing existed,” Kellough says. “She discovered a motherlode of music when she made contact with the Towns Family of Douro. The area has a strong Irish heritage and there were many unique variants of old world songs, but Fowke found that the local musicians had continued to document their lives through music and so there was a treasure-trove of new original music as well.”

Fowke recorded and published most of what she found and her collection has subsequently been archived at various universities, as well as at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington. A great deal of the material she found was released commercially on labels such as Folkways.

The original Fowke Tales show, which tells the story of what Edith Fowke found in Douro, premiered at Lang Pioneer Village in 2009. Now it has been reconfigured as “Fowke Tales Revisited”.

“We’ve added some new material,” Kellough says. There’s a greater emphasis on vocal music now, and the singing group Trinity (Prince Edward County’s own Kim Inch, Jeanette Arsenault and Renie Thompson) adds a unique richness to the show.”

Developed by Kellough, the late Zeke Mazurek and Allan Kirby, a Peterborough musician who is currently finishing up his PhD on the subject of Edith Fowke, the show blends the music with stories of where it came from, offering a context for

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Striking Clouds November 28, 2011  
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each song. The songs, which were originally collected in mostly a capella form, have been given modern arrangements and augmented with instrumentation by Kirby, Arsenault and Port Hope musician Jim Yates. Sound will be provided by Through the Cedars Music Productions.

“The result is a real hand-clappin’, toe-tappin’, feel-good night of great music,” Kellough says. “For a number of years we did a show called Fiddle ‘n Frostbite at Mount Tabor during the Christmas week. Fowke Tales has the same kind of atmosphere – like a kitchen party that everyone’s been invited to sit in on.”

Showtime for Fowke Tales is 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 30th. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for youth ages 5-12 and are available at Hicks’ Store in Milford, at Scott’s Store in Picton or by calling Janet Kellough at 613-476-3988, or email janetkellough@gmail.com

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*(River Cruise, continued from page 6)*

Bamberg, Wurzburg, Wertheim, Rudesheim, Mark-  
bug (where we had dinner in the castle), Cologne and  
finally Amsterdam.

The weather was gorgeous with daily tem-  
peratures at 30 celsius, but when we arrived in Am-  
sterdam it was pouring with rain and according to the  
local people it had rained every day since June.

The things we saw such as the Nazi building  
and the stadium at Nuremberg, which is now a mu-  
seum; beautiful vineyards that rise up the side of the  
mountains; castle after castle on every bend of the  
Rhine; the cable car ride at Rudesheim; and even the  
canal cruise in Amsterdam in the rain with the win-  
dows fogging up, will remain in our memories.

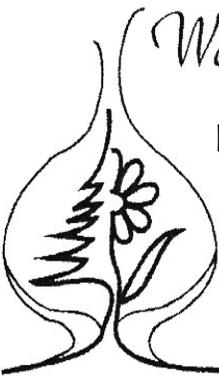
So much was done by the cruise line to make  
our trip interesting including guest musicians, glass  
blowers, zither concerts and much more. Since the  
cruise line is Australian, most of the guests were of  
course Australians. Now that was a culture shift for  
the few Canadians and Americans on board – what  
fun!

*(Prairee, continued from page 8)*

Last Halloween I was in Toronto, in a  
neighborhood with flocks of little kids. One mother  
had made a penguin costume for her child, and a  
work of art it was, too. A penguin head, body, and  
even penguin floppy feet, and therein lay the prob-  
lem. With his floppy feet, he had difficulty walking  
with any speed. Splat! Splat! His poor feet kept step-  
ping on each other. He couldn't keep up with his  
pals, and they were not going to wait for him. His  
Dad had to accompany him down the road. He was  
quite young so I don't think he would have held the  
experience against his well meaning mother for more  
than ten years.

Speaking of dumb ideas, it is reported that a  
Chinese man attempted to smuggle his pet tortoise  
on a plane by placing it on his back and pretending  
he was a hunchback. It seems that he passed security,  
which seems incredible, but was later examined by a  
guard because the lump looked suspicious. I suppose  
it was crawling up and down or something. To sum  
it up, a dumb idea for sure.

The moral of this story? There are lots of  
dumb people around. ..often in positions of authority.



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## South Bay U.C.W.

U.C.W. met at South Bay United Church hall on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

President Sandra Emlaw introduced our Council representative, Barb Proctor, who kindly informed us of some of Council's proceedings and also news of our hospital. Thank you, Barb, for making time for us in your busy schedule.

Our meeting proper continued with our theme hymn, purpose and the Lord's Prayer.

Eleven members answered roll by wearing a poppy to show our appreciation for our military personnel. Twenty sick calls were made in the past month and four get well cards were sent.

Sandra's devotional was taken from Psalm 107, verses 23 to 29. She talked of the devastation caused by earthquakes and demonstrated how we forget about the balance between God and man when life is on an even keel.

Irene Robb graciously filled in as secretary in the absence of Carolyn. She presented the minutes of the October meeting which were accepted as read.

Treasurer Joyce Minaker reported our finances. Once again we are donating to the following worthy causes: Hospice Prince Edward, Alternatives for Women, Faith Orphans Fund. Hospital Foundation, Picton Food Bank and the South Marysburgh Mirror.

Our U.C.W. is also donating \$5000 to our South Bay United Church.

Irene and Skip have once again volunteered to buy presents for two needy children from the Angel Tree.

The ladies are meeting at the church at 9:30 Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> to set up tables for our luncheon and craft sale on Saturday.

Our collection was gathered and dedicated.

Sandra closed the meeting with our U.C.W. prayer.

The ladies were then treated to a social time aided by a delicious lunch prepared by Joyce and Pat. Irene thanked our hostesses on behalf of the group.



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## Yorkshire Pudding

*(Submitted by Mike Sullivan)*

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### Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 6 - 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" butter pats

### Method

- Pre-heat oven to 425;
- Mix all ingredients (except butter) in a blender until perfectly smooth;
- Place 1 pat of butter in each cup of a 6-muffin baking pan and place in hot oven;
- Heat butter until boiling and just starting to brown;
- Pour equal amounts of batter into each muffin cup;
- Bake for exactly 30 minutes in the middle of the oven **without** opening the oven or jarring the stove.

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## Life In The Past

Excerpts from Nelson Hicks' Journals: December 1902  
Submitted by Vicki Emlaw

Mon. Dec. 1. I took Frank Huffs farm took charge and commenced business today. I have a good many chores to do but don't mind it any. Mart and Ina is stratening up the house. I helped put the Carpet down.

2. One lovely day. I helped Frank draw corn stalks till noon. After dinner I ploughed. Mart and I has the house in pretty good shape.

3. Stirling and I went out to Mr. Colliers after my cow, hay and corn stalks. The roads were muddy.

4. Froze up the mud last night. I went out to the Valley and voted for Temperance. Stopped to Uncle Nath's for dinner.

5. Extremely cold day. I was tinkering around the barn most of the day.

6. I went out after the remainder of are stuff fetched the organ. Stirling went with me. Visitors Ida, Dan and Archie were here for the evening.

7. Ina, Mirt and I went down to meeting Archie came up with us.

8. Frank and I started to petition the room off up stairs. A mighty cold day now I tell you.

9. We finished up the rooms upstairs. Archie is here. Still the weather is continuing cold and very cold too.

10. Archie and Ina went home. Some warmer like to see some more snow.

11. Mirt and I went down to Picton. We went with Frank's Democrat. It was a might cold ride. We did considerable business. I seen some drawing cutters and sleighs.

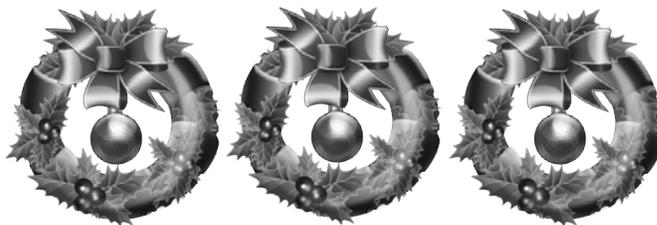
12. I spent part of the Four Noon driving the old sow down to Mr. Tubb's. In the After Noon Frank and I graffeted for his nuts. It was very cold.

13. Jobbed it around most of the day. Another very cold day. Commenced about noon to snow and set in for a big storm.

14. I went down to meeting. Mirt wasn't feeling very well and stayed at home. Every body are driving cutters today.

15. Frank and I went down to Picton with the sleigh after coal but couldn't get a pound rather a cold day.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

*By Christine Renaud*

Please drop by the Ann Farwell branch library for our special **"Gift Quality Used Book Sale"** on Saturday Dec. 3rd and Saturday, Dec. 10th from 10a.m. to 4p.m. We will have books for young and old, fiction and non-fiction, all at unbelievably low prices. Your purchases will help support your local public library.

### ***New Knitting Club at the Library in January***

Whether you're an experienced knitter that wants to socialize with others who knit and crochet, or you want to learn how, please join us. The first get together will be in January and we are trying to gather names and preferred times. Note that we can hold the get togethers even outside of normal library hours. Lastly, we're looking for experienced knitters willing to share their talents with us. Please call the branch at 476-4130 if you are interested in joining.

### ***Did you know that we have new books added to the collection every week?***

If you would like to receive a list of new books via e-mail, just let us know and we will add you to the notification lists, or go to the library website at [www.peclibrary.org](http://www.peclibrary.org) to sign up.

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### ***Library Hours***

Tuesdays from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.  
Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

***Please note that we will be closed  
Saturday, December 24th and  
Tuesday, December 27th.***

**Warmest wishes of the season to all, and we look forward to seeing you in the library soon.**

## Printcraft

## The Mariners' Museum at South Bay

The Mariners' Partnership Committee is seeking men and women to become committee members, and others to be casual volunteers.

For specific details about this unique opportunity and what it involves, please telephone Diane Denyes-Wenn, site curator, at 613-476-8392



## Sharing Common Goals

By Christine Renaud

The Prince Edward County Archives, as part of the County of Prince Edward Public Library, plays a major role in preserving the history of the County as does The Prince Edward Historical Society. The two organizations also share specific goals as outlined in the Historical Society's mission statement, "to preserve, protect and promote the history and heritage of Prince Edward County." Another mission is "bringing together members of the community interested in preservation, research, and promotion of local history and heritage." To that end, the Historical Society regularly features speakers to educate and entertain on a variety of history related topics. On Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, the Society presented Marc Seguin who spoke at the Picton Town Hall about the lighthouses of Prince Edward County.

The Archives, likewise, has two projects underway with comparable goals of preserving and promoting the rich history of the County. One is a "Digitization Day" planned for December 10 at the Archives adjacent to the Wellington branch of the library at 261 Main Street from 10a.m. to 4p.m.

Digitizing historical documents is an important aspect of historical preservation and aiding research. The public is invited to bring items such as postcards, letters, scrapbooks, diaries, newspaper articles, legal documents or photos to be scanned. "Many people have papers that are significant in telling and preserving the stories of Prince Edward County," says Archives Manager Krista Richardson. "The idea of the Digitization Day is to encourage people to bring their documents, photos, letters and so forth to us to have them scanned so that they can be preserved digitally."

Those who bring in materials will have the originals returned and will also receive a copy of the electronic scanned version. This can then be shared with others through e-mail and in other ways. They can be printed too.

Digitization is an important aspect of archival storage and retrieval too. Many pieces of history in paper form can be lost, damaged or will deteriorate,

and scanning helps record these for posterity. "The postcards, letters, scrapbooks, diaries, newspaper articles may then, if not copyrighted, be made available through the Internet for others to retrieve and examine," says Richardson. The library has been fortunate to receive, from the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, a Museums and Technology Funds (MTF) grant to hire a digitization assistant for a limited time.

Another upcoming project of the Archives is the creation of The 2012 County of Prince Edward Public Library & Archives historical calendar. The calendar will feature events with information based on the vignettes by Peter Lockyer and History Lives Here Inc., as well as other images from the past, including a month highlighting County lighthouses and one month featuring the historic Carnegie branch of the County of Prince Edward Library.

For more information on the Archives and the Prince Edward Historical Society, contact Krista Richardson at 613-399-2023 or e-mail: [krichardson@peclibrary.org](mailto:krichardson@peclibrary.org). Please visit the Historical Society's website at <http://pehistsoc.wordpress.com>.

## F Y I

By Barb Proctor

Councillor for South Marysburgh

***FYI is MIA because Barb has been away but her column will return next month.***



The night after the full moon, November 11, 2011  
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## The Milford Friendship Circle

Mary Creasy hosted the Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Friendship Circle at 1:30 p.m.

President Margaret Crouse opened the meeting as usual with a gem: If you have difficulty meeting new people just pick up the wrong ball on the golf course.

Mary's *Thought for the Day* was a reading honouring our military volunteers.

Secretary Marge read the minutes of our October meeting which met with the approval of everyone.

Ten members answered roll call with Remembrance Day readings or memories of the war.

One get well card and one special anniversary card were sent.

Treasurer Wilma reported our finances which are a bit on the meager side. Nevertheless we made donations to the Salvation Army, Treats for Happiness Children and the South Marysburgh Mirror. Luckily we had no bills that had to be paid.

Everyone who holds office volunteered to keep them for another year.

The ladies decided to have their Christmas party at the Tall Poppy in Wellington on Tuesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Marge challenged the ladies with some oral questions for a program.

Margaret closed the meeting with a reading entitled *Corvette Convertible*.

As usual, Mary plied us with a delicious lunch which we thoroughly enjoyed along with a very sociable time. Jean expressed thanks to Mary for us all.

### **Footnote:**

Sadly, we have approached the end of an era. Like all groups, we are no longer young and peppy, and have had to bid adieu to some of our worthy efforts. After many years of donating quilts to the homeless, Alternatives for Women and the Salvation Army, we have put our material, needles, thread and scissors into mothballs.

We have run out of quilters for beautifying the fancier quilts for many people and have had to

say goodbye to this effort also. We are torn by these decisions but all good things eventually come to an end.

*Ladies: Please note there will be no January or February Friendship Circle meetings.*

## The Deaf Wife Problem

*(Submitted by George Plow)*

My father was worried that my mother wasn't hearing as well as she used to, and he thought she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her about this sensitive subject generally associated with aging, he called Dr. Krantz, their family physician, to discuss the problem and how to deal with it.

The Doctor told Dad how to conduct a simple, informal test to get a better idea about any potential hearing loss. "Stand about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking voice say something to her and see if she hears you. If not, move to 30 feet away, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response."

That evening, with my mother in the kitchen preparing dinner, my father decided to try the test from the living room which was about 40 feet away. In a normal speaking voice he asked her, "Diana, what's for dinner?"

No response.

Following the doctor's suggestion, Dad moved to about 30 feet from the kitchen and my mother, and repeated the question, "Diana, what's for dinner?"

Still no response.

Dad then moved into the dining room and about 20 feet from my mother and asked, "Diana, what's for dinner?"

Again, he got no response.

He then walked up to the kitchen door, about 10 feet away. "Diana, what's for dinner?"

Again there is no response.

Finally, he walked right up behind her and asked, "Diana, what's for dinner?"

"For God's sake, George, for the **FIFTH** time, **CHICKEN!**"

# Loyalist Jams

*By Judy Zeleny*

Following the traditions of my ancestors, I live in the South Marysburgh / Milford area. I am known by my maiden name by my friends and neighbours growing up, and by my married name once I began to raise my own family. I learned my skill of baking from my mother, helping her in the kitchen like many young girls did. I also learned a keen skill in gardening and farming from my father as I grew up on our family farm. One of the most important lessons I learned from my parents is that no matter what you do, do it well. The pride you take in your work will be reflected in the pride you have for yourself and the pride you have for the people you work with and/or serve.

Using this very important lesson, the products I prepare for Loyalist Jams follow back-to-basic recipes. Although like most true cooks recipes are a mere guideline, I let my ingredients inspire their end results. All my products follow the food safety guidelines and are properly labelled outlining their ingredients, as well, they are carefully and cautiously produced and packaged with food allergies in mind. I feel that food labelling is very important for today's customer; farm fresh goods are popular, however making healthy choices are more important.

What does Loyalist Jams have to offer? Plenty.

First off, the name says it all. I produce over 30 varieties of jam, along with marmalades, relishes and pickles. In addition to my selection of preserves, I make a variety of baked goods. My menu consists of customer favourites including seasonal pies, date squares, butter tarts, loaves and scones. I also put together seasonal baskets that include a variety of cookies and other tasty treats to serve at your special occasions. If you have a family recipe that you would like me to make for you, I can do that as well.

My ingredients are locally grown either on my own farm or at my neighbours. Some of the fruits I use in my baking are acquired from a small fruit farm located in Beamsville, Ontario whose



farming values are similar to my own. During the summer season, I offer fresh fruits and vegetables for sale along with my preserves and baked goods. Starting in 2012, I will be able to offer a greater variety of local produce as I have expanded my garden to make it easier to serve the culinary needs of my customers.

When my garden is not growing and my kitchen is quiet, I create crafts for those who enjoy handmade products. My inventory includes items such as decorative yet functional hand towels, dishcloths, scrub cloths and other knit items for both seasonal and everyday decor.

Lastly, I am now offering people rest and relaxation in the country surrounded by the peacefulness that farm life can provide. Built by my grandparents, the Loyalist Farmhouse offers a nice retreat year round for anyone looking to escape and enjoy County life. The house is self-contained and fully equipped for weekly rentals. It makes a lovely retreat for writers, artists and anyone else looking for inspiration in a peaceful county getaway.

Thank you to everyone who has supported me in my past endeavours and to those who have helped me grow my business to where it is now. If you are driving by my home, please watch for my 'Open' sign and pop in to say hello. You can also find me at some of the various markets and events happening throughout the area. If there is something specific you are looking for, give me a call and I will see what I can do to help you out. Keep track of me either on Facebook or by calendar on my website [www.loyalistfarms.ca](http://www.loyalistfarms.ca).

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*May you all enjoy the Christmas Season!*

*Take this opportunity to share time with your friends and family - as well as the seasonal food and spirits - remembering those close to us that have passed on and those who are somewhere far away.*

*The Bistro will be closed until February when I will re open to run a couple of special evenings.*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!*

*Chris*



*(Life In The Past, continued from page 13)*

16. Frank and I went up on Mr. Wright struck some wood. He give us some down wood and some to cut on shares.

17. Frank and I cut wood in the Four noon after noon we graffeted for his nuts. failed to find them.

18. We cut wood all day. Mirt and I went down to Dan's for the evening.

19. I helped Frank draw in corn stalks till noon. The weather has turned softer and the wheeling goes the best.

20. Frank and wife Mirt and I went down to Picton with Democrat. We see most every one from the Bay. There was a very large crowd in Picton. The day was fine and the wheeling grand.

21. A drizzling rain all day. Mirt and I were home all day.

22. Frank and I went out on the Lake Shore to pick up some coal that came off from the wreck a big toe Barge. We didn't get any. There has been some where's about 20 tones picked up.

23. Frank and I drew in corn till noon. After dinner I went out to Mr. Colliers after my buggy. Mirt and I intends to go down to the Bay tomorrow.

24. Mirt and I started for the Bay went to Nelse Ostrander stayed all night. Pan and Ma came up there.

25. Christmas day We went down to Jake's all of Mr. Spafford's were there. We had a fine time and enjoyed Eating Turkey for dinner. Pa and ma , Nelse and Annie Maud came up to Ida's.

26. Mirt and I went down to Mr. Spaffords from Jake's went with the buggy. Some are driving cutters.

27. Mirt and I went up to Waits about Four oclock. Ina came along and we went up to Eddie's stayed all night drove the cutter.

28. Came down to Corkers from Eddies. Jake and Lib came down. Mirt and I went up to church. Manley Duetta preached. Archie was down to meeting and came down to Mr. Spaffords for Tea. I came up home with

him. Mirt stayed down.

29. Stormed most all day and Archie and I didn't come up home. We drew up some wood for Jake.

30. Archie and I came up. I left my buggy down in the station and led Gespy up the sleighing was just fine.

31. Archie and I cut wood up on wright. It has been a lovely day Archie is the cook till Mirt come home. He cook pancakes for dinner today and they were good.

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