

Spencer's Island Market Opens May 20TH

By Margie Allen

The Spencer's Island Craft and Farmers will open for the 2018 season every Sunday starting May 20th, 2018, from 1 - 4pm, located at 69 Beach Road in Spencer's Island NS.

Local vendors work hard to supply an abundant variety

of home baked goods, home-made jams, jellies, beeswax balms, wraps & candles, honey products, soaps, sewing, jewellery, handmade cards, personalized scripted items such as signs glass ware, handmade rope mats, handmade wooden items and other crafts.

Market organizers are planning to offer more fresh locally grown vegetables this season. Small community markets such as ours helps pro-

vide growth support and healthy alternatives for families, visitors and the community.

Margie Allen is Organizer of Spencer's Island Craft and Farmers Market and can be reached at: 902-348-2900



Again this year tables will be full of locally made products at the Spencer's Island Craft and Farmers Market which will open for the 2018 season on May 20th. (Margie Allen Photo)

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Spring Concert, Sunday, May 27

The Parrsboro Band Association is pleased to announce their Annual Spring Concert on Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 7 pm at "The Hall" in Parrsboro. The evening will showcase the Parrsboro Citizens' Jazz Combo, King Street Strummers, The Elastic Big Band and the Parrsboro Citizens' Choir. There will be tickets sold on a Garden Armillary which will be drawn for Sat. June 2, 2018. Draw for 25 lbs lobster which will be held on July 22, 2018. Memberships can also be renewed or if you would like to become a member, it can be done at that time. Admission will be a free will offering and the proceeds will go to assist the music programs that take place at the hall. Mark this date on your calendar.

Plant, Book and Bake Sale, Sat. June 2

The Parrsboro Band Association will hold their Annual Plant, Book and Bake Sale on Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 9 till noon at "The Hall" in Parrsboro. Donations of perennials, Books and Baked items will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at "The Hall" on Friday, June 1 from 6-8 pm. Tables will also be available for rent at \$10 per table by calling 902-297-4845 before May 30, 2018. There will be tickets available on a Garden Armillary which will be drawn for that day, and 25 lbs of Lobster which will be drawn for on Sunday, July 22, 2018. Renewal of memberships will be accepted that day and if you are not a member and would like to become one we will sign you up that day. This is a very popular sale so mark the date.

Aspiring GeoPark Application Progress

The Steering Committee of the Cliffs of Fundy Aspiring Geopark has submitted its application to the Canadian Geoparks Network, which will deliberate and determine if Cliffs of Fundy will proceed to the next step in becoming a Global Geopark. Although not confirmed, it is anticipated the suggested GeoPark area may host a possible site visit from the Canadian evaluation team.

Aspiring GeoPark Ambassador Program

Engaging with the vibrant communities within the Geopark is an important step for Cliffs of Fundy. To facilitate this, an Ambassador Program is currently being developed. This will allow for mutually beneficial partnerships between the Geopark and the businesses and heritage sites within.

GeoPark Steering Committee to travel

Representatives from the Steering Committee will be attending the Canadian National Committee for Geoparks Workshop in Ottawa this June, and the International UNESCO Conference on Global Geoparks at the Adamello-Brenta UNESCO Global Geopark in Italy this September.



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Fletcher Reports on April 18TH Meeting

By Donald Fletcher

April 18th municipal council meeting began with three items being discussed during an in-camera session. Public council began with 2 presentations. First up was Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC), a municipality funded independent non-profit organization which provides assessment services to 50 municipalities. Their assessments are what is used to set the tax rate, then prepare the tax bills.

The next presentation was from the Cumberland Energy Authority with an update on the proposed geo-thermal business park. We can see a light at the end of the tunnel. I feel this will happen.

A motion to adopt the revenue collection policy was approved as well as notice to consider the employee recognition policy for adoption at our

May 2nd meeting. The notice of motion to repeal all former personnel policies from the former towns of Springhill and Parrsboro was made for next council and to adopt our new personnel policy.

Two grant requests were approved. Council approved five priorities for UNSM to consider including: Code of Conduct; Economic Development; Municipal modernization; Solid Waste System and extended producer responsibility and police services. We feel as a council these are important items for UNSM discussion.

A summer student position for Pugwash, Springhill and Parrsboro was approved. A recommendation from the audit committee was given Notice of Motion to adopt at a future council meeting and direction to staff to draft and send a letter to Municipal Affairs to cap

Inspirations by Indu Varma exhibition until June 13TH

The Joggins Fossil Institute will present *Inspirations by Indu Varma* at the Joggins Fossil Centre. The multi-media exhibition of paintings, prints and sculpture opens to the public on Saturday April 22 (Earth Day) at 2:00 p.m. and will continue until June 13th.

Born and raised in India, Varma immigrated to Canada in 1969. Though she has lived in Canada for nearly five decades, her Indian heritage and culture are very much a part of her Indo-Canadian identity while her Indian roots are reflected in practically every aspect of her life, including her art. In 2016, after a 37 year teaching career, she pursued her interest in art and graduated with 'le Baccalauréat en arts visuels' (a Bachelor's degree in visual arts) from Université de Moncton. She also holds a BA in English (Honors) from Rajasthan University in India, a BEd from

Mount Allison University and a MEd in Education from Dalhousie University.

She is the recipient of a number of teaching awards including the 1997 Governor General's Award for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History and the 1993 Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in Science, Technology and Math.

Since 1998 Varma's work has been exhibited in both group and solo exhibitions throughout New Brunswick and in Nova Scotia.

Varma describes *Inspirations*, an exhibition of 17 works, as "a collection of paintings, prints and ceramic sculptures inspired by the stories of our common human experiences."

For more information contact Laurie Glenn Norris, Education and Outreach Manager at 902-251-2727 Ext. 224 or education@jogginsfossil-cliffs.net

Artists Coming to Parrsboro

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The Art Sales for this year's Plein Air Festival are at The Hall and Art Lab Studios and Gallery on Sunday, June 17, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The artists can be seen painting at spectacular locations along the Parrsboro Shore from Economy Mountain all the way to Advocate Harbour. Parrsboro Creative provides a daily list of these locations and the times when the artists will be on site.

Check out these videos of

last year's event to get a feel for what Plein Air is all about: Promotional Video, <https://youtu.be/bvjcUrKQqWY>; Collectors and Awards Artists Night: <https://vimeo.com/25578072>

1 Plein Air Artists: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHJO_TYBvTM

For information: Robert More, Executive Director, Parrsboro Creative; W: 902-728-2007, ed@parrsborocreative.com or www.parrsborocreative.com

sale, possession and use of cannabis which was discussed at joint council was approved. Information items were Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Agreement, Springhill lamp cabin (not tavern), future legislation re parental accommodation for municipal elected officials, councilor professional development workshop May 9th and N.S. border committee meeting notes. Question: Are you ready for cannabis? Call your councilor

Donald Fletcher is Cumberland Municipal Councillor for District 10.



Notice of Nomination Meeting

Dr. Carson & Marion Murray Community Center, Springhill, NS

Sunday, April 29, 2018

Registration 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm.

CANDIDATES:
Scott Lockhart and Brian Sanderson

Guest Speaker:
Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North, Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance

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