



The annual Spencers Island Craft Market offers a large variety of home-made products including Jams and Jellies, knitwear, candles, many crafts and so much more. (Submitted)



Spencer's Island Christmas Market, Nov 3

The Spencer's Island Christmas Market will be held on Sunday, November 3rd from 1 - 4pm at the Spencer's Island Community Hall - 69 Beach Road, Spencer's Island, NS. The annual craft sale is wheelchair accessible and hot mulled cider will be offered at the door.

The market will feature many vendors, old & new, offering customer favourites and new products. Browse the Baking - fruit cakes & festive sweets, mini tourtieres meat pies & mini festive cheese cakes, breads, rolls & more. Pick a Preserve - jams & jellies, pickles & relishes, locally sourced honey, plus naturally flavored white teas too!

Have a look at the Handcrafts - hooked rugs & hand sewn toys, hand made knitted baby clothes & sewing, personalized wooden signs, clothes & glass ware. Beeswax Products are popular and you will find hand crafted, all natural beeswax candles, eco food wraps, creams & balms, diffuser natural stone bracelets, essential oils & blends, even artisanal soaps made with a variety of ingredients such as infused flower and herb oils.

Watch for details on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/471566753040612/>



What's Happening in Oxford

By Ruthie Patriquin

Autumn is a beautiful season in Oxford. If you're from away, take some time to visit us. If you live here, re-discover our welcoming community. Sit on a bench in the Black River Park and relax by the water. Take a walk on one of our trails. Enjoy shopping? Experience some unique offerings in our downtown. Stop for a bite at one of our five eating establishments. Don't miss the Oxford Riverside Art Gallery if you're here on a weekday. These are just a few examples of what you'll find in Oxford. Check out community calendars and Oxford face book pages for more such as these special events:

On **November 2** don't miss the annual **Firemen's Auxiliary Craft Sale**, 11-4. The Fire Hall in Oxford will be packed with a good assortment of handmade items and the auxiliary will be selling turkey soup and chili for lunch.

Local artist, Brenda Atkinson, has been working all summer on a new series of black and white paintings. Meet her at the **Opening Night** of her Exhibit, **November 8, 6-8 pm.**, at the **Oxford Riverside Gallery** (105 Main St.). This is Brenda's first public art show so be sure to drop in and show your support. Admission and refreshments are offered free of charge. Donations to OREC Youth Art Program welcome. The exhibit runs until December 20.

September to June, the **Capitol Theatre** hosts **Music Jams** every second Friday at 7 pm with the next scheduled for November 8. Always check the Theatre's face book page to see what else is happening. For example, on **November 23 (7 p.m.)** multi-award winner, **Christina Martin**, and equally talented partner, Dale Murray, will perform. Tickets are available online and in Oxford at GJDE Enterprise (The Alphabet Store). Dating back to 1923, the Capitol Theatre on Main Street continues to make a tremendous contribution to Oxford's arts and culture scene.

Not as old as the Capitol, but a much-loved part of the arts in our town, the **Church Mouse Players** are back at Royal Canadian Legion # 36 on Jackson Street, **November 20-23**, for another of their popular events.

Ewe-nique Boutique, Water St., is offering another way to enjoy yourself and socialize at the same time: a **free Rug Hooking group** in Oxford on **Monday evenings, 6pm-8pm**, at the store. And you don't have to hook! Maybe you knit, crochet, needle punch, needle felt or another fibre craft. Contact the store for more information.

Coming Soon: New Town Hall Hours. Beginning November 18, 2019, the Town Hall will be reducing the hours it is open to the public. Effective on that date, the hours of operation for public access will be 10:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday. Staff will maintain their regular working hours. This service adjustment is to improve the overall operations of the Town Hall. Alternate online billing payment options are available. A secure mail drop-off box will be installed at the Town Hall main office entrance for everyone's convenience. Extended hours may be offered on specific billing due dates and will be advertised in advance.

Did you know that **Oxford's Animal Control Officer**, Jamie Spicer, is contracted through the Municipality of Cumberland County. Jamie can be reached by calling the County at 902 667-2313 or report your problem to the Town Hall in Oxford by calling 902 447-2170.

For more information on what's happening in Oxford, check out the Town website (main page and Community Events online calendar) and follow us on Facebook (Town of Oxford Recreation and Events; Town of Oxford NS: Official Site). *Cumberland News Now* and *Six Rivers Radio* are two more online sources of Oxford news. Pick up one of the monthly printed Community Calendars if you don't get one in your mailbox. You will find these calendars at the Town Hall and the Oxford Library.

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The Cumberland Business Connector would like to congratulate the Cumberland 2019 Business of the Year winners!

"Business of the Year" Five staff and under— **The Copper Tree Boutique**

"Business of the Year" Six staff and over— **Damaris Spa and Wellness Centre**

Not for Profit of the Year— **Sunset Community Thrift Shop and Laundromat**

Exporter of the Year— **Fundy Treasures**

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