



Maybe seeing this Christmas Tree in a window will get you in the mood to attend the Spencer's Island Craft and Farmer's Market Christmas Sale in the Spencer's Island Community Centre on November 5th from 1-4 pm. (Submitted)

Spencer's Island Christmas Sale – November 5TH

By Margie Allen

Spencer's Island Craft and Farmers Market Christmas Sale will be held November 5th, 1-4 pm at The Spencer's Island Community Hall. Great gifts for the whole family. With every purchase you receive a ticket which gets deposited into the Christmas box for a draw which takes place the same day at 3 pm. The prize is a large gift basket with a variety of the vendor's products in it.

Shop for Christmas baking,

jams, pickles, jellies, honey, dulce, handmade whirligigs, handmade cards and baby gifts, personalized glass ware, signs and clothing, beeswax candles, soaps, butters balms, handmade jewelry, knitting, handmade quilts and other sewing. Bring the family, take a drive, shop and join us for some mulled cider and some Christmas spirit.

Margie Allen is coordinator of the Spencer's Island Craft and Farmer's Market.

2017 Gem & Mineral Show

Last issue we did not have room to a photo essay of the 52nd annual Gem & Mineral Show and Rockhound Round up held in Parrsboro August 18-20th. Several new vendors were part of the over 30 vendors, who enjoyed crowds in excess of 3,000 during the three day show. All photos by Lawrence R. Nicoll.



Downshore Market Christmas Sale, Nov. 25TH

Downshore Market Christmas Sale, organized by Alley Squire will be held on Mill Street in Advocate Harbor, NS from 9 am - 12 noon on Sunday, November 25th. The event features a sit down breakfast area to enjoy organic fair trade coffee served with special breakfast treats. Alley Squire encourages people to bring the family, shop and join other for some

Christmas spirit.

She says, "Bring your friends, relax and find gifts such as Christmas baking, jams, jellies, hand sewn items, knitting for adults and children, handmade knives for hunting and such for the men in the family, honey and beeswax products, personalized items and more". For information she can be reached at 902-348-2089.



There is a sit-down breakfast area for everyone to enjoy while at the Downshore Market Christmas Sale in Advocate on November 25th from 9 am to 12 noon. (Submitted)

10 Days In October – Bigger & Better Than Ever!

By Robert More

If you're looking for colour, excitement, and art exhibitions to knock your cultural socks off, then Parrsboro's 10 DAYS IN OCTOBER is the place for you. From October 6 to the 15th, the town becomes the canvas for a vibrant celebration of maritime cultural richness, and this year's version is bigger and better than ever with an astonishing mix of original work by an amazing group of artists.

There are four solo exhibitions featuring three of Canada's top painters, Kim Aerts, Wayne Boucher and Susan Paterson, and international award-winning photographer extraordinaire, Len Wagg. The technical skills of these artists are extraordinary, and their ability to capture the soul of their subjects and to portray that inner life on canvas is inspiring.

While the range of styles and subjects embraced by the solo artists is breathtaking, the Single Artists Collection at The Hall is also a truly dazzling display. There are more than 30 artists in this exhibition and with the works of such artists as Tom Forrestall, Steven May, Poppy Balsar, Bill Rogers, Arlene Collins, Roger Savage, William Forrestall, and Joy Laking, everyone who takes in this unique event is in for a major creative treat.

And there's plenty more! Art Lab artist-in-residence, Janet Doble, has put together a "3D" exhibition at the Parrsboro Creative Residency building (formerly Sweet Brier) on Main Street with a talented group of sculptors and fibre artists led by master stone carver Heather Lawson, visionary sculptor Jan Hull, and Judith Newman, who is one of the finest practitioners of innovative quilting in the county.

10 DAYS IN OCTOBER is billed as a "Cultural Feast" and it more than lives up to its billing. The

Pre-Festivities kick off Thursday October 5 at 7:00 pm with the Ship's Company Theatre Annual Fall Dinner, food by the famous Wild Caraway.

The official Opening Ceremony is on Friday October 6 at The Parrsboro Band Hall at 2:00 pm followed shortly after by the first Daily Art Walk, and following this, there is a Script Reading at Ship's Company Theatre of Agora by Kristen Slaney at 4:00 pm. On Saturday October 7 the Fundy Geological Museum is launching its new "Celebration of Fall" program from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm which features hikes to Partridge Island and Cape Sharp along the spectacular Bay of Fundy Parrsboro Shore, and a bus tour with a 360-degree panoramic view of the fall colours. Also on Saturday, the celebrations kick into high gear at 8:30 pm with Oktoberfest and The Elastic Big Band at The Hall; and on Sunday October 8, The Hall is presenting a concert with Atlantic Canada's "Queen of the Blues, powerhouse Theresa Melanfant.

Further events include: a Youth Artist display at the Parrsboro Creative office, a Sketch Crawl, a Garden Club presentation on October 11 called "Rhododendrons Come To Parrsboro" at The Anglican Church Hall, Clay Throwing and Printing demonstrations at Art Lab, and a Wire Wrap Tree session on October 14, 10:00 am at the Fundy Geological.

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Just one of the many vendor's displays at the November 25th Downshore Market Christmas Sale on Mill Stree from 9 am until 12 noon. This sale offers a large selection of home-made items for the entire family. (Submitted)

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