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October Events at the Band Hall

Each month, Patricia Burke, authors a column on events happening with the Parrsboro Band and The Hall. This month she has focused on three major events during the month of October.

Oktoberfest Sat. October 7:

In keeping with tradition the Parrsboro Band Association will hold their Annual Oktoberfest on sat. Oct. 7, 2017 at the hall on King St. in Parrsboro. The doors will open at 8 pm. Dance to the music of the Elastic Big Band beginning at 8:30 pm. Price for the event is \$10.00 per person and tickets are available at Amethyst Boutique, Ken's Grocery, Harrison's Home Hardware and Art Lab all in Parrsboro. Tickets can also be reserved by calling 1-902-701-8951 and leave a message. A volunteer will return your call to confirm your tickets. Get your tickets soon to avoid disappointment.

Theresa Malenfant at the hall on Sunday, October 8:

The Hall in Parrsboro is pleased to announce Theresa Malenfant will perform at The Hall on Sun. Oct. 8, 2017 at 8 pm. A native of Dieppe NB, Theresa was brought up in a musical family and made her singing debut at age 14. Shortly after she was duet ting with Dutch Mason. She did a five year stint living in Europe and has a number of critically acclaimed albums and 30 years performing under her belt. She is a vocal powerhouse and sings the styles of Janice Joplin and Etta James. Tickets are \$20 before \$25 at the door and can be purchase at Parrsboro Home Hardware, Amethyst Boutique, Ken's Grocery and Art Lab all in Parrsboro or go on-line at www.thehall.ca and go to on-line payments. You must be 19 years of age to attend. Bar facilities available. There will also be a concert on Oct. 25 so check out the halls website for the big announcement.

The Hall one of the venues for 10 days in October:

The Hall will once again showcase several artists paintings from Sat. Oct. 6-15 inclusive. Each day people are asked to meet at the hall at 1 pm and the Art Walk Tour will start at the hall and proceed to other venues throughout the town. The action doesn't stop there. The Annual Parrsboro Film Festival will take place at The Hall from Fri. Oct. 27-Sun. Oct. 29. Go to www.thehall.ca to get all the up to date details as they are announced.

Upcoming Events at Main & Station Nonesuch

October 10: POETRY NIGHT, 8:00 pm, with featured poet Richard Dittami. Main & Station Nonesuch, 168 Main Street, Parrsboro, NS

October 25: Artist's TALK & PRESENTATION, 7:30pm, with Shelley Freeman. Main & Station Nonesuch, 168 Main Street, Parrsboro, NS

October 26: Artist's TALK & PRESENTATION, 7:30pm, with G. Scott MacLeod. Main & Station Nonesuch, 168 Main Street, Parrsboro, NS

Beaubassin Historic Plaque Unveiled

By Maurice Rees

Beaubassin was the commercial center of Acadia 270 years ago but was destroyed by fire, when the French burned their own village after moving across the river to establish Beausejour. On

September 16th Bill Casey assisted Lieutenant Governor Honourable Arthur LeBlanc to unveil a plaque which now puts Fort Beaubassin back into the spotlight.

The Fort Lawrence area where the Fort Beaubassin is

located played an strategic role in the 1755 Expulsion of the Acadians. A number of years ago a flight over the area testing infra-red photography produced a photo / map which showed an organized footprint of several items

buried underground. Several years after the flight the map was delivered unexpectedly to Bill Casey. After years of study and wondering Casey brought raised the matter with officials in Ottawa, who determined something was there.

After several approaches, which included the Prime Minister getting involved at Casey's insistence, Parks Canada started with some archeological digs, a lot has found. To date 7,000 artifacts have been found and 53 foundations of buildings identified by Parks Canada archaeologists.

Now 20 years after Casey persisted with Ottawa officials, the area has become National Historic Site, Fort Beaubassin and on September 14th, Casey and Lt Gen Leblanc officiated at the unveiling of a National Historic Site Plaque and opening of a viewing park.

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Bill Casey, MP, assists Lieutenant Governor Honourable Arthur LeBlanc to unveil the Beaubassin Historic Site plaque as ceremonies on September 14th. (Submitted)

Peter & Pat Spicer chosen Woodlot Owners of the Year

By Donald Cameron, RFP

You are invited to come for an enjoyable walk in the Spicer woods in Spencer's Island, Cumberland County, opposite #5006, Highway 209.

On Saturday, September 30 all are invited to attend a special field day at Spencer's Island, Cumberland County that will be enjoyable for those that like the woods and the multiple forest resources within. It will be especially valuable to those who own forest land and have an interest in learning about options available for managing their land.

The public field day is being organized by DNR, Athol Forestry and other partners to recognize the 2017 winner of the Nova Scotia Woodland Owner of the Year Award - Peter and Pat Spicer. The Spicers own 1600 acres of impressive woodland in Spencer's Island which is located near Advocate, home of Cape Chignecto Provincial Park. The field day will run from 9am to 4pm with a relaxed drop-in when available format. There will be something to interest visitors

of all ages and experience. The woodland has been in the Spicer family for seven generations. Peter's father, Max, was a well known and respected forest manager and character.

This unique woodlot was a major supplier of high quality wood products to the shipbuilding industry that once existed in Spencer's Island. It continues to provide social and economic benefits for the Spicers and the community. In fact, visitors will be able to see large stands of very large, old-growth red spruce forest throughout the property of which the Spicers are rightfully proud. After Max died, Peter took over managing the property, approximately 14 years ago after retiring from his busy teaching and coaching career. He and Pat started managing it as a business known as Seven Gulches Forest Products. It has been an incredible journey for both Peter and Pat, and their two adult daughters.

The diversity of the Spicers stunning woodland creates opportunities to manage for values and products ranging from large healthy red

spruce timber to cross country skiing, snowmobiling, hunting, and wildlife viewing and photography. The Spicers have an objective of maintaining an uneven-aged, healthy forest that is both productive economically but also provides many ecological and recreational benefits for the long term.

As a hands-on every day woods manager, Peter is aware of the value and opportunities on their land and follows best management practices for each unique area. With a keen interest in learning about woodlands and forest management, the Spicers have a wealth of knowledge to share about their experiences and hope their woodland can serve as an example for others. They invite you to their property to enjoy and learn about various natural resource features and uses.

Visitors will be able to tour the Spicers woodland by foot, or via vans which will continually circulate the woodland roads. If you currently own woodland, or hope to do so in the future, you will be able to

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Climate Change Conference Sept 29-Oct 1

By Maurice Rees

Fifty years after Cyrus Eaton held the first Thinkers Lodge, the infamous 1957 Pugwash Conference, in Pugwash the Cumberland Energy Authority has partnered with the Centre for Local Prosperity to hold the Thinkers Climate Change Retreat September 29th to October 1st at the same facility.

Organizers of the 2017 conference are paying attention to every detail possible. The 2017 version will include 22 thinkers of international and regional perspective on climate change exactly the same number of nuclear scientists picked by Eaton fifty years ago.

In 1957, 22 scientists from both sides of the Iron Curtain gathered at Thinkers Lodge in Pugwash, NS to begin the process of mapping steps to curb nuclear proliferation in response to the Russell/Einstein Manifesto in 1955 that posed the question: "Shall we put an end to the human race?". This was the first meeting of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs (www.pugwash.org) that

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