

The Book Nook

by Kate Oland

We've been busy lately at Baddeck Library, planning spring programs, thinking ahead for the tourist season, putting things in order and – I admit it – experiencing some “spring fever.” How can we help it?

There's so much going on, and so many things to look forward to. So much so, that I thought I'd take this edition of Book Nook to let you know what's on the horizon, so you can mark your calendars now!

- Saturday Story Times for children five and under (and their caregivers) have been going since March, and will continue through April 24th. Books, poems, felt board stories, songs, games, and crafts are all a part of Story Time – and we have a lot of fun! No registration is necessary, and Story Times are free. Feel welcome to come on a drop-in basis, Saturday mornings at 10 a.m.

- On April 23 at 6:30 p.m., we'll be celebrating with Tarbot author and musician Bill Conall whose novel, “The Rock in the Water,” has just been shortlisted for the national Stephen Leacock Award for Humour. Past winners include Farley Mowat, Stuart McLean, W.O. Mitchell, and Pierre Berton, so we figure now's your chance to come see Bill read and perform before he gets too famous for a small venue! All are welcome, and admission is free.

- On April 24 at 4 p.m., Baddeck Library will host a screening of the stop-motion and 16mm films created by our March Break Animation Class, along with some classic animations from the National Film Board. We'll pop the popcorn – just bring your curiosity and enthusiasm as we celebrate the work of the area's young animators! The event is free, and everyone's welcome.

- On Friday, April 30, at noon, crafters of all sorts are welcome to an informal “High Fibre Lunch” at Baddeck Library. Bring your knitting, sewing, or other handwork, pack a lunch, and join fellow crafters in the library's cozy window area. Share your creativity, see what others are doing, and have a cup of tea. All are welcome.

There are a few ongoing groups in residence at the Baddeck Library, too.

- The Baddeck Writers' Group is going strong in its second year, with

lots of interesting writing being generated. Interested writers may contact baddeckwritersgroup@gmail.com for information.

- Finally, the Youth Advisory Group is always open to new members, and is particularly interested in membership from Rankin School and Wagmatcook School. The group's goal is to create a dedicated “youth area” in the library, and to assist in creating programming of interest to youth (ages 13-18). If you're interested in giving us a try, please call Kate at the library at 295-2055.

By now, along with the yellow daffodils springing up, Baddeck area residents are probably noticing poems on daffodil-yellow paper springing up all over the Village in honor of Poetry Month. Thanks to the many businesses and public spaces for helping us in this poetic project!

And, on a final note, April also means “year end” time. We were thrilled to notice that the number of borrowers and the numbers of items borrowed is continuing to climb. Baddeck Library served 11, 876 people over the 2009/2010 year, with a circulation of 15, 126 – up 10.7 percent from last year. Way to use YOUR library!

Kate Oland, Baddeck Branch/Victoria County Bookmobile - 295-2055

Leona Stockley, Victoria North Regional Branch (Ingonish) - 285-2544

Cabot Trail Writers Festival ... at North River

A New Satellite Event

Aaron Schneider reads his new poem “Arbor Day” at the annual Arbor Day celebration of the St Ann's Bay Arboretum

Celtic Tea Room
St Ann's Bay United Church
Cabot Trail at Indian Brook

1:00 pm Saturday 1 May

cabottrailwritersfestival.com

No admission fee.

Local artist's sculpture purchased by Art Bank



Gordon Kennedy's sculpture "Primal" has been purchased by the Nova Scotia Art Bank. The sculpture was made in 2009 in his studio Ironart & Photographs on the Cabot Trail in Tarbot. The piece was inspired by the ruggedness of nature and is made out of steel with a hot oil patina. It was in Gordon's exhibit, "Another Way of Looking" at St. FX art Gallery in December. Once a year, the Art Bank purchases artworks from Nova Scotia artists through a juried process. Collected works are exhibited in Government and Public spaces and often in gallery group exhibits. "I am very honoured to be selected by a jury of my peers" says Gordon. "Its great to have the Government collecting artist's work and I hope lots of people get to see it."

INVERARY RESORT SPRING REPORT

THISTLEDOWN PUB Food service and entertainment every Saturday.

APRIL

INVERARY SPA APRIL SPECIAL

Indulge your feet with our “Citrus Pedicure” – a fabulous pedicure with a special blend of citrus will leave your feet feeling refreshed and rejuvenated. Choose your polish from our new spring collection. \$50 plus tax

HEALTHY BODY WEEKEND APRIL 30 - MAY 2

Healthy Body Retreat with lots of Zumba! Meals, fitness activities and welcome wine & cheese.

\$99 per person, plus tax

(Accommodations extra) Limited number available.

MAY

MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET Sunday, May 9th

11:30-2:00pm & 4:30-8:00pm

Variety of fresh baked breads
Assorted salads
Deli Mirror
Chowder & soup
Marinated Salmon
Cheese & Fruit tray
Steamed mussels & seafood newburg
Carved roast beef
Roast chicken in mushroom sauce
Potatoes, rice & vegetables
Assorted desserts
Tea & coffee

Plus a complimentary glass of Champagne for MOM and a chance to WIN one Spa treatment of her choice!

\$21 plus tax

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