



Cultural Round Table

County Culture: It's more than you think!

**Cultural Round Table
Shire Hall, Picton
Sept 10th – 4.30 pm – 6.00 pm**

Present:

Monica Alyea, Councillor, County of Prince Edward, Jean Anne Carroll – County of Prince Edward, EDO, Judith Zelmanovits, Museum Advisory Committee, Robert Bird – Chair of the Glenwood Cemetery Board, Ian Balsillie - Prince Edward Round Table on Environment and Economy, Cara Egan – Arts Council, Jennifer Lester – Writer/Broadcaster, Margaret Moore – The Tennyson Club, Wilma McCagg – Women's Institute, Jeff and Tracy Keary – Rednersville Church, Dawn MacNeal - Welcome Tours, Peta Hall – Potter.

Minutes:

As this was the first meeting back after the summer break, and there were some new faces, the meeting was spent on "Shameless Promotions".

1. **Rednersville Church** – Jeff and Tracy Keary have converted the Rednersville Church into a venue. Their vision is that it will host jazz and classical music. The interior has 2 levels... the upper gallery could be used for showing professional paintings. Other ideas are that the venue could be used as a centre for the Rednersville Road Art Tour, or that classes could be held here in the mornings. The acoustics in the venue are great, and it can seat about 150.
2. **Women's Institute** – Wilma McCagg gave an update on the W.I. activities. Things have been busy.. along with the District celebrating 100 years this year, 3 of the PEC branches have also celebrated 100 years. The Annual Craft Show was a great success, and the new W.I. branch that started this year in Picton now has 8 members.
3. **Tennyson Club** – Margaret Moore from the Tennyson Club came to CRT to share what the club does and to get the word out that they are on a membership drive. The Tennyson Club has been running in the County for over 100 years. It started as a musical and literary society and has evolved over time into an eclectic club with programs that range over the whole spectrum of human interest. The Club meets for 6 evenings a year from Sept. to April. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Margaret Moore – 613 393-5771, or email moorejo@reach.net
4. **Jennifer Lester** – Jennifer Lester is a writer and broadcaster. She has had a long running interest in the Regent Theatre, including doing papers on it as part of her degree. She has recently reignited this interest and will be hosting this year's 90th anniversary Regent Gala Event, and is working on a made for TV documentary about the Regent. She also plans to write a play that would happen in the theatre, about the theatre.
5. **Arts Council** – Cara Egan let us know that Art in the County and the Jazz Festival were both great success, and encouraged us all to come out to the remaining Arts Council Events for this year.. The Music Festival, Studio Tour and the Makers Hand.

6. **History of the County Fundraiser**– Dawn McNeal of Welcome Tours worked with the High School to produce a booklet on the History of the County. The booklet was distributed with a collection box as a fund raiser for local Heritage organizations to 80 businesses.
7. **Prince Edward Round Table on Environment and Economy** – Ian Balsillie shared that due to members of the PERTEE board getting older, the group has decided to scale back their focus and concentrate on the annual Trash Bash.
8. **Archives** – Ian Balsillie - The archives are in the process of being moved. Once they are moved and contents are digitized archival information will be more accessible to the public.
9. **Ameliasburg Museum** – Judith Zelmanovits - The Museum is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. There is a celebration this Sunday, Sept 14th @ 1pm at the Museum. The Museum is also participating in Doors Open (Belleville) on Sept 13th, and will be open from 10 – 4. There are plans underway to hold a Doors Open in the County in 2009.
10. **Stephen Lewis Foundation Fundraisers** - The Stephen Lewis Foundation raises monies for grannies in Africa who are sole supports for their grandchildren after the middle generation has succumbed to AIDS. Quinte Grannies for Africa has produced a calendar in the style of “calendar girls” as a fundraiser, and Grannies for Mbuyas are holding an afternoon of performances, a talk by one of 12 Canadian grandmothers who have visited Africa, and a draw for a quilt. Picton United Church, Sept 14th, 1.30pm
11. **Glenwood Cemetery** – Robert Bird from Glenwood Cemetery attended the meeting on behalf of Peter Lockyer. The cemetery board is continuing to work to upgrade the cemetery. One project they are working on at the moment is trying to find out how many people are actually buried there. Available sources for burials show a huge range in the possible numbers. The board is also working to generate revenue for the Cemetery, and recently hosted a very successful Jazz Festival event in the Chapel. They also continue to work to make the history of the place more accessible to the public.
12. **Milford 200** – Monica Alyea shared that the Milford 200 celebrations are now up to around 28 events. Recently a small group took a trip over to Main Duck Island and cleared some of the trails there. Main Duck is about 12 km off the shore of Prince Edward County and is a Parks Canada Property, but the trails have not been maintained. Terry Sprague led a tour of the island for the participants, most of whom had not been to the island before. Other updates are that Milford Fair is this Saturday, Sept 13th at the Milford Fair Grounds, a follow up event celebrating the fair “Cabbages, Flowers and Hay Fields” will be held at Black Walnut Gardens, 1695 County Rd. 17 featuring the music of Emily Fennel and Kim Inch. “Ship of Fire”, a new musical from Suzanne Pasternak, Bernie Gaw and Marion de Vries will premiere this fall at Mt. Tabor.
13. **Peta Hall** – Peta gave an update on the Bloomfield Public Art Project, the project that will make Bloomfield the Sculptural Capital of the County. The first selection of pieces will start next week, and pieces selected should be installed next spring. Pieces will be from County artists and sculptors only. Peta also has a show running at the Belleville Public Library – Celebrating Elders. This show consists of body casts that Peta made of the torsos of 16 women over 60. The show runs till Sept 25th.