

## March 2018



### Presidents Message

I hope everyone is enjoying the snow this winter, it has gone by fast and spring is just around the corner.

As a team we have been busier than ever. We are revisiting some old events and making them fresh and new. *"The Art Fair"* and a March Break *"Kids Art Program"* are two of the programs being brought back. The *"Fill A Bowl"* and our *"Paint Evenings"* have been a great success. And will continue on in 2018.

We are really getting involved with the town and are really being seen as an asset to the community. I love that we were able to host/hold a *"Kenya Help Fundraiser"* again this year. The Station Theatre was almost sold out and \$1,200 was raised to help start a much needed school for boys in Kenya. Georgette Fry and The Shout Sister Choir was breathtaking.

All the monies raised this year ensures the ongoing of our two High School Bursaries as well as other programming.

I look forward to seeing everyone and meeting new faces in the upcoming months.

Much Gratitude,  
Leah Hicks



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## Painting Evening

February 12<sup>th</sup>

A small group of enthusiastic people gathered at Fort Hemlock on February 12<sup>th</sup> for a fun evening of painting with Valentines being the theme of the night.

Those participating enjoyed the experience of painting together. They found the teacher was very good and well organized and are looking forward to attending the next *Paint Evening*.



The next paint evening will be held this coming April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Fort Hemlock with April Showers being the theme.



## Art Fair

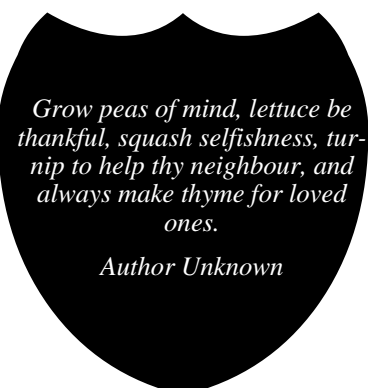


It's an exciting year for the Smiths Falls & District Arts & Culture Council. On August 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. we will be hosting an extraordinary Art & Culture Fair at the Smiths Falls Community Centre.

The event will feature artists from all backgrounds in the surrounding area.

Guests will learn, interact, and experience different forms of art through various zones designed to peak everyone's interest.

Admission will be \$2 and free for those aged 12 and under.



## Art Journey

It's a new year and time to start thinking and planning for this year's Art Show and Sale.

We are going to try something different this year. We have noticed that our visitor count is down from past years and are hoping that by making small changes we can get those numbers back up. There are so many opportunities for artists and shoppers to attend that we are competing with more and more Art Shows each year. We don't want to discontinue holding shows but we do need to get more interest from local shoppers and out-of-towners as well. Holding a show is fun but we need to sell our art as well.

This year we are considering changing our show date to a more tourist-y time line such as the summer or early Fall. We are also considering holding it at a different venue than the Memorial Centre. Other ideas are to hold it outside as a summer show to attract visitors who are vacationing in town. We are also considering if it will be a benefit to our artists to be part of the Art Fair which will be taking place this August. This is being organized by the Smiths Falls and District Arts & Culture Council.

We realize we may lose some of our past artists who may not like the changes but we cannot improve if we don't make changes. We are still looking for more folks to join the executive team. Many hands make light work. If you are interested please contact Deb Fortin at the email address below.

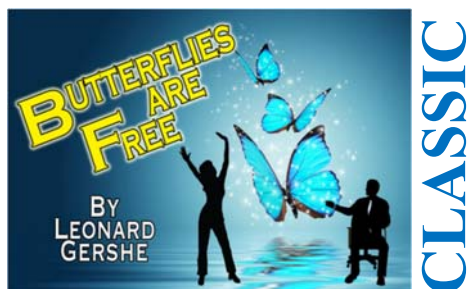
We welcome any comments and suggestions any artists or shoppers may have for us to improve our show. You can contact us at:

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## Station Theatre News

### Upcoming Plays

April 27<sup>th</sup> - May 6<sup>th</sup>



The second show of the season is a classic story by Leonard Gershe, which was made into a hit movie starring Goldie Hawn. Young Don Baker, hero of his mother's children's book series 'Donny Dark' has been blind since birth, his overprotective mother following his every move. Don finally moves to his own apartment in Manhattan to pursue his song writing ambitions. When Mrs. Baker meets his kooky, sexy neighbor Jill, Mrs. Baker's controlling instincts go into overdrive with hilariously touching results.

Presented by special arrangement with  
SAMUEL FRENCH, INC. - Arp/May 2018

June 15<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>



With a title like this, and Norm Foster on the bill, you know you are in for big laughs and touching moments. James Bell, a big city guy, has his car break down in the rural community of Kooshog Lake and finds he's stuck there for the weekend. With nothing better to do, he gets to know the eccentric locals and enters the annual fishing contest. Along the way, James reconsiders what he really values as he discovers the best qualities of the strange community he is in.

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GARY GODDARD AGENCY, INC. - June 2018

August 17<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

FAMILY



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Our summer musical is based on a classic novel. Spoiled Mary Lennox is sent to England to live with her widowed uncle. Mary finds many secrets in the house, but the most captivating is the 'secret garden' that has been locked up for years. Although all are forbidden to enter the garden, Mary and her new friends Ben, the gardener and Dickon, work to bring the lonely garden back to life. Another mystery presents itself when Colin, a bedridden boy is found secluded away. Can Mary bring this sad family back together again?

Presented by special arrangement with  
YOUTH PLAYS, INC. - August 2018

October 12<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>



**MYSTERY**

An announcement in the local paper states the time and place when a murder is to occur in Miss Blacklock's house. The victim is a stranger. What follows is a classic Christie puzzle of mixed motives, concealed identities, a second death, a determined Inspector following the twists and turns, and Miss Marple on hand to provide the final solution at some risk to herself in a dramatic confrontation just before the final curtain.

Presented by special arrangement with  
SAMUEL FRENCH, INC. - October 2018

December 7<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>



**PANTO**

We end our season with the classic story of Beauty and the Beast, with some hiccups along the way. This is a pantomime, after all! Discover the Beast's castle and watch adventurous Belle. The audience will fall in love with a fast talking French poodle! Laughs, fun and surprises at our traditional Christmas panto. Help our heroine save the day, boo and hiss our baddy and cheer and clap the cast in our traditional family Panto. Singing and dancing. It's a magical adventure you won't want to miss!

Presented by special arrangement with  
BEN CROCKER, INC. - December 2018

**Movie weekends  
return in  
Jan 2018**



**March 16 & 17 at 7 pm**

**The Darkest Hour**



Starring Gary Oldman and  
Kristen Scott Thomas

Tickets at the door - cash only

*The only photographer you should compare  
yourself to is the one you used to be.*

*Author Unknown*

## Chat Line

Every year we present the Joyce Brennan Award to someone who contributes greatly to the Arts and Culture world in the Smiths Falls and Area District.

This award is given out in the late fall. A notice will be sent out for nominations at that time. If you know of anyone deserving you can nominate them during the call for nominations.

Here are some of the past winners:



*Anne Shropshire*



*Karen Shecter*



*Emily Duberville*

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