



June 2018



Presidents Message

Well, Spring is sure going by quickly! We are looking forward to upcoming events that are in store for the Arts Council, such as the *ART FAIR* coming up August 18th!

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) this year will be held on June 21st, at Heritage House Museum. We will be looking at the events that have gone on throughout the year as well as what we are planning for this next year. One of the things that we are pleased to be doing is giving Bursaries to students at the two local High Schools, which I am sure help out the students with their upcoming studies and careers. We are excited about upcoming events for the future such as the Fill A Bowl, paint and Craft Nights and the annual Joyce Brennan Award.

We have grown immensely over the past year and encourage our members to get involved to help the Council fill a need within our community. This organization is a diverse and welcoming one.

We are always working hard to find new ways to educate and bring awareness to the Arts and Culture community, and bring people together.

Have a look at our website or Facebook to find out details for these events and other functions. I hope you have an enjoyable summer season.

Leah Hicks



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Art Fair

The Creative Art Fair is fast approaching and the C.A.F Committee is preparing an event that you will remember for years to come!

Now is the time to submit your vendor and exhibit applications if you have not already done so.

There will be many artists and artisans from around the region displaying their talents. As well there will be many

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opportunities for guests to interact and experience different forms of art with exhibitors and vendors through the various zones which are designed to peak everyone's interest.

Art Journey

This year Art Journey is joining up with the Art Fair

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 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:

artjourneysmithsfalls@gmail.com

Station Theatre News

Recently the Station Theatre ran an *Acting Workshop* for youth who were not sure if they would qualify.



Upcoming Plays

June 15th - 24th



COMEDY

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 17th - 26th

FAMILY



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?

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YOUTH PLAYS, INC. - August 2018

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October 12th - 21st



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.

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SAMUEL FRENCH, INC. - October 2018

December 7th - 16th



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!

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BEN CROCKER, INC. - December 2018

Clips from Vine Rhymes

Vine Rhymes, a local group of writers and song writers have published a book called *Through the Ages*. Some of them have given permission to have their work published in this newsletter. Below is an excerpt from one of their writers Elizabeth Bernhardt.

Elizabeth was originally from the Kitchener-Waterloo area where her father was a licenced piano teacher. As well he and her mother loved to hunt and to do a variety of crafts. She moved to Lanark County in the early '80s where she has been a musician for more than 40 years. Elizabeth plays the guitar, mandolin, keyboard and banjo.

Since retiring she now lives in Smiths Fall where she still pursues her writing and performing her music and writing. As well she loves to garden and spend lots of time with her family and grandchildren.

Here is one of her poems: -

Word Effects

*The heart of a poet is big as can be,
It stores all these words for you and for me;
And they move your thoughts over oceans and seas,
Then make you feel better like a warm mug of tea.*

*The heart of a poet pumps harder than some.
It beats with a rhythm from the finest of drums.
And it makes you want to whistle and hum.
It fills you with love like you get from your mom.*

*The heart of a poet is really quite strong.
All these meaningful words could never be wrong.
It could be a poem or even a song,
And you'll want to repeat it all the night long.*

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*The heart of a poet is sweeter than sweet.
To hear one recite it, a wonderful treat.
Their pulse never missing one single beat.
And it's for everyone's ears out there on the street.*

See more of Elizabeth's works in *Through the Ages*, by Vine Rhymes.

Membership

The fees for membership are:
Single - \$20/year, Organization - \$100/year,
Patron - \$250/Lifetime

To become a member contact anyone on the executive for information, or mail payment to Smiths Falls and District Arts & Culture Council, c/o 23 Ross Street, Smiths Falls, ON, K7A 4V7

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Have a great summer