

Presidents Message

It has been a busy time for the SFDACC. Many overjoyed smiles and fond memories. A lot of these were made during The Kenya Help, Joyce Brennan Award, the Art Fair, Fill A Bowl and others. As well, we have seen our membership grow.

Looking ahead with much excitement for 2019 we see a return of the Art Fair, the Artisan Market, Fill A Bowl, and giving Bursaries to graduating students of Smiths Falls Collegiate Institute and St. John High School, and much more.

Thank you to everyone involved the council.

Enjoy the spring weather
Leah Hicks



Le Boat Grand Opening

On June 13, 2018 the SFDACC participated in the grand opening of Le Boat. This took place on the grounds of their Head Office which is located by the canal at the Beckwith Street bridge.

This was an invitation only event that saw many coming from all walks of life from far and wide. After the welcoming speeches were done everyone had a chance to wander around the various booths that had been set up. There was everything from local eateries, shops and even some of the local artists had some of their work on display.

Movies Under the Stars

In August of 2018 the SFDACC was the community partner for Movies Under the Stars. The movie that evening was *A Wrinkle in Time*.

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The SFDACC assisted with the setting up of craft tables for the children prior to the showing of the movie. As well as helping with the tear down and clean up afterwards.

Creative Arts Fair

On August 18, 2018 on the site of the Memorial Community Centre a Creative Arts Fair was created to showcase local artists, and artisans of all forms to introduce residents in our community and region to our local culture. This was sponsored by the SFDACC as well as the Town of Smiths Falls, local businesses and volunteers bringing this event to life.



The 2018 Arts Fair Com-

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Art Fair continued

Zones were set up for *Health and Horticulture, World and Culture, Technology, Teen and Kids, ARRRT*. As well Art Journey set up an Art Show and Sale in the Seniors Activity Building.



During the day live music and performances were



held on the main stage.

We are looking forward to expanding this event in 2019 which will take place this coming August 17, 2019.

Zombie Walk

On October 6, 2018 from 11 am - 2 pm a Zombie Walk took place in Smiths Falls. This was a fundraiser for the local Food Bank and was sponsored by SFDAAC.

Participants outdid themselves with their makeup and costumes. They did their best zombie walks as they travelled from the Town Hall to Centennial Park where prizes were then awarded. All in all 50 lbs of food as well as cash was raised for the Food Bank.

Joyce Brennan Award Dinner

In the past the Joyce Brennan Award had been presented in conjunction with the Heritage House Annual Show Opening. It was decided this year to have a more formal and stand alone event. This was held on November 24, 2018 at the Legion.

After a delicious meal served by the Legion Ladies the President, Leah Hicks, welcomed everyone to the event and introduced last years' winner, Emily Duberville to the audience. Emily spoke about how receiving the award had helped her throughout the year, and how honoured she had been to receive the Joyce Brennan Award.

It then came time to announce this years' winner. There had been two nominations this time around. Peter Au for all his work with REAL and the Paddlefest and Debra Krueel for her work encouraging literacy and her work with children in the community. The winner was Peter Au, who was very thankful for receiving such an honour.

Christmas Artisan Market

For the first time a Christmas Artisan Market was held on November 10, 2018 from 10 am - 3 pm at the First Baptist Church in Smiths Falls.

Artisan Markets appear to be happening everywhere these days, except in Smiths Falls. To address this, the SFDAAC organized their first Christmas Artisan Market.

Local artisans were hand-picked by a committee to provide a diverse representation of different forms of art.

The Market was so successful that it has been decided to become an annual event.



Fill A Bowl

Chili was the main ingredient for the Fall Fill A Bowl event. There were several varieties of chili served at this event from different meat type chilies to a vegetarian style chili.

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Fill A Bowl continued

Participants of this event were able to pick out the bowl that they wanted their meal served in, and then at the end of the meal these bowls were bagged so that the participants could take them home.

We would like to thank all those that not only contributed the various chilies, but also to those that donated the buns to go with the chili and as well to the High School students who made the bowls that the chili was served in.

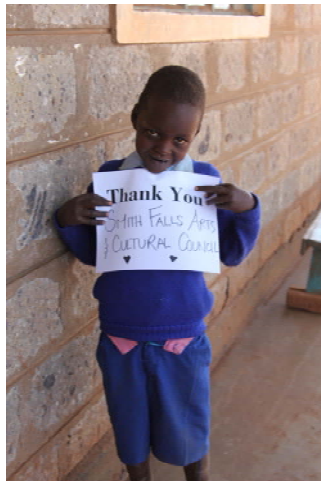
Kenya Help

The SFDACC once again sponsored a Kenya Help Benefit in January of 2019. This was held at the Station Theatre with all proceeds going to finishing a Boys School in Kenya.

The evenings entertainment was the Soul Sisters Choir, members of which come from Kingston, Brockville and Smiths Falls.

During intermission there was a canteen available. This was run by SFDACC.

By the end of the evening a total of \$1,650 was raised this year.



March Break

A free Art Event for Kids was held on March 14, 2019 at Heritage House Museum. Posters were put up around town and on social media for this event which saw the spaces fill up very quickly.

The arts and crafts included making clay sculptures, painting rocks, colouring and much more.

A day of fun was had by all, not only for the kids but also for those who helped out with the various arts and crafts.

Below are some pictures of the day



Spring Artisan Market

Following the success of the 2018 Christmas Artisan Market the SFDACC decided to sponsor a Spring Artisan Market. This will feature local artisans selling their hand-crafted work.

There will also be live music performed throughout the day so come and listen, grab some lunch, and support local arts in our area.

This event will be held, rain or shine in beautiful Centennial Park (beside the Rideau Canal), Smiths Falls on May 25, 2019 from 10 am - 3 pm.

Art Fair

The second Annual Creative Arts Fair will be held this coming August 17, 2019 on the grounds of the Smiths Falls Memorial Community Centre and in the Seniors Activity Building.

This will be bigger and better than ever? There will be live music, performances, local artisans, vendors and more.

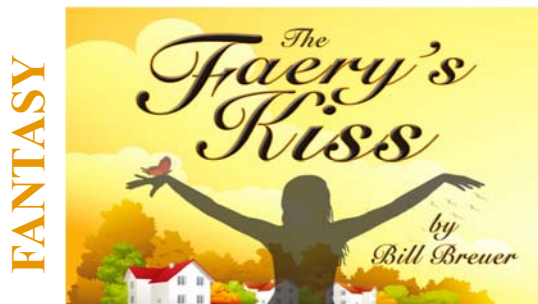
The grounds will open at 10 am and will run until 3 pm.

For more information on this event and any other events happening check out our website at

www.smithsfallsarts.wixsite.com/sfdacc

News from the Station Theatre

April 26 - May 5



When Thomas searches for his family roots he discovers that he's inherited a small manor house on a hill in the British countryside that is rumored by the townsfolk to be haunted. Upon taking possession of the house he finds that it is inhabited not by ghosts but by a woman who claims to be a real faery! Not the pixie or sprite of storybooks - she is a powerful, mischievous and sexy woman who does not want him there. She is actively protecting a secret that others are trying to steal. With many plot twists, the story has a surprising and unforgettable ending.

Presented by special arrangement with BILL BREUER - Arp/May 2019



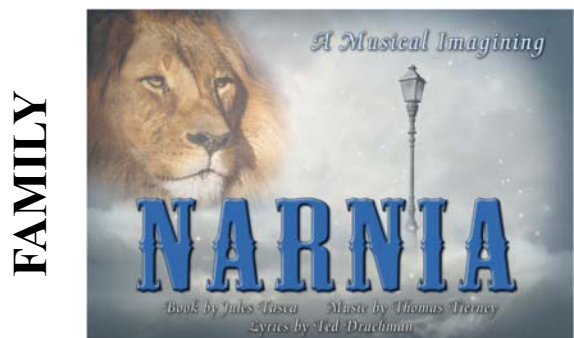
June 14 - 23



Five Southern women, whose friendships began many years ago on their college swim team, set aside a long weekend every August to recharge those relationships. The play focuses on four of those weekends and spans a period of thirty-three years. As their lives unfold and the years pass, these women increasingly rely on one another, through advice and raucous repartee, to get through the challenges (men, sex, marriage, parenting, divorce, aging) that life flings at them. A hilarious and touching comedy about friendships that last forever ...

Presented by special arrangement with DRAMATISTS - June 2019

August 9 - 18



Four siblings are sent away from London during World War II to stay with their uncle. They stumble upon (and through) a wardrobe into the magical kingdom of Narnia, held in the power of the White Witch, whose evil spell has frozen the land, so that it is "always winter – and never Christmas." They are embraced by the talking animals, who are awaiting the return of Aslan – the Great Lion, who is their rightful ruler. Aslan, who has long been absent from his land has – at last! – returned, to confront the Witch, and the children are soon caught up in a fierce struggle of good versus evil.

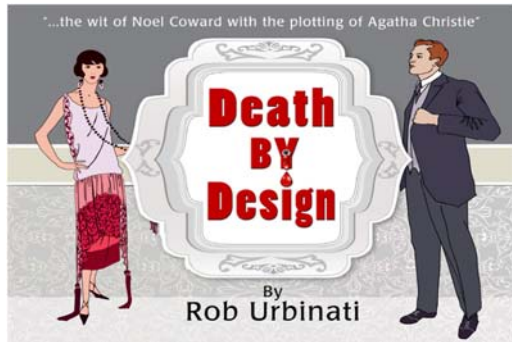
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August 2019

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September 27 - October 6

MYSTERY



Set during a weekend in an English country manor in 1932, *Death by Design* is a delightful and mysterious “mash-up” of two of the greatest English writers of all time. Edward Bennett, a playwright, and his wife, Sorel Bennett, an actress, flee London and head to Cookham after a disastrous opening night. But various guests arrive unexpectedly – a conservative politician, a fiery socialist, a nearsighted ingénue, a zany modern dancer – each with a long-held secret. When one of the guests is murdered, it’s left to Bridgit, the feisty Irish maid with a macabre interest in homicide, to solve the crime.

Presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.

September/October 2019

November 29 - December 9



PANTO

We end our season with the classic story of Robin Hood, with a bit of Hansel and Gretel mixed in. This is a pantomime, after all! In order to capture the BABES, the wicked SHERIFF and his henchman, DENNIS have come to the village school run by WINNIE WIDEBOTTOM, the Dame. They are dressed as sweet little school girls and wear belts with assorted weaponry... Boo and hiss our baddys 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.

November/December 2019

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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