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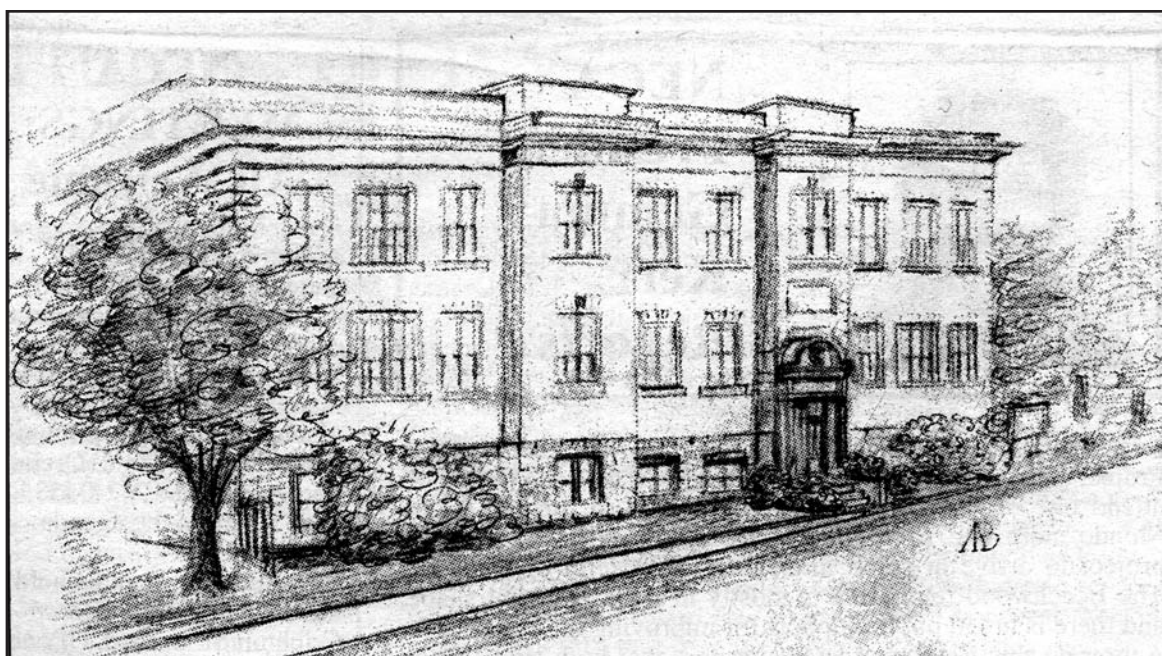
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Sketch of 200 Crichton by Burgh artist Ana Irondo de Bryson.

## Deal or No Deal

# The Crichton School Deal Set for May 2007 Court Hearing

**By Johan Rudnick**

After years of difficulties between the Crichton Cultural Community Centre (CCCC) and the School of Dance (TSOD) management, the deals that were made for the purchase and use of the building are finally making their way to court. In May, the court is expected to determine what the CCCC interest is in the historic school building and how it may be sold. The court will essentially have to answer an ultimate community "deal or no deal" question.

Back in 1999, the community fought hard to stop Crichton School from closing. When

those efforts were unsuccessful, the school board was persuaded to sell the building to the community before it was put on the open market. The CCCC was formed to buy the building and keep it in public use as a cultural and community centre. The deal included Charlesfort as the property developer and the School of Dance as the CCCC's partner to share the building.

With visions of a self-sustaining public/private partnership to establish the centre, the CCCC was bolstered by support and encouragement from all levels of government. Unfortunately, when time

came to close the deal, government funding was not available. So in May 2000, Charlesfort agreed to provide one-year interim financing and TSOD management negotiated a deal with the CCCC whereby TSOD took over the purchase of the building. As part of the arrangements, the CCCC was to get a classroom on the first floor, at no cost, and the opportunity to buy their share of the building when government funding became available. The next year, funding from the City did become available. On behalf of the CCCC, the City

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# Canada and The World Pavilion: The Suspense May Soon Be Over

**By Jane Heintzman**

Since the time of our last brief "no news" report in February, the *Ottawa Citizen's* Patrick Dare has proven his superior investigative skills and produced two very intriguing articles on the NCC's behind-the-scenes negotiations on the future of the Canada and the World Pavilion. The first of these articles suggested that the Commission has been actively engaged in discussions with a number of members of "the federal family" ranging from federal departments and agencies to cultural institutions, international non-governmental groups and foreign embassies.

At the same time, Mr. Dare reported that the Ottawa Art Gallery is vigorously pursuing the possibility of buying the building as exhibit space for

the renowned **Firestone Collection** of contemporary Canadian art. This extraordinary collection of more than 1600 works includes works by many of Canada's most distinguished artists, including members of the Group of Seven such as A.Y. Jackson, Arthur Lismer, Lawren Harris, A.J. Casson and Franklin Carmichael, as well as such other luminaries on the national scene as Emily Carr, Paul-Émile Borduas, Jack Shadbolt and Alfred Pellan.


The collection, which is valued at about \$11 million, was donated to the Ontario Heritage Foundation in 1972 by Dr. O.J. Firestone, a former University of Ottawa Professor of Economics and noted art collector and philanthropist, and his wife Isobel, in order to ensure that the works remained

accessible to the general public. Twenty years later, the Foundation transferred ownership to the City of Ottawa and since then it has been in the care of the Ottawa Art Gallery (OAG). While works from the collection have been periodically displayed on a rotating basis at the OAG's current headquarters in Arts Court on Daly Avenue, sadly the gallery's current exhibition space has proven inadequate to the task of bringing this remarkable collection fully into the public domain.

The OAG has argued that the Canada and the World Pavilion is perfectly suited to the purpose of showing off these works to best advantage, both on account of its existing light-filled exhibition space and because of its prime location

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**NECA  
President  
Gemma  
Kerr  
Reports**

Although this winter was not very severe, it has dragged on a bit, and it is good to see spring-time coming. It will not be long until Saturday, May 12, when our annual park cleanup takes place. As there is a large area to cover, I encourage everyone who values and enjoys our park to come out and help.

The middle weekend in May will be busy this year, because we have Rideau River Clean-up Day happening on Sunday May 13. Supported by the environmental grant that NECA obtained from the City late last year, we are expanding the clean-up to cover the area from Minto Bridges to Hurdman and beyond, and riverbank volunteers will be assisted by a team of canoeists. The grant has enabled us to design a logo, obtain promotional items, and generate publicity which I hope will bring out a large number of helpers on the day, and enable us to expand the clean-up further next year. We owe a huge vote of thanks to Catherine Canning for her leadership and hard work in getting the project up and running. You can find more information in the article on page 9.

There has been considerable interest recently in the fate of the empty Canada and the World Pavilion on Sussex Drive. NECA's main concern is to ensure long-term public access to the building, and, even more important, to the Rideau Falls lookout area at the side and back of the building. The lookout is the only good land-based viewing location for this historic and scenic waterfall which is visited by thousands of Canadians and international visitors each year. Community representatives have recently met with senior staff at the National Capital Commission (which owns the site) to discuss the matter. Details of this meeting can be found on the front page of this issue. Check the community website for future updates. [www.newedinburgh.ca](http://www.newedinburgh.ca)

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**NECA MEETINGS:  
All Welcome**

All members of the community are welcome at the monthly meetings and are encouraged to volunteer wherever their interests lead them. If there is an item you would like to have discussed, please call Gemma Kerr, President, at 745-7928 to have it put on the agenda.

For the foreseeable future meetings will be held on **Mondays** at the Fieldhouse, 193 Stanley. Changes will be posted on bulletin boards at the Fieldhouse and 200 Crichton.

The meeting date is the third Monday of every month at **7:30 pm:**

**April 23, 2007**  
**May 21, 2007**  
**June 18, 2007 (AGM)**

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**New Edinburgh Community Alliance  
Membership Form**

*Enjoy living in the New Edinburgh community? Want to get more involved in discussions that will shape our community? Then the New Edinburgh Community Alliance may be for you!*

The New Edinburgh Community Alliance's (NECA) mandate is to:

- Develop and foster a sense of community among the residents of New Edinburgh;
- Research, develop positions and make representations to various levels of government on matters affecting the community and its residents; and
- Co-ordinate activities of the corporation with those of organizations, associations and individuals with similar interests or activities whether in the community or outside it.

Under this umbrella, NECA publishes and distributes the community paper, and manages the website; NECA's Traffic Calming Committee works with the City to make our streets safer; NECA's Development / Heritage and Intensification Committees try to ensure that new development does not overwhelm our community, and that new homes are welcome additions rather than eyesores; Friends of New Edinburgh Park works on maintaining and landscaping the park with trees and rose beds, implementing projects such as the off-leash dog run area, the basketball court and the NCC bike path, and making the park friendly to dogs and their owners.

By completing this membership form you will receive emails letting you know about meetings/events in the community that may interest you or of ongoing issues. For people interested in attending the AGM signing up now will reduce time standing in line to get into the AGM.

New Edinburgh comprises the area bounded by the Ottawa River, Princess Avenue, Lisgar Road, Rideau Terrace, Springfield Road, Beechwood Avenue and the Rideau River. So if you live in this area and want to get involved in discussions that impact our community please complete the form below.

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**Please return this membership form to:**

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*Personal contact information is for NECA administrative purposes only and will not be shared or distributed.*

## Pavilion...

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on the Sussex Drive "Mile of History" overlooking the magnificent and historic Rideau Falls - an ideal backdrop for the hundreds of paintings and sketches contained in the Firestone Collection.

Despite the attractiveness of the OAG proposal, Mr. Dare's reports indicated that the NCC is committed to exhausting the range of possibilities within "the federal family" before considering any other options. In light of these reports, combined with underground rumblings that strongly indicated that a deal with one of the embassies might be close to fruition, the community was galvanized into action in late February.

On February 26, NECA Chair **Gemma Kerr** wrote to the Acting Chair of the NCC, **Heather Chiasson**, to set out the community's position on the fate of the Pavilion, and to request a meeting with the Commission to discuss the options. The full text of the letter is posted on the community website ([www.newedinburgh.ca](http://www.newedinburgh.ca)) but very briefly, Gemma's arguments were as follows:

- The community "strongly opposes any use that would restrict or eliminate long-term public access to the Canada and the World Pavilion or to

the Rideau Falls lookout, which is the only good land-based viewing location for this historic and scenic waterfall, and a site to which thousands of Canadians and international visitors are drawn each year";

- NECA will "vigorously

given serious consideration, for example outreach displays by either the National Gallery or the Museum of Civilization, or possibly use as a home for the National Portrait Gallery..."; and

- Given the special historic

Heather Chiasson, Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer Micheline Dubé, and Manager of Public Consultations Sandra Pecek shortly before we went to press in late March. In the course of the meeting, the Commission

broadened consultation on the future of building, the Commission offered the assurance that whichever of the federal possibilities is ultimately selected, the responsible department or agency will be expected to undertake an open process of discussion and consultation with the community on all the important aspects of its plan for the site.

Based on our discussions with Ms. Chiasson, Ms. Dubé and Ms. Pecek, it is entirely possible that by the time this article is in readers' hands, a decision on the "winning (federal) bidder" for the Pavilion will already have been announced, as they gave every indication that a deal may be close. So stay tuned: in our next edition, we'll be able to depart from the realm of rumour, and appraise a concrete proposal (though we fervently hope "concrete" is not a central feature of it!)

***The NCC made clear, however, that its key criteria for considering federal proposals do include the community's priorities of maintaining public access to the Rideau Falls lookout, and preserving the remaining parkland in Rideau Falls park.***

oppose conversion of the building for use as an embassy, on the grounds that an embassy's need for security is incompatible with continued public access to the Rideau Falls Lookout. A similar need for security is likely to arise if the building is used for office purposes by a federal department";

- The Ottawa Art Gallery proposal to use the Pavilion to display the Firestone Collection is "worthy of serious consideration by the National Capital Commission ... and we share the view of the OAG and the Mayor of Ottawa that the Rideau Falls Lookout would be a perfect spot to showcase works by Canada's Group of Seven...";

- In the event that the NCC finds itself unable to accept the proposal from the Ottawa Art Gallery, "we would hope that other arts-based uses will be

and national significance of the site, a decision on the future use of the Pavilion is of considerable importance both to the community and to Canadians from all parts of the country, and "accordingly, we trust that the National Capital Commission will make every effort to seek the views of the public before arriving at this decision."

In effect, the Community's bottom line is twofold: 1) long-term public access to *both* the Pavilion and the site at Rideau Falls Park must be maintained (neither an office nor an embassy use would be consistent with this objective), and 2) no final decision should be arrived at without due process, including meaningful consultation with the wider community.

In response to Gemma's letter, NECA was invited to meet with the NCC's Acting Chair

confirmed that at this stage of the game, its discussions with prospective new users of the facility remain within "the federal family," and will do so unless and until all of the federal options are exhausted - in short, the Ottawa Art Gallery proposal for the City-owned Firestone Collection is well down the priority list.

The NCC made clear, however, that its key criteria for considering federal proposals do include the community's priorities of maintaining public access to the Rideau Falls lookout, and preserving the remaining parkland in Rideau Falls park. It is also strongly in favour of options involving some form of public exhibit which would ensure continuing public access to the Pavilion facility itself, though it was not clear that this is a necessary condition of the deal. On the question of a



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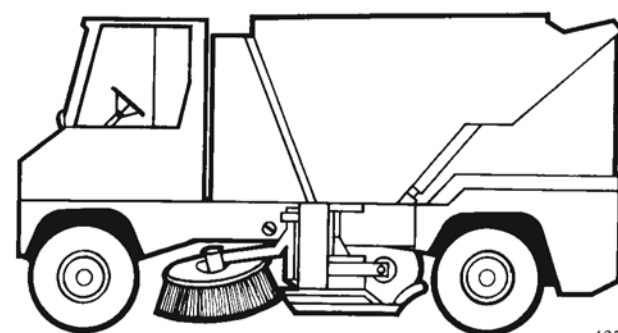
## Spring Street Sweeping

Annual spring street sweeping is now underway and will continue citywide until mid-May. Crews will be working continuously to keep our City clean, green, litter-free and safe.

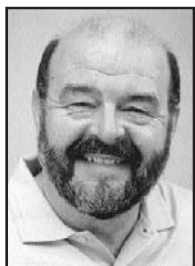
*Concentrated street-sweeping operations in New Edinburgh are set for the week of April 10, weather permitting. During concentrated street sweeping motorists are asked to watch for temporary "no parking" signs that will be posted prominently. Vehicles parked where "no parking" signs are placed during concentrated street sweeping may be ticketed and towed to a nearby street. This restriction applies to all vehicles, including those with on-street parking permits.*

During street-sweeping operations, there may be some noise and dust. Your patience and co-operation is appreciated.

For more information, visit [ottawa.ca](http://ottawa.ca) or call 3-1-1 (TTY: 613-580-2401).







## Ottawa City Councillor Jacques Legendre Reports

### Princess Road Reconstruction

The City of Ottawa is currently designing a roundabout at the intersection of Princess Avenue, Rockcliffe Parkway, and Tea House Road. The public meeting initially planned for March to review the project details has been rescheduled to Thursday, April 19 at Rockcliffe Park Public School. The meeting will be in two parts; from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in an Open House format and from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm with a formal presentation from City Staff followed by questions and discourse with a view to reaching a consensus.

Construction is anticipated for 2007 on the Roundabout and will include construction on Princess Avenue/Lisgar Road if details can be finalized. I expect that the public meeting will discuss both projects.

### Water, Sewer and Road Rehabilitation on Avon Lane and Mackay Street

The 2007 Budget, approved last February, included funds

for water, sewer and road rehabilitation works on Avon Lane and Mackay Street, between Queen Victoria and Dufferin Road.

Planning is still in its early stages. As soon as some drawings are ready that will usefully illustrate the extent of the intended works, especially of the surface details, affected residents can expect a public meeting. This consultation with the community will occur before the designs are finalized and well before the actual work begins this summer. More details will be provided as the design phase progresses.

### Street Design Policy – Special Streets – Discussion Paper

This is to advise you that a discussion paper has been prepared for public review with respect to Street Design Policy for “Special Streets” in the City of Ottawa. “Special Streets” can be defined as those that rank the highest in the city for their importance as the focus of intensely developed mixed-use corridors.

Beechwood would be an example in New Edinburgh but not Avon Lane nor MacKay Street. This discussion paper outlines criteria for determining which streets may be considered for upgraded streetscape treatment in the city. It addresses related issues, such as the burial of overhead utility cables, as well as the financing and maintenance of such upgrades. It also provides standards for the design of such Special Streets.

The discussion paper can be found on the City Website at the following link.

#### English version:

[http://www.ottawa.ca/public\\_consult/street\\_design/index\\_en.shtml](http://www.ottawa.ca/public_consult/street_design/index_en.shtml)

#### French version:

[http://www.ottawa.ca/public\\_consult/street\\_design/index\\_fr.shtml](http://www.ottawa.ca/public_consult/street_design/index_fr.shtml)

A paper copy of this document can also be provided at your request.

Please provide your comments to the planner in charge of this project at the address provided below. Your comments in response to the proposals in the discussion paper will be used to develop the policy for the design of special streets throughout the city.

### OPEN HOUSE MEETING

#### Downtown Location:

Tuesday, April 10, 2007  
3 to 9 p.m.

Jean Pigott Place  
Ground Floor  
City Hall  
110 Laurier Avenue West

#### Planner:

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# Deal or No Deal ...

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gave TSOD a cheque for \$250,000, which represented half the purchase price of the building and gave the CCCC use of at least the second floor.

While relations with TSOD management were less than positive prior to May 2001, after TSOD management received the City funds, relations got worse. Rather than a partner, the CCCC found themselves being treated as little more than a glorified tenant and a very poorly served one at that. Over the subsequent few years, the CCCC has had various community leaders intercede on its behalf. The CCCC has attempted to resolve the issues through facilitated negotiation once, mediation twice, and has been to court a number of times. More recently, the parties have been in arbitration – all to no avail. While all this was going on, public funds from the federal, provincial, and City governments did become available – for capital improvements, funnelled through TSOD.

People aware of the difficulties with TSOD management often ask why the CCCC did not simply take TSOD management to court. The simple answer is that at every juncture the community has tried alternate, less adversarial ways, to attempt to resolve problems. The City has also been ready to try and help resolve the difficulties. However, there's been a never-ending stream of difficulties with TSOD management – some examples of which are worth noting.

### A Community Room's Sunny Position Becomes a Forerunner of Dark Days Ahead

In May 2000, TSOD management signed a deal with the CCCC to provide the community with a classroom on the first floor at no cost. TSOD management then turned around and put the CCCC in what was arguably the worst room in the building on the second floor and with little or no sun. The second floor location essentially killed any hopes for CCCC programming for seniors or anyone else with access issues.

### An Accommodation to TSOD One Day Becomes A Loss the Next

As a part of the negotiations for the deal between the City, TSOD, and the CCCC for the \$250,000, TSOD asked to keep collecting all the rents from second floor artists and tenants

and offered to continue paying all the bills, to operate the building at no cost to the CCCC, and account to the CCCC for all revenues and expenses. The CCCC agreed to this part of the deal but has never seen a cent from the over \$125,000 in rents collected – an amount well in excess of utilities and reasonable incremental expenses. To add insult to injury, at one point, TSOD management went so far as to want the CCCC to pay an imputed salary for a TSOD volunteer building manager.

### Community Room Settlement Remains Unsettled

TSOD management successfully applied for an Ontario Trillium Foundation capital grant to improve, in part, a community room. The problem was, the community room that TSOD management was thinking about, was not the CCCC Community Room. When this "reference" was brought to the attention of the Chair of TSOD, he immediately offered the CCCC a payment of \$5,000 to settle the matter. The CCCC accepted the settlement deal; to this date however, TSOD management has not paid it.

### When Standing Down Means Getting Out

Any venture into mediation normally requires the parties to agree to essentially "stand down" and call a truce while in mediation. By virtue of a confidentiality agreement, neither the CCCC nor TSOD management can disclose matters pertaining to the City-sponsored mediation effort to resolve the CCCC difficulties with TSOD management. What can be said is that while the CCCC and TSOD management were in mediation, TSOD management unilaterally and without prior notice to the CCCC, moved to evict the Physical Therapy Institute (PTI) from the second floor.

### When Breaking It Never Means Having To Pay For It

The City imposed a Management Agreement deal in 2004 after TSOD management forced PTI to vacate, then TSOD management unilaterally moved into the second floor PTI space and demolished the area to make way for a TSOD dance studio. Acting through the courts and with the help of the City, the CCCC forced TSOD management to "cease and desist." Subsequently, TSOD management was required to negotiate

with the CCCC as to how to reconstruct the area to the satisfaction of the CCCC. While, the CCCC had no use for a dance studio, given the damage done, the best use of the space was seen to be a multi-purpose room; TSOD management did not agree. Part of the deal also stipulated that if TSOD management refused to act, then the CCCC could go ahead itself and TSOD management would have to pay the costs. So the CCCC went ahead and spent almost \$11,000 and over 200 hours of volunteer labour just to complete floor construction and repair the remaining walls. To this day, TSOD management refuses to accept responsibility for any of the CCCC costs.

### When Exclusive Use Means 'No, You Don't'

Faced with continuing difficulties and a long awaited court resolution, the City imposed a Management Agreement deal in 2004 that set out how the building could continue to operate while the parties headed to the courts. As part of that deal the CCCC was given exclusive use of the Dufferin stairwell to use as its main entrance. Notwithstanding that deal, TSOD management has refused to relinquish the stairwell to the CCCC. Since TSOD management also refuses to transfer the security controls for the stairwell to the CCCC (another stipulation of the deal) the CCCC is virtually locked out of the stairwell and has to continue to make do with the trades entrance at the rear of the building, off the laneway, between parked cars.

### When Deals Mean 'Only If You Can Make Me Do It'

In the May 2000 deal it was stipulated that the CCCC was to have free access to the auditorium one weekend evening a month. TSOD management proceeded to turn the auditorium into a dance studio with specialized flooring, thus precluding anyone entering with normal footwear. Suffice it to say, the CCCC has not availed itself of the former auditorium space, useful as that would have been. In the more recent 2004 Management Agreement deal there are quite a number of stipulations that define who has what and who can do what. Part of that deal stipulates that the CCCC is to be given four parking spots. To this day, there are still no parking spots assigned to the CCCC.

### Deal or No Deal

Looking back at the history of the difficulties with TSOD management it is hard to understand how their behav-

iour has been able to continue unabashed. Indeed, what the CCCC has endured is a string of broken deals over the years. Even the best intentions and efforts of the City, our political representatives at all levels, and others to address the difficulties have been unsuccessful. Frankly, this 'deal or no deal' saga borders on the unbelievable.

You have one charity, a volunteer not-for-profit group, struggling to keep at least part of a century-old building open and available to the community. You have another charity, a not-for-profit dance school, trying to get rid of the community group and petitioning the courts to sell the century-old building. After all the broken deals, the court is expected to finally decide in May whether or not the CCCC can remain in the building and whether or not

the building will be sold and under what conditions. If the dance school wins, it looks like they will walk away with a profit from all the public funds that have been invested in the building over the years. If the CCCC wins, the community will be able to enjoy the benefits of all the public funds that have been invested in the building over the years.

This is a 'deal or no deal' that everyone should pay very close attention to.

As a volunteer-based not-for-profit organization our success and growth over the years would not have been possible without the tremendous efforts of all our volunteers and supporters. For information on the CCCC, how you can help, or for updates to the court proceedings please visit our website at [www.crichtonccc.ca](http://www.crichtonccc.ca).

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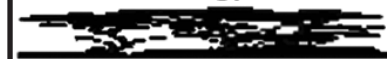
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## From the Desk of...



**Mauril Bélanger**  
Member of Parliament for  
Ottawa-Vanier



I thank the New Edinburgh News for the continued opportunity to share federal news and views with constituents of New Edinburgh. Il me fait toujours plaisir de vous écrire par le biais du New Edinburgh News pour vous tenir au courant des récents développements touchant notre communauté.

On February 27, I tabled in the House of Commons an Act to establish Beechwood Cemetery as the National Cemetery of Canada. The Act was seconded by Royal Galipeau, MP for Ottawa-Orléans and supported by Paul Dewar, MP for Ottawa Centre. It was an honour for me to table in the House of Commons a bill that will recognize Beechwood Cemetery as a place of national significance for Ottawa and for Canada. Establishing a National Cemetery in Canada's Capital will serve as a symbol of Canadian unity and pride – a place where we as Canadians can record, honour and celebrate the lives of Canadians who have contributed to our history and identity. For 134 years Beechwood Cemetery has provided an honoured resting

place for more than 70,000 Canadians from all walks of life, faiths and cultures – a testament to Canada's rich history and cultural diversity. Beechwood was founded in 1873 and is designated a National Historic Site. It is home to the National Military Cemetery and the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery. It is also the resting place of many distinguished Canadians, including a prime minister, Sir Robert Borden, public Medicare pioneer Tommy Douglas, Governor General Ramon Hnatyshyn, military heroes, poets and statesmen. Beechwood is governed by The Beechwood Cemetery Foundation, a federal non-profit corporation that is also a registered Canadian charity.

Ce projet de loi entre dans la catégorie des projets de loi émanant des députés et suit donc un processus législatif différent des projets de loi du Gouvernement. Au début de chaque Parlement tous les membres éligibles participent à un tirage au sort afin d'établir l'ordre dans lequel on traitera leur projet. Je suis au numéro 165 et la Chambre des communes traite actuellement des projets s'étendant jusqu'au

numéro 65. Donc il peut s'écouler beaucoup de temps avant que mon projet de loi soit débattu. C'est pourquoi j'ai mentionné être ouvert à ce qu'un collègue me devançant dans l'ordre de préséance ou même si le gouvernement commandite ce projet de loi afin qu'il soit décrété plus tôt. Je vous tiendrai informé.

On another matter, Canada Lands Company (CLC), the Crown Corporation in charge of the redevelopment of the Rockcliffe airbase, unveiled a new website dedicated to this particular development. The website address is [www.clcrockcliffe.ca](http://www.clcrockcliffe.ca). I invite you to take a few moments to browse through it, as it contains useful information about this important development. In addition to that, I would like to inform you that the 3rd **Public Open House** is scheduled to take place tentatively on **Thursday, May 10 2007** at the Aviation Museum at 5:30 pm. As in previous public meetings, I am confident that the people of New Edinburgh and surrounding communities will participate in large numbers.

La prochaine **réunion publique** traitant du développement de l'ancienne base des Forces canadiennes Rockcliffe aura lieu le **10 mai 2007** (à confirmer) au Musée de l'aviation du Canada à 17h30. Je demeure confiant de l'engagement communautaire dont vous avez fait preuve dans le passé en participant dans le processus consultatif.

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## The Environment and Its Challenges

## May and D'Aquino Debate Environment Issues

By Jennifer Lee

It was announced as a debate, but seemed more like a friendly exchange between old friends as New Edinburgh resident and Green Party of Canada leader Elizabeth May exchanged views on "The Environment and Its Challenges" with Thomas D'Aquino President and CEO of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives on February 28, 2007, at the Rockcliffe Park Community Centre.

A standing-room only crowd with well over 100 attendees attended the evening event, organized by the Rockcliffe Park Residents Association.

During his introduction, D'Aquino said his last debate with May was in "October 1991 in the presence of his Royal Highness." D'Aquino said he was struck by May's boldness when he saw her place her daughter, then only a few months old, into the arms of Prince Charles, who responded to the unusual introduction with "What an unexpected surprise."

The very same boldness came through that evening as May handled questions with quick-witted remarks and continuously challenged the audience with the assertion that "we should be doing more."

Both May and D'Aquino agreed on the broader issues of instituting a carbon tax system and having businesses invest in cleaner development mechanisms.

In response to the carbon tax system, D'Aquino said, "we need to be committed to moving forward. Corporations need to change to meet their targets and move beyond." D'Aquino emphasized that all major countries, including China and India, should be fully engaged in reducing their carbon dioxide emissions. He objects to the immensity of the former Liberal Party's target to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 240 million tonnes a year by 2012. "Meeting these tar-



Photo by Jennifer Lee

**Elizabeth May took a bold stand on environmental issues at the recent 'friendly' debate of environmental issues in Rockcliffe Park.**

gets, if we are being honest, would be a gigantic task." He adds that shutting down oil sands would only make a small dent in the outcome and we may need to purchase carbon credits. D'Aquino listed strategies such as developing new, cleaner, coal technologies, expanding our use of alternative energy, and creating a framework to encourage industries to adopt transformational technologies. "We need to get consumers on board," said D'Aquino.

May presented the Kyoto Protocol "as a business opportunity." The target allows for business to "harness ingenuity and move quickly into a carbon economy," said May. In 2005, May participated in a business jury to identify major Canadian business carbon leaders. Among them was Canadian Alcan, which reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 35% and increased production by 50%.

Views differed when the

issue of harnessing nuclear power was raised. "The Green Party has always opposed the use of nuclear power," said May. May brought up issues of cost, waste disposal and safety concerns. "We need to look at other, easier, options first," she said.

D'Aquino quickly stated that the production of oil sands was

expensive, too. He does not plan to rule out new, advanced technology that delivers nuclear power cleaner and safer. "Don't look through glasses from 1985," he cautioned.

During a Q&A session following the debate, many concerns were raised, including how to invest in new technolo-

gies; hybrid vehicles, energy efficient refrigerators, and energy efficient light bulbs. The main concern is, "what can we do to help the environment?" a local resident asked.

May emphasized the need to invest in cleaner development mechanisms. Referring to SUVs as "large muscle cars," she supported hybrid vehicles and the replacement of all incandescent bulbs with energy efficient bulbs. May also feels that "we should do more... our worst refrigerators don't qualify for LEEDS in the U.S." May supported the installation of "solar cookers" in Canada, similar to those used in developing countries. May also mentioned that through legislation, the Green Party has created a dedicated RRSP contribution to municipal bonds to increase infrastructure renewal and support mechanisms to adapt to environmental change.

Abrupt weather changes and an unusually mild winter have brought environmental concerns to the forefront. Among the various issues raised, the answers came down to ways in which consumers can invest environmentally. As D'Aquino emphasized, "good environmental practice makes good business sense."

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# La blouse fuchsia

Par Pierrette Tousignant

A chaque printemps, il y a Pâques. Et avec Pâques, la mode du printemps en tout ce qu'elle révèle de tissus fins, de teintes douces et joyeuses. Et les chapeaux toujours fantaisistes et vaporeux. Les chapeaux de paille des fillettes, neufs avec ruban marine ou rouge seront remplacés au fil des ans par des chapeaux pastel à large rebords ou calottes étroites, ornés de fleurs et de tulle en nuage suivant les jeunes filles marchant vers l'été.

La chapelière nous aimait beaucoup, mes cinq sœurs, ma mère, ma grand-mère et moi, car chaque nouvelle saison nous ramenait chez elle pour coiffer tout ce beau monde. Ma mère recevait le fameux coup de téléphone : la collection du printemps était arrivée, quand pourrions-nous venir ? Puis mon père nous conduisait. C'était au village d'à côté. Arrivées dans la boutique ma mère procédait par ordre ascendant. Les plus jeunes seraient donc coiffées en premier. Question que l'on ne manque pas de patience avant d'avoir son chapeau sur la tête. Ce qui était bien dans cette méthode, c'est que les plus grandes pouvaient à loisir essayer les chapeaux qui les intéressaient. « Quel effet me ferait ce rose-là ? Ah tiens, je ne me voyais pas en vert pâle, mais c'est assez bien...faudrait que je me fasse une robe pour aller avec...blanc ? Pas encore blanc. J'en ai assez des chapeaux cloche...blanche...je ne suis pas du muguet après tout...Une fois tout le monde

coiffé de neuf, on rentre à la maison où tous les miroirs sur le mur se font demander qui est la plus belle de toutes jusqu'à en mentir pour avoir la paix....

Chaque fête de Pâques amenait le printemps, les chapeaux, les robes plus légères et les rêveries de fleurs, de parfum et de romantisme. Les fleurs bleues s'y ramassaient à la pelle...

## Vive La Francophonie!

Ce printemps-là j'avais dix-sept ans et un amoureux dont je rêvais davantage que je ne le voyais. J'étudiais à Nicolet, c'était bien. On m'avait mise au couvent. C'était moins bien...Je ne porterais pas de chapeau. Je n'allais plus à l'église. Mais de temps à autres je passais par la ville où quelques boutiques offraient les nouveautés en vitrine. J'avais remarqué une blouse fuchsia, à col Napoléon, c'était le dernier cri...\$15 dollars. Je ne les avais pas. Je la voulais.

Elle était parfaite cette blouse avec ses longues manches étroites, son col relevé et très large, ajustée au corps et s'ouvrant en bouquet au corsage. Et cette couleur chaude, sensuelle accentuée par le tissu chatoyant... Quelle merveille! J'en rêvais. Il me la fallait.

Je savais que mon amoureux

me trouverait belle en fuchsia. Je savais que ça lui plairait...Un jour je me suis arrêtée devant la blouse. M'imaginant dedans. J'ai presque franchi la porte de la boutique, puis n'ayant pas le compte sur moi, me suis ravisée. « Je demanderai à ma mère de me l'offrir pour ma fête, dans quelques semaines... »

Dans mes rêveries de plus en plus fréquentes, je m'imaginai recevoir un carton des mains de ma mère, m'incitant à l'ouvrir au plus vite : « Bonne Fête ma grande, ton premier cadeau d'adulte! » Mes dix-huit ans sont arrivés aussi ignorés que les dix-sept précédents... sans cadeau bien sûr. Les cadeaux d'anniversaire ça n'existait pas chez nous... Mon amoureux m'a fait parvenir en secret une petite croix d'argent que je visualise encore...la portant dissimulée sous un chandail pour ne pas qu'on la confisque...

Je n'ai jamais acheté la blouse. On ne me l'a pas offerte. Mais je ne l'ai pas oubliée non plus. L'amoureux a marié ma meilleure amie... J'ai poursuivi mes études... J'ai fini des études et puis j'ai enseigné...J'ai ouvert des portes à d'autres...J'ai décroché les blouses fuchsia des présentoirs pour qu'on les porte, les brandisse. Il faut que vivent les rêves ! C'est important vous savez, les blouses fuchsia...

**Cette page est la page où le New Edinburgh News souhaite offrir vos écrits littéraires, vos récits de voyage, vos anecdotes du passé ainsi que les haut-faits de notre vie de quartier à tous nos lecteurs.**

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# It's Mother's Day: Clean Up Your River!

By Jane Heintzman

For the second year in a row, the annual **Rideau River Cleanup** will take place on **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.** As we reported in previous editions of the News, this year's event has received a generous boost from the City of Ottawa in the form of an environmental project grant, and for the first time, our clean up efforts will expand up river to include a second group of volunteers based at the Rideau Tennis Club in the Overbrook area at 1 Donald Street (at River Road).

Our Urban Rideau Conservationists' project leader, **Catherine Canning**, is the moving spirit behind our local river clean up events for close to a decade and will be in charge of the Overbrook clean up operation from the **Cummings Bridge to the Queensway overpass.** NECA member Andrew Kerr (a.k.a. webmaster for our community's excellent website) will take the lead in the Burgh where, once again, the Headquarters will be our local **Fieldhouse at 193 Stanley Avenue.** Volunteers will tackle the shoreline on both sides of the river from the **Minto Bridges to the Cummings Bridge.**

While the Cleanup Day routine will be much the same as in previous years, there are a few variations this year flowing largely from the City's involvement in the process. Before setting off to tackle the shoreline debris *all participants will be asked to sign a waiver* and, at the same time will be invited to join our newly dubbed **Urban Rideau Conservationists' group** (and if they wish, to provide their e-mail addresses for the purposes of future contacts relating to clean up events or other river-related environmental projects).

While a number of last year's participants operated out of canoes, concentrating their efforts on the plastic- and bottle-clogged reedy waters close to the shore, because of City regulations, **we are not able to extend our official invitation to canoeists this year.** Rest assured that there will be plenty to do as landlubbers, working along the shorelines to clean up the winter's accumulation of plastic bags, cans,

bottles, styrofoam and assorted detritus that scar the landscape and destroy natural habitat. However, Catherine anticipates that we may have some waterborne assistance from canoeists from the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority



(RVCA), as the City makes an exception for this group because of its extensive insurance coverage.

Another new addition to this year's cleanup day protocol will be the debut of the exclusive line of **Urban Rideau Conservationists' T-shirts** - a must for every fashion conscious environmentalist! Supplies will be limited and distribution will take place when the event wraps up at about 1:00 pm, so you have an added incentive to work hard and stay the course! And of course, another important incentive is the array of **tasty refreshments** that organizers plan to provide to reward your efforts and give your energy level a boost after the morning's valuable labours. Our thanks to NECA for this vitally important feature of the event!

Once again this year, we plan to do our best to separate the recyclable materials from the landfill garbage as we scour the river banks, and clear plastic bags will be provided for blue box items such as cans, bottles and drink cartons. All your supplies and equipment will be provided by cleanup organizers, so your only task is

to make sure that (event date notwithstanding!) you *don't* turn up in your Sunday best. Please come **suitably attired** in old clothes; rubber boots or sturdy, indestructible shoes; rain gear (if needed); and a pair of comfortable work gloves to tackle what can be a mucky job.

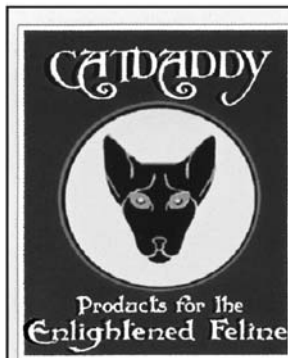
In case you need even more incentive than the prospect of a Spring morning in the glorious fresh air, the companionship of friends, neighbours and fellow volunteers, and a snazzy new Urban Rideau Conservationists T-shirt (bound to be the first on your block!), here are a couple of important things we ask you to bear in mind: 1) as our neighbourhood's boundary and most striking natural feature, the Rideau is "our" river and an increasingly precious resource in this alarming era of cascading climate change, and 2) the Rideau River Cleanup is New Edinburgh's Number One Environmental Project for 2007. So please do your bit for the Rideau and for the community by helping out on Mother's Day morning. Bring a friend or two (or better still, more!) and join us for a morning of environmental Spring Cleaning on the river banks.

All the details are included in the front page notice in this edition of the News, but if you'd like to sign on for Cleanup Day or to get more information about the event, please don't hesitate to contact one of our organizers:

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- By Jane Heintzman -

### Upward Dog Yoga

We wish a regretful farewell to **Roxanne Uhlmann** and the team at Upward Dog Yoga who closed their doors on Mackay Street at the end of January 2007 when their lease expired. Upward Dog has been a familiar fixture on the Mackay Market landscape since September 2002, and their presence will be greatly missed by their many faithful clients in the community.

The good news is (as most of their regular clients will by now have discovered), Upward Dog reopened in mid-February in its new location at **251 Dalhousie Street** (corner of St. Patrick and Dalhousie). Roxanne is delighted with the new facility which is slightly larger than the Mackay Street location, and has lots of natural light and a somewhat more "organic" feel to the arrangement of rooms. There are two nearby parking lots and ample on-street parking which is free in the evenings and on week-ends. As a result of the move, anyone who purchased a membership in 2006 will be given a month's extension to compensate for the period of closure during the move to the new location.

The Upward Dog schedule of classes remains much the same as prior to the move but a new Hot Yoga class has been added for March and April. So give them a call at their new telephone number 613-241-YOGA (9642), or check out their website at [www.upward-dogyoga.com](http://www.upward-dogyoga.com). We wish them well.

### Rassi Hair Style Beauty

Congratulations to **Marwan el Rassi** who received a Community Spirit Award from the Vanier Business Improvement Association at its Business Awards Gala on February 24. Marwan was rec-

ognized for his ongoing contribution of free hair styling services to various groups of disadvantaged women in the community, most recently to a number of young teenagers at St. Mary's Home/Maison Sainte-Marie, a residence for pregnant unmarried teens and young single parents.

St. Mary's has a long history in Ottawa, dating back to the 1930's, and was the first maternity home in Ontario to receive in-home private tutoring for its residents from the Ottawa Board of Education. This programme was lost to budget cuts in 1997 but in 2000 Immaculata High School and the Ottawa-Carleton Catholic School Board placed a satellite classroom and a full-time teacher in St. Mary's to help the young residents continue to work towards high school credits while awaiting the birth of their children.

transporting our daily purchases. **Books on Beechwood** has now gone the extra mile with the introduction of **EcoSafe Biodegradable** plastic bags to keep your book purchases safe from the rain and snow without contributing to the mounting piles of immutable plastic waste that is rapidly clogging our landfills.

These *oxo-biodegradable* bags are made from polyolefin plastics, which are engineered to compost and fragment within three to four months, and biodegrade completely in 12 to 24 months when disposed of in a commercial compost facility. The process is somewhat slower in a landfill but a whole lot more rapid than the several centuries that are the expected lifetime of regular plastics. So if by chance you forget your cloth bag when you drop into Books on Beechwood, all is not lost from an environmental perspective!



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This employee at Jolicoeur Home Hardware is ready to swipe your card - the Aeroplan card that is.

### Books on Beechwood goes Biodegradable

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If you aren't already an Aeroplan member, Jolicoeur has cards available at the cash with simple instructions for online registration at [www.aeroplan.com/register](http://www.aeroplan.com/register). The card can be applied to any of your purchases at the store, excluding home charge accounts and the purchase of Gift Cards, (though purchases made with the gift cards will qualify for points). Apart from building up air miles for your next exotic vacation, the plan includes hundreds of other enticing rewards from spa packages to ski trips, electronics, entertainment and sports events. If you happen to forget your card when you make a Jolicoeur purchase, you can bring the receipt back to the store on your next return trip and your aeroplan miles will be retroactively awarded.

Owner **Christine Jolicoeur** reports that the new system is now fully up and running, and that sales staff are "up to speed" on processing the cards at the front cash.

#### **New Edinburgh Handyman: Preventative Maintenance for Busy Households**

We welcome new advertiser **Greg "Woody" Birtch**, a Keefer Street resident who is offering his services as a handyman to residents of our community in the true environmentally responsible spirit of "acting locally." While Greg has experience with large projects such as kitchen installations, his real forte providing small job expertise to busy homeowners who have neither the time nor the inclination to tackle such projects themselves. These smaller jobs tend to fall below the radar of the bigger contractors.

Such jobs may include anything from repairing leaky faucets to drywalling, or installing light fixtures, blinds, trim work, shelving, or even offering minor plumbing repairs. Greg's services also extend to window cleaning, painting (he works in tandem with a professional painter), and routine outdoor maintenance work, such as fence repair. The historic character of many of the Burgh's houses poses no impediment to Greg, who is thoroughly familiar with the quirks of older buildings, and



Photo by Peter Glasgow

#### **Meet "Woody" Birtch, your friendly neighbourhood handyman extraordinaire.**

indeed lives in a heritage house himself.

It was in part his experience renovating his own home that made Greg aware of the difficulties of finding contractors who would a) turn up punctually and reliably at an appointed time (sound familiar?), and b) charge reasonable rates for their services. Greg is a stickler for punctuality and strives to maintain affordable rates. So the next time there's a small job that needs prompt attention, call your neighbour, Greg. He is just a few short blocks away and ready to help!

Welcome to the NEN, Greg, and best of luck with your locally-based handyman service.

#### **Vrtucar CarSharing Service: "The Only Good Car is a Shared Car"**

Since Vrtucar CarSharing Service opened its New Edinburgh location (188 Beechwood at Marier) in November, 2004, environmental and climate change issues have soared to the top of the public agenda, and many more Canadians have become acutely aware of and concerned about the impact of their daily activities on the fate of the planet. At the top of the list of these daily activities is the use of the private automobile, which accounts for a major portion of the average household's annual carbon emissions.

As Vrtucar's growing number of members can attest to, a judicious combination of car sharing and regular use of public transit is a simple and effective way for a household to radically reduce its "carbon footprint" as well as to save on

the costs (and hassles) of car insurance, maintenance, repairs and parking. In effect, the service offers members "A Car When You Need It, and Not When You Don't!" The use of a shared vehicle can inject an element of careful planning into your car trips, and can cut down on the casual, non-essential junkets we all succumb to periodically (and far too often!). You'll be well on your way to reaching your own personal Kyoto targets after a year of Vrtucar membership!

Since its arrival on the Ottawa scene in 2000, Vrtucar has significantly expanded the number of its locations throughout the City, most

recently in the West end where it has added two new stations at Britannia Road and on Carling Avenue across from the Carlingwood Shopping Centre. Chief Executive Officer **Wilson Wood** reports that the Beechwood/Marier location has been extremely successful, and that the company is interested in finding a second spot closer to the heart of the Burgh in the Beechwood/Mackay Street area. As readers are well aware, parking is at a premium in that neck of the woods, but if anyone knows of an available spot which is sidewalk accessible, close to the bus lines and in a well-lit location (for 24 hour access), please give Wilson a call at 613-798-1900.

Wilson is also delighted to report that Vrtucar is "in on the ground" in the planning for "Rockcliffe Landing", the new development on the former Rockcliffe military base. He has had consultations with one of the project's leading Design Consultants who is a strong proponent of car sharing, and a Vrtucar location has already been factored into the project in the design stage to complement the public transit facilities envisaged in this state of the art eco-community.

For those unfamiliar with the car sharing system, Vrtucar members have access to any one of the company's expanding fleet of fuel efficient vehicles 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Most of the cars are

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Toyota Echos or the super fuel-efficient Toyota Yaris, and there is now a Honda Civic hybrid car at its Glebe north location. You can reserve the car online or by phone for up to 24 hours or for as little as an hour to run an errand, but a little advance planning is obviously required for days of peak demand such as Saturdays. The car is picked up and dropped off at a pre-arranged time, and at the end of each excursion, you fill out a trip log recording the time and distance involved. For the many members who combine car sharing with the regular use of public transit, OC Transpo EcoPasses can also be purchased through Vrtucar.

For more details on how the system works and the costs involved in Vrtucar membership, check out their website at [www.vrtucar.com](http://www.vrtucar.com).

### **Sharon Collins, Certified Personal Trainer: Shape Up for Spring!**

We extend a somewhat belated welcome to **Sharon Collins**, Certified Personal Trainer, who joined our advertising family last Fall. Sharon has been in the fitness business for over 25 years, and has taught in a variety of venues throughout the city, including the Dovercourt Community Centre, the Ottawa Athletic Club (OAC) and, closer to



**Sharon Collins is a Certified Personal Trainer with over 25 years experience.**

home, the Crichton Cultural Community Centre and the Rockcliffe Community Centre. She is already a familiar figure to many of our readers who have taken part in her classes at 200 Crichton where she continues to teach.

For a number of years Sharon owned and operated **Caj Clothing Design**, a small design/manufacturing business specializing in ladies' fitness apparel. When she wound up the business under the mounting pressures of offshore competition, Sharon turned her attention to the realm of fitness, and began work as a private personal trainer, focusing on training the many busy professionals who had limited time but a strong motivation to stay fit and healthy.

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She works with her clients to develop an individually-tailored régime of exercises and teaches the techniques of improving strength and flexibility, with special emphasis on "core work" involving the mid-body area, including the correction of posture, strengthening back and abdominal muscles, and improving balance - one of the first things to go as we age! Oh, and there's no need to equip yourself with all the bells and whistles of a home gymnasium as all you need are hand weights and an athletic ball. If you haven't got a treadmill or a stationary bicycle, Sharon generally recommends a walking régime to meet your cardiovascular exercise requirements.

In addition to her long experience and expertise in the realm of fitness, Sharon continues to broaden her skills in the world of health and wellness and is working on a Masters Degree in Health Services and Wellness Promotion. This is a programme offered by the California College of Health Sciences in Salt Lake City which encompasses all aspects of a healthy life style, and provides a foundation in the design and marketing of community health programmes. Sharon is a particularly strong believer in the importance of proper nutrition in maintaining good health, and her current

course work in this field has equipped her with a better understanding of the impact of diet not only on our shapes (or lack thereof!), but on our general health and on the many chronic conditions which can afflict us as we age.

So if you're feeling the need to shape up for Spring, but need some expert advice to get started and stay on track, give Sharon a call at **613-816-4307**. Her schedule is flexible although at present she is focusing on morning appointments starting as early as 6:30 am!

### **Beauty Mark Salon and Spa**

As I write in the record-breaking cold of early March, it is difficult to imagine the warm days of Spring, when hats, scarves, hoods and heavy coats are shed and our winter pallor is revealed to the world. Longtime Burgh esthetician **Lee Ann Zanelli**, the owner of Beauty Mark Salon and Spa is offering a Spring Special to celebrate the new season and give clients a much-needed rejuvenating boost after a long winter under wraps.

Throughout April and May, **Beauty Mark** clients will receive a 10% discount on all Swiss Med facial treatments and on any Swiss Med product purchased at the time of their visit. Lee Ann is enthusiastic about the potential benefits of the Swiss Med product line in

fighting the skin's inexorable aging process and reports that a combination of professional treatments and continuing at-home use can bring about a dramatic reduction in the fine lines that are imprinted on our faces by weather, stress and time. These products reportedly contain the latest generation of an anti-wrinkle *hexapeptide*,



**Photo by Peter Glasgow**  
**Lee Ann Zanelli of Beauty Mark Salon and Spa.**

a clinically tested Botox-like ingredient, which works to smooth out these lines and leave the skin with a noticeably firmer appearance, sometimes even after the first treatment.

So if you're feeling a little disheartened by the ravages of Winter after all the woolly wrappings come off, drop in to

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Beauty Mark and celebrate Spring with a touch of skilful rejuvenation from Lee Ann or one of her estheticians.

#### Voice Matters: Getting the Word Out

Have you ever tried to recite your favourite poem with three of your fingers wedged between your teeth? No, well of course not, why would you? But had you tried this experiment the results would have undoubtedly been comical, and anything but an enhancement of the verse in question.

Burgh resident **Christina Lubbock**, whose new voice coaching business Voice Matters was profiled in our June 2006 issue, uses precisely this exercise to demonstrate to her students the crucial, but often overlooked, fact that in order to project our voices clearly and effectively, *at least one inch of open space* is required between our upper and lower teeth in order to allow the tongue to work properly between the hard and soft palates. In our fast-paced world of lazy speech patterns many of us routinely talk with teeth clenched, or at least with minimal open space between our upper and lower teeth. The result is that we tend to swallow our words, and with them, the impact of whatever it was we had to say.

Among Christina's recent clients, she reports a notable success story involving a father and son who came to her for assistance in overcoming a number of poor speech habits which they recognized as a handicap to effectively com-

municating in their respective worlds as a financial and investment advisor, and as an energetic student, actively involved in range of community activities.

Beginning with some simple preparatory lessons, including the tongue-tying three-finger exercise to underscore the crucial role of the tongue in speech production, Christina worked systematically through a series of lessons in the mechanics of proper breath control, the importance of a relaxed but comfortably erect posture, and the benefits of lowering the pitch of one's voice to reduce its nasal quality and enhance its impact.

The results of her expert tutoring were extremely gratifying and both father and son have made great progress. The son was eventually able to give a poised and pitch-perfect Scripture Reading at Christ Church Anglican Cathedral where (thanks in part to Christina's involvement in the training of readers!) the standards of reading are high. Perhaps just as important as Christina's lessons in the techniques of clear and effective speaking was the measurable increase in self-confidence her coaching was able to instill in her young client.

#### Fixing the Jitters

In the immortal words of comedian George Jessel, "The human brain is a wonderful organ. It starts to work as soon as you are born and doesn't stop until the first time you get up to deliver a public speech!" If you belong to the over-

whelming majority of us who are seized with terror by the prospect of speaking in public, Christina has a few simple suggestions:

- Know your subject inside out: do your homework, and practice in front of a mirror.

- Before going to the podium, try to relax by breathing in rhythm, slowly and deeply; yawning several times (discreetly, of course!); relaxing your throat, jaw and shoulders; and loosening your arms.

- Just before speaking, take a "silent" deep breath and look down at your audience with a smile.

- You don't have to be *perfect* - just be good! Take your time and speak convincingly.

- Tune your voice to be as deep as possible and pleasant to the ear, and think confidently!

Christina is available to provide an understanding and expert hand at helping you to master these routines and to help you to develop the poise and control that can take the

terror out of public speaking. Give her a call at **613-744-7252**.

#### Jacobson's: Happy First Anniversary

A year has flown by since Jacobson's first opened its doors on Beechwood in April 2006. In the intervening twelve months our local gourmet food and specialty gift establishment has swiftly carved a niche for itself not only in our community, but in the wider Ottawa market to which its fame has been gradually spreading. As most readers know, **Susan Jacobson, Irene Thornton** and their team at Jacobson's, have been in constant motion since last Spring, continuously introducing new products, gift items and food delicacies, and opening up a whole new section of the store this past September.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the pace of innovation promises to continue unabated as Jacobson's begins its second year in the neighbourhood.

When you drop in to pick up your Easter chocolates, you'll discover a new line of Italian truffles made by a family with four generations of history in the truffle business. The store has also recently introduced two new cheeses, *Wife of Bath*, a British cheese which is a must for the Chaucer scholars, and *Sauvagine*, an organic cheese made in Port Neuf, Québec, and winner of the 2006 Grand Champion Cheese award. If you're a cheese fancier you might want to check in on Thursdays or Fridays when Jacobson's cheese orders arrive so you don't miss out on your favourites.

New in baked goods are traditional French croissants, chocolatinés and baguettes made by a local chef who learned his trade from an uncle in Bordeaux. The baguettes have a subtle flavouring of lemon and cumin, which, according to Susan, is a dis-

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tinctive bread recipe from the Bordeaux region.

There are several intriguing new arrivals in the one-of-a-kind accessories line at Jacobson's, including a collection of designer umbrellas created by an Italian designer whom Susan met on an excursion to New York. The umbrellas are hand-made with marvelous materials (the men's are made with Armani fabric), and each has a unique and imaginative design. One of Susan's favourites is a plain black umbrella which opens up to reveal zebra stripes inside and a full, three-dimensional bouquet of red roses in the middle. Let it rain!!

Many readers may have read a recent *Ottawa Citizen* article reporting on the work of **Khorsheid Samad**, the wife of the Afghan Ambassador to Canada. Ms Samad is actively supporting an Artisan Designs project involving a group of Afghan women who are weaving traditional silk scarves in an effort to acquire much needed economic self-sufficiency for themselves and their families. Jacobson's was quick to step up to provide a venue for



Photo by Peter Glasgow

**Susan Jacobson displays a sampling of the wares available at Jacobsons.**

the sale of these exquisite scarves. And sell they did! At the time of our interview in

March, Susan reported that the store had swiftly sold out its first offering, but more are on the way.

In addition to its **Anniversary Sale from March 31 to April 15**, Jacobson's first anniversary celebrations will include a "Meet the Tastemakers Evening" on Thursday, May 3, at which twelve manufacturers from all corners of the world will be on hand to speak with participants about the history and culture, production and tasting of their respective delicacies, from chutneys and jams to teas, cocoa and chocolates. Watch for more details to be posted at the store closer to the event date.

When warmer weather arrives, Jacobson's plans to set up an outdoor table and benches where customers can relax and munch on a piece of cheese or a fresh baguette. We can also look forward to several changing themes within the store as the focus shifts to activities "by the lake" with the approach of summer.

Happy anniversary to Susan, Irene and their crew at Jacobson's, and many more of them!

#### **Celadon Salon and Spa**

With luck and due allowance for the vagaries of any complex construction project, the new Celadon Salon and Spa at Rockcliffe Crossing (the former Manor Park Plaza at St. Laurent and Hemlock) should be up and running by the time this publication is in readers' hands in early to mid-April. The spa is a family venture, co-piloted by NRC Manager **Morna Paterson** and her daughter-in-law **Eunan (Patty)**, an experienced esthetician and floral designer, and we wish them a warm welcome.

In the course of her daily commute to the NRC's Montreal Road campus, Morna noticed the absence of any hair styling or esthetics facility to serve the Manor Park area. In a subsequent conversation with **Paul Schaub** of **St. Laurent Tailoring** (at nearly 30 years, the longest standing tenant of the plaza, and now Celadon's close neighbour), she discovered that the Plaza was undergoing renovation and so she set about to determine what space might be available to rent and plans for Celadon were launched. Now, many of Ottawa's east end communities, including New Edinburgh, Lindenlea, Rockcliffe and Manor Park, have a new full-

service day spa and hair salon within easy travelling distance.

Celadon's unusual name refers to the green ceramics glaze developed in 7th Century China. In keeping with the green theme embodied in its name, Morna and Patty have made a concerted effort to develop the spa with a strong emphasis on environmentally responsible practices and products.

Celadon's interior designer, **Jeff Arron** of **AllSpace Interiors**, (a longtime NEN advertiser) has worked hard to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards of construction using environmentally-friendly building materials such as bamboo flooring, non-toxic paint and glues, and as many renewable and recycled materials as possible. The spa is also equipped with energy efficient heat and lighting, and plans to practice a strict water conservation protocol.

Celadon's services include hair styling; a comprehensive menu of esthetics treatments including body and facial treatments for women, men, teens and pre-teens, as well as manicures and pedicures; a myriad of massage therapies, and infrared sauna and aromatherapy steam therapies (unique in this area) which can provide welcome relief from muscle tension and chronic pain, as well as deep cleansing of skin pores.

For harried clients whose time is at a premium, the spa will also offer shortened versions of many therapies that can be fitted into a busy schedule. Since close to half of the respondents to a recent survey by Leading Spas of Canada expressed interest in having medical spa treatments included in their regular spa régime,



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Celadon is planning to add these services to its roster once they are up and running smoothly.

The spa also sells a variety of hair styling and esthetics treatment products, and in keeping with its environmental ethic, it places special emphasis on natural ingredients. It is the first full-service spa in the country to offer the natural ingredients of the Harnn & Thann hair and skin care line, imported from Thailand, and also carries Australian-made Nvey Eco certified organic make-up products, as well as facial and sun protection products from Esthederm of France. Should you happen to be looking for a floral complement to your own fresh, rejuvenated look, Celadon plans to have some of Patty's fresh and silk floral arrangements available for sale.

The spa is open 5 days a week and at other times by special arrangement. Small groups are welcome and there is a special spa menu for men and teenagers. Clients can look forward to a range of evening events, including lectures, demonstrations on topics relating to health and beauty, and a chance to come and revel in Music, Manicures and Martinis after a hectic week.

For a full rundown on Celadon's new facilities, and its extensive range of treatments, products, spa packages, gift certificates and gift baskets, check out their website at [www.celadonspa.ca](http://www.celadonspa.ca).

Best of luck Morna, Patty and the whole team at Celadon Salon and Spa. We wish you well at the Rockcliffe Crossing/Manor Park Plaza!

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## Friends of the Park Continuing

**By Ed Browell**

I am pleased to announce that **Madelien Lang**, a long-time resident of New Edinburgh has replaced me as **Chair, Friends of New Edinburgh Park Committee** of the New Edinburgh Community Alliance (NECA).

With its creation in June 1999, the Friends Committee adopted a challenging vision statement: To create a world-class park. I wish to thank the founding members of the Friends Committee for their contributions toward this vision: **Catherine Mirsky, Barbara Benoit, Gail Mceachern, Simon Clark, Peter Cock, Jennifer Tolton, Catherine Canning, Daphne Hope**, past president of NECA and our current president, **Gemma Kerr**. I also thank former Councillor **Richard Cannings** for his support in creating the Friends Committee in 1999. I am most grateful for the continued support from **Councillor Jacques Legendre** and his staff. Finally, I am grateful for the tremendous support provided by the 500 registered members of the Friends of New Edinburgh Park Committee who continue to improve our park through their diligent efforts.

### Park Improvements

Implementation of park improvements is guided by a *Five-Year Park Improvement Budget Plan* which is updated annually by seeking community consultation and approval by NECA's Board of Directors, Councillor Jacques Legendre and City of Ottawa Council for incorporation in the City's *Park Development Plan*. Park improvement projects in the northern portion of the park are approved by the NCC.

Major park improvement projects completed to date include: extension of the stone dust path along the Rideau River, planting of 85 trees, planting of 30 additional Explorer roses, maintenance of three Explorer rose beds, paving and re-location of the NCC recreational pathway, building of a basketball court, planting of tulips, conducting an annual spring cleanup of the park, establishment of the Childrens' Playground Facility sub-committee, repair of the cement wall next to the tennis courts, placement of sitting boulders along the river bank and at park entrances, negotiation of dog by-laws and dog exercise regulations with the

City of Ottawa and the NCC, and financial support to the Ottawa Sculpture Trail project.

and plant new trees to improve the tree landscaping in the park.



(l to r) Carol and Peter Gusen, David Horley, Ed Browell, Cecile Latour, Ernie Smith, and Councillor Legendre participated in last year's annual park cleanup. This year's event takes place on Saturday, May 12.

On 1 May 2002, the New Edinburgh Park Trust was approved as a registered charity by the Canada Revenue Agency so that tax deductions could be obtained by those who make donations for park improvements.

If you have suggestions for park improvement projects or maintenance requirements can be conveyed to **Madelien Lang** at 613-741-8370. We also welcome calls from new residents who wish to become registered members of the Friends of New Edinburgh Park Committee or make arrangements for the donation of memorial trees and benches.

### Tree Programs

Both the City and the NCC operate continuous tree replacement programs in consultation with the Friends Committee by which they replace dying trees



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## Work Towards a World-Class Park

and **Cecile Latour** for organizing the annual spring cleanup of the park and for planting a flower bed near the childrens' playground area.

The Committee also thanks **Keith Hardiman**, District Supervisor - Central Parks, **Josee Helie**, Planning and Development Manager, **Tracey Schwets**, Forestry Services Program Coordinator and her colleague **Julie Jackson**, and **Paul McCann**, Surface Operations Coordinator for their dedication to our neighbourhood park.

The northern half of the park is managed by the NCC. The Committee thanks **Janet McGowan**, **Benoit Morin**, **Gord Johnson**, **Micheline Mongeon** and all of their many colleagues who work to maintain the park in excellent condition.

Finally, I wish to thank the community of New Edinburgh for providing to me and my colleagues the opportunity to work towards creating a world-class park.

Thanks also to **David Horley**

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Students from Rockcliffe Park Public School's Environmental Club participated in last year's Eco-Stewardship Fair demonstrations.

## Ottawa Eco-Stewardship Fair: Where Rural Meets Urban

By Elaine Gibson

Ottawa's premier Earth Day event, the Ottawa Eco-Stewardship Fair (EcoFair), takes place **Saturday April 21** at the RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive from 10 am to 4 pm.

A free, fun-filled and informative day is being planned with over 80 exhibits under the theme of *Rural Meets Urban*. Healthy food choices and life styles, protection of our natural surroundings and wildlife come together with energy savings, greening for our homes and communities, and educational activities for all ages. Outside, the Transportation Fair will fea-

ture energy-efficient cars like the Enbridge natural gas car and unique vehicles like the Queen's University Solar Vehicle.

New this year, the Ottawa International Writers Festival is teaming up with Earth Day Ottawa. *Climate Change – Our Children's Future* will feature at least one children's author, as well as Bill Kemp, an expert in renewable energy and author of *The Renewable Energy Handbook for Homeowners*, and *Smart Power*, an urban guide to renewable energy and efficiency, and other speakers to challenge us to action.

There are interactive activi-

ties for the children, too! They can participate in hands-on examples of solar, wind and hydro energies, a Teacher's Corner or play Wildlife Detective - they can have fun and learn more about our world, too.

Start off the morning with the Sacred Earth Celebration at 10 am, an all-faith service. Come to cheer on students who successfully compete in Earth Day Ottawa contests.

For further information, please contact:

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[www.OttawaEcoFair.ca](http://www.OttawaEcoFair.ca)



By Michael Histed

### Why call the police?

Many of us would not hesitate to pick up the phone if we witnessed a robbery, or an assault. These are obvious scenarios, but there are many others where the public seem to hesitate in calling the Police. There are many reasons why people sometimes refuse to call the police. Some of these are listed here:

- The Police will not do anything anyway.
- The criminals are far away by now.
- It was only a small thing, I don't want to waste their time.
- I don't have much information, so it won't make a difference.
- Somebody probably called already.

While the majority of crimes in New Edinburgh are not generally very serious, the repetitive type crimes that we do experience such as break and enters, or car thefts, are still very disturbing particularly if you are the victim. Every November through January, New Edinburgh experiences a spike in break and enters. Having precious possessions stolen or your home vandalized is very distressing, and the Police will make every effort possible to find the criminals and to return your possessions. But this is no *CSI Miami*.

Occasionally the criminals will leave behind fingerprints and footprints, but for the most part what we are dealing with is petty crime, so leave the fiction of *CSI* behind. What the Police need are descriptions and patterns of criminal activity. That is why your call is so important.

On a number of occasions in

New Edinburgh your calls have helped catch criminals in the act. No call is ignored because every call is important to establish descriptions and patterns. The police are here to help and protect your neighbourhood and city, so help them help the community. Make the call.

### The numbers to call are:

For a crime in progress: **911**

To report an incident:

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### Neighbourhood Watch Notice

The following is a report from a sexual assault on Maple Lane, a neighbouring district. If anyone has any information contact the numbers below:

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Ottawa - The Ottawa Police Service Sexual Assault Child Abuse Section is investigating a sexual assault that occurred Friday, March 2, 2007.

The incident occurred on Maple Lane at approximately 10:30 am as a woman was walking to her workplace. She was grabbed from behind and was sexually assaulted.

The male suspect was described as being approximately 5'7-5'9 in height, wearing a brown winter jacket with a fur-lined hood, dark blue pants and with an average build.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Sexual Assault Child Abuse Section at 613-236-1222 ext. 5944 or Crime Stoppers at 233-TIPS (233-8477) or toll free at 1-800-222-8477.

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## Community & Family Events

### By Brian Torrie

The rink enjoyed another successful session before closing at the end of February. Despite a late start we enjoyed some great ice thanks to some cold temperatures and the rink crew led by Roger and Ryan Hardy.

There are a number of important events coming up. May 12 has been set as the date for the Annual New Edinburgh Community Plant Sale. You should mark May 27 on your calendar – it's the Ottawa International Marathon and the Council is organizing a special event to greet participants as they make their way through the neighbourhood that morning. Finally, reserve June 10 for the fun and games of the Annual Community Picnic. Watch for more in the next editions of the News.

Burghers should know that the Stanley Park Field House is available for your event at a very reasonable price. You should book now as the schedule fills up quickly. Contact **Jill Hardy at 746-1323** for more information.

### Playground Update

As mentioned in the last edition of the News, the Council has been looking into possible improvements to the playground near the Stanley Park Field House.

All the information on the proposal can be found on the neighbourhood web site ([www.newedinburgh.ca](http://www.newedinburgh.ca)) but I'd like to take this opportunity to explain a little about the proposal and answer some of the common questions.

Two options have been put forward for consideration: the **Infinity Web** and the **Crystal Climber**. The Crystal Climber resembles a small mountain of boulders and is designed both for free-play practice and as a venue for teaching rock climbing. Handholds are provided in strategic locations so that beginners can negotiate the climb. The second option, the Infinity Web, consists of a winding set of plastic panels with a heavy duty rope web covering the middle of the structure (see photo). Both structures are designed for children ages 5-12.

Included with either option is a special swing seat that can accommodate children with disabilities. Called the "inclusive swing seat", it can be added to the current swing set. This deep and wide ergonomic seat accommodates individuals of all abilities and includes restraints for easy entry and exit that also prevent pinching and scraping.

The three main criteria in

selecting a preferred option are available space, funding and user preference. In examining the current playground layout, it was determined that there was only limited space to add to the playground without removing or replacing significant equipment. As a result a space of about 8 by 12 metres was identified in the area currently occupied by the teeter-totter. The proposal would be to move the teeter-totter to another part of the playground and then install one of these options.

Based on comments received from the community, one of these options will be selected or a decision will be made to look at more options. You are urged to submit your comments through the community web site or you can attend the Council's meeting (at the Field House) on April 9th where next steps will be determined. Feedback so far shows a strong preference for the Infinity Web.

The cost of the equipment and other improvements is estimated at about \$25,000 to \$30,000. The Council, NECA and the City will provide the funding. In order to get City funding a proposal must be submitted by May 1, 2007. Installation is likely in August 2007.

To date, the questions and comments raised by participants on the web site include concerns about vandalism, cost, safety, future park plans and playground alternatives.

Vandalism is definitely a concern in the park, especially graffiti on the Field House walls, but I don't think that should stop us from trying to improve the park. Both proposed play structures are designed to withstand a lot and



**The Infinity Web structure is one of two options proposed for the Stanley Park playground. Put in your vote today!**

have survived in other communities and cities. The City is responsible for repairs as they will own the equipment.

Other concerns about the equipment revolve around the cost and safety. There is no doubt that playground equipment is expensive as single structures cost at least \$15,000. On the other hand, the equipment is built to last over 20 years and will certainly outlive the wood structures of the past. In addition, liability coverage is included with the installation. The equipment will be a City asset and the manufacturer is required to submit insurance certificates. In terms of general safety the two options are built for 5-12 year olds and it is not expected that 3 year olds would play on them unsupervised. Options for 5-12 year olds were chosen because the rest of the playground is built for the toddler crowd. These options provide older children with a play alternative in the park. It should also help to keep the older kids off the toddler play structures.

In terms of future plans for the playground, either option should fit into the plans. The life cycle of the current playground equipment ends in 2012. At that time a replacement plan will be developed by the City and the community that would be compatible with the new equipment.

For more information or to vote for your preferred option, please visit [www.newedinburgh.ca](http://www.newedinburgh.ca). You can also come to the next **Council meeting – April 9 at the Stanley Park Field House** – to discuss the playground changes. It's your neighbourhood playground so I urge you to participate.

### CCC EVENT CALENDAR

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| <b>April 9</b> | Community Council meeting (Fieldhouse) |
| <b>May 12</b>  | Annual Plant Sale at the Fieldhouse    |
| <b>May 27</b>  | Ottawa International Marathon          |
| <b>June 10</b> | Annual Community Picnic                |

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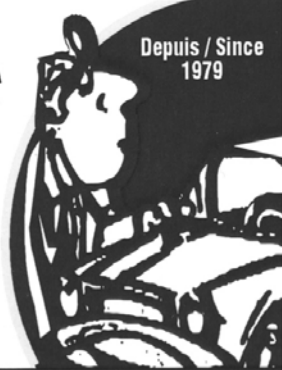
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Front row, left to right: Janet Uren, Pamela Harrod, Jodi Morden, Barbara Merriam;  
Second row: George Stonyk, Ingrid McCarthy, Linda Marchand, Alain Jegen; Third row:  
Hanna Fraser, Lawrence Aronovitch. (Not pictured - Ryan Hardy)

April 19 - 28, 2007

## New Edinburgh Players Celebrate 28th Season with a Production of *The Noble Spaniard*

This year the New Edinburgh Players present *The Noble Spaniard*, an enchanting pastiche, brilliantly adapted by W. Somerset Maugham from the French of Grenet-Dancourt.

The Noble Spaniard tells of a Spanish Duke (Lawrence Aronovitch) who loses his fiery heart to Marion (Hanna Fraser), a pretty widow, whom he meets in Boulogne where she and her sister, Lucy (Jodi Morden), are holidaying with Sir Sebastian Proudfoot and his wife, Matilda (George Stonyk, Janet Uren). Somewhat alarmed at the fervour of his not unwelcome advances, Marion allows him to believe that her husband is still alive—only to find to her dismay that she has opened the floodgates: nothing will satisfy him now but to find the wretched obstacle to his

heart's desire and dispose of him summarily. From then on he challenges every man he discovers with his lady to mortal combat, including the Comte de Moret (Alain Jegen), husband of Marion's best friend, Kate (Linda Marchand), and Lucy's fiancé, Capt. Chalford of the Heavy Dragoons (Ryan Hardy). The result is, of course, a furore of mistaken identities and chaotic confusion—ending in happiness all round. Mary Jane (Barbara Merriam) completes the cast as the pert upstairs maid.

Tickets may be purchased in advance, as of April 1, at **A Better Frame of Mind**, 417 MacKay Street (613 746-5329), or by calling 613 741-6084. Tickets will also be available at the door. However, reservations are

strongly recommended.

As always, the hall will be set up cabaret style with tables for groups of four, six and eight; a pianist will set the mood before each performance and refreshments will be served.

A charming set; ringlets, lace and silk, military uniforms and fencing foils, cloaks and sombreros (designed by costume mistress Jane Caskey and her team), witty dialogue in situations of glorious absurdity—who, in search of an evening's entertainment, could ask for more?

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*To get involved, provide input, volunteer time, or enquire about using our community room, please contact the Community Facilitator. We encourage you to pre-register for courses or special features by calling the relevant contact number.*



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Crichton Cultural Community Centre Board meetings take place on the 1st Sunday of the month at 4:00pm. These meetings are open to the public.

## Community Members Rally to Raise Lumière Festival 2007 Funds

Lumière organizers are thrilled that members of the Ottawa region are coming forward with amazing ideas on how to raise much needed funds for the Crichton Cultural Community Centre's amazing lantern festival – scheduled for August 11, 2007.

#### World Beats and Eats

On April 6, Lumière will be the beneficiary of a World Beats and Eats (WB&E) fundraiser. WB&E was founded by **Brad Campeau** as a way to support the regional arts community. The fundraisers take place on the first Friday of the month at the Mercury Lounge, a space donated by the owners. Campeau then finds regional caterers to provide the food, a DJ to mix beats and a visual artist to add to the atmosphere.

The Lumière WB&E will feature beats by **Emily Jones**. Miss Jones' selections are smooth, mellow and vaguely reminiscent

of what you'd expect to hear in a Shag-esque martini lounge, or a late sixties or early seventies movie soundtrack. Delicious eats will be provided by three of Ottawa's funkier restaurants – **Blue Cactus**, **Stella Osteria**, and **Luxe Bisto**. **Eric Chan**, a new media artist who explores the intersections of art and technology, will provide the visuals. Chan's pieces are most heavily influenced by Japanese print, graffiti and music.

Tickets to the fundraiser are \$8 and all the proceeds go towards supporting The Lumière Festival. Contact Brad Campeau at [worldbeatsandeats@sympatico.ca](mailto:worldbeatsandeats@sympatico.ca) for more information.

#### Light Up Lumière

**Alison Melia**, Program Coordinator for the Ottawa Esteem Team, was behind the Light Up Lumière fundraiser. This evening event took place in February at the well loved **Rainbow Bistro** on Murray

Street.

Special thanks go to performers **Lindsay Ferguson** for her soulful songs and amazing voice that sent chills down peoples spines and to **Hoodlum**, a fiddle punk band, who had everyone dancing all night long!

Volunteer **Gabby Phillips** helped make creativity contagious at our lantern-making table. People created beautiful pieces out of glass jars and after a few drinks, even beer bottles and wine glasses were turned into lantern art. All of the creations will be displayed at the festival.

The success of this event was evident in the \$1500 that was raised through ticket sales, so thank you to all of our supporters.

If you have an idea about raising funds for the festivals please let us know (613-745-2742; [cccc@bellnet.ca](mailto:cccc@bellnet.ca)) – we appreciate your support!

### CRICHTON CULTURAL COMMUNITY CENTRE CCCC Annual General Meeting Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007

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A dynamic warm up followed by 20 minutes of cardiovascular work. 20 min of strength exercises. Learn to use fitness balls, weights and toning bands to enhance muscular core strength, balance and postural improvements. Finish with a stretch and cool down to leave you fit and focused to face the day.

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Wednesday, 7:30 - 8:30 am  
1 class/week \$95  
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# Crichton Cultural Centre Weekly Programs

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The Katharine Robinson School of Highland Dancing offers classes in highland dancing, a traditional Scottish dance form. The school has several professionally qualified teachers, who train both recreational and competitive dancers of all ages. Depending on their interests and goals, dancers are prepared for annual examinations of the B.A.T.D., competition, choreography and performance.

## Music & Voice

### DRUM CIRCLE

Nancy Porteous and Corinne Davison  
[porteous\\_nancy@hotmail.com](mailto:porteous_nancy@hotmail.com)  
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Anik Fortin, 613-747-7477, anikfortin@gmail.com  
Friday, 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
\$100 for 5 week session  
Students will discover an expressive loose approach to painting as they become familiar with acrylic paints. Various painting techniques, colour balance, and composition will be addressed. Painting subjects will range from landscapes to geometric art.



### FIGURE PAINTING AND DRAWING

John Jarrett  
613-594-0182  
johnjarrett812@hotmail.com  
Wednesdays 9:30 am-12:30 pm  
\$40 for six classes  
In this workshop the model will sustain a pose over two sessions for a total of six hours. This will permit participants to complete a painting or to do a number of sketches or drawings.

## Children

### FRENCH SONGTIME - \*\*\*\*NEW

Michelle Morra 613-744-0275  
kenmich@rogers.com  
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### LITTLE RAMA LOTUS SERIES - Sign up now for Spring session

Amanda DeGrace  
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## PLAY SERIES

Caroline Elson  
613-282-7905  
Buy a punch card for 10 classes at \$100.00 and attend any classes you wish.

### Craft and Play

Monday 10:00-11:00 am  
This class is for anyone under 5 who likes to make a mess. Each week there will be a theme with a story and craft. Take your craft home at the end of the class

### Song, Dance and Play

Wednesday 10:00 -11:00 am  
This class is for anyone under 5 who wants to sing and dance. The class begins with songs in a circle, then dancing with music and sitting to end the class.

### Gym and Play

Thursday 10:00-11:00 am  
This class is for anyone under 5 that is walking. We will be tumbling, running, jumping, moving and playing games in this hour.

## Safety

### INFANT & CHILD CPR (Level 'F')

Erin Shaheen, 613-260-7309  
email: werehip@magma.ca  
\$35 per person

This Heart & Stroke Foundation course covers CPR for infants, children and adults.

Topics include:

- Recognition of heart attack and respiratory arrest
- Home safety and injury prevention for babies and children
- Definition of CPR
- Performing CPR on infants and children (one-rescuer)
- Clearing airway obstructions in children and infants (choking)
- Barrier Devices
- CPR and the Heimlich on adults
- Safe and healthy lifestyles

Babes in arms are welcome to attend the course.

## Safety Courses

Amanda DeGrace  
(613) 746-1415  
degrace.energetics@sympatico.ca

### Safe Parenting: Infant & Child

\$30 per person  
This course details infant artificial respiration, CPR, choking, bone injuries and breaks, head injuries and is recommended for all parents, ECE, child care providers, grandparents and anyone else who comes in contact with infants! We will also look at household safety tips to keep your infant safe!

### Babysitters Training Course

\$50 per person  
Sunday April 1  
9:00 - 4:00 pm  
This course will enhance the students learning skills and teach them hands on knowledge in dealing with children of all ages, basic first aid safety, emergency situations, preparing for the job, meal preparation and MUCH MORE! Students will receive a certificate upon successful course completion. Please note that candidates must be at least 12 years of age to babysit, however those who are 11 may attend the course if their birthday is within 6 months of the course date. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis! Numbers are limited!

### Standard First Aid & CPR 'C' Training for Older Children and Young Teens!

Recommended for ages 12-15  
\$120 per person

This course will cover all content required for certification with the Lifesaving Society, certification will be granted upon successful course completion. This course is a required certification for all lifeguards, recreation and fitness staff, team coaches and other employment opportunities. CPR and choking skills will be covered in depth for infants, children and adults.

Content also includes first aid legalities, self protection, burns, bites, breaks, spinal injuries, diabetic emergencies, seizures, circulatory and respiratory distress and disease!

Registration on a first come, first serve basis! Numbers are

**We ask people to pre-register for courses and special features so that we have some idea of numbers and can be adequately prepared.**

**Unfortunately, programs may be cancelled if there is insufficient registration. It is important for us to have a contact number in the event of a class cancellation.**

**Drop-ins are welcome, but please call ahead to confirm.**

## Canine

### CANINE OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Chantal Mills  
613-296-dog-e (3643),  
dog\_trainer@rogers.com,  
www.ottawak9school.com

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Sunday 4:00 - 5:00 pm, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Chantal says "my goal during the Basic Obedience course is to help you establish yourself as the leader AND develop the willingness in your dog to follow you. You want your dog to be obedient with an enthusiastic attitude!"

Private classes available

### Puppy Kindergarten

Monday 7:30 - 8:30 pm  
The first 6 months are crucial! Your puppy must build confidence and learn that the outside world is not a scary place.

### Agility Training

Sunday 3:00 - 4:00 pm, 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
Gymnastics for your dog!  
Agility training is fun, both for the human and the canine participant. Obstacles include the tunnel, teeter, chute, tire jump and the A frame.



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www.crichtonccc.ca

**For more information about the Centre or programs call 745-2742. To register for a specific program please call the instructor.**



## A new program for kids is coming soon to the Crichton Cultural Community Centre!

Michelle Morra, a stay at home Mom of two young children, is creating a unique French music and play program. The group will be aimed at children between 1 to 4 years of age, accompanied by their parents and/or caregivers.

this sensibility in our children".

The French music group will begin March 23rd and will run for ten consecutive weeks. It will consist of an hour of songs, music, dancing, stories and play – all conducted in

français.

Avant d'être mère de famille, Michelle Morra a fait des études en petite enfance et a travaillé comme gardienne d'enfants pour plusieurs familles à Ottawa. Depuis la naissance de ses enfants, Michelle a participé à plusieurs groupes (p.ex., jeux, musique, danse, bibliothèque et arts plastiques). «J'aime être une personne active dans ma communauté. Il est important pour moi de donner le bon exemple à mes enfants et de leur donner le goût de s'impliquer dans sa communauté». Le 23 mars, un nouveau groupe de jeux commence au Centre Communautaire Culturelle Crichton. Michelle animera une rencontre pour les enfants et les parents et/ou gardiens(iennes) avec des chansons, de la musique, des histoires, des comptines et de la danse.

Pour les enfants entre l'âge de 1 an et 4 ans. 100\$ pour dix classes, première classe le 23 mars 2007. Inscrivez-vous dès maintenant, Michelle Morra 613-744-0275 ou kenmich@rogers.com.



Michelle Morra will be bringing her special mélange of music and play to the CCCC this Spring.

"I decided to create a new class because there really seemed to be a demand for a French language playgroup in this neighbourhood" explains Michelle.

Michelle is a francophone who has been attending music classes and playgroups since her children (now 3 yrs and 1 yr old) were infants. Before starting her own family she studied early childhood education and worked professionally as a caregiver to several families in the Ottawa area.

"My husband and I have lived in many neighbourhoods in Canada and abroad, and have always tried to be active members of our communities. We feel it is important to instill

French. In addition to being a fun time for all, it will be a great way to meet other French speaking parents and caregivers and to expose children to the language and culture of the region's French-Canadian community.

For under 4 years of age. \$100 for 10 classes. Please register at least one week before sessions begin on March 23, 2007. Contact Michelle Morra at 613-744-0275 or kenmich@rogers.com

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Une mère francophone de deux enfants (3 ans et 1 an) qui demeure à New Edinburgh a décidé de commencer un groupe de jeux afin de répon-



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## MainWorks Profiles: Gail Bourgeois

Gail Bourgeois loves to draw! Her drawings and paintings interpret what she sees around her and what she sees in her imagination. Through her work, she invites people to think about the cultivated world and about the relationship human's have with nature.

windmills with meteors flying by. I am having fun!"

Born in the United States, Gail has lived in Canada for 35 years. When she moved here five years ago, she immediately became an active participant in the Ottawa arts community. She has been a member of

Mud Oven called Poetically Political opening on March 12.

Gail Bourgeois holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from Concordia University. For more than fifteen years, she has developed and taught university lecture courses in addition to courses in painting



Tony Caldwell took this photo of Gail Bourgeois when he became intrigued by drawings he saw in her studio. He has placed the artist between the natural light and one of her oil drawings on translucent Mylar.

For the past two years Gail has been working on a series of drawings of wrapped trees. She employs a variety of media from charcoal to oil on Mylar.

Gail enjoys working on many pieces at the same time. She says of her wind turbine paintings, "When I paint these wonderful giants, increasingly found in the landscape, they represent many things to me. Man's search for sustainable energy has a Don Quixotic character, so I paint these

MainWorks for almost four years.

Since 1985, Gail's works have been shown professionally in solo and group exhibitions across Canada and in England. She will be presenting a drawing series titled Non-sense in a solo exhibition at the PUKKA Gallery opening on May 11th. The gallery is located at 430 Parkdale Avenue (613.761.1515) [www.pukkagallery.ca](http://www.pukkagallery.ca). Also, she will be participating in a curated group exhibition at the

and drawing. She is currently teaching drawing at the Ottawa School of Art where she coordinates the Diploma Program. For the fall 2007, Gail has initiated a certificate program in the fine crafts. This new program, addressing artists with some experience in a crafts discipline, will offer study under the guidance of a master craftsman. Keep your eyes on the OSA web site for the official launch of this exciting new program at the end of May, [www.artottawa.ca](http://www.artottawa.ca).

## Jars and Volunteers Needed

## Lumière Festival 2007 Set for Saturday, August 11

Mark your calendars! The Lumière Festival is a magical event that you will not want to miss.

We are offering Lumière lantern workshops (at our location or yours) or lantern supplies for organizations. Additionally, lantern making parties are available at the CCCC. Call 745-2742 or check the website at [www.lumiereottawa.com](http://www.lumiereottawa.com) for workshop details.

Just a reminder - a lot of the supplies needed are those found in your basement, garage and garden. We are looking for donations of:

- glass jars (clean, any size, no labels or lids)
- thick and pliable wood from your garden - willow, etc
- decorating items - stickers, tissue paper, buttons, ribbon,

### Lumière Volunteer

#### Requirements

We welcome your participation; help Ottawa shine!

**Lantern Maker** - Attend a volunteer lantern making



workshop and then make star lanterns - these can be made at the centre or at home.

### Sponsorship

- the Festival needs to raise funds to cover festival supplies and performer fees. Approach potential sponsors to secure festival funds.

**Festival Promoters** - Help promote the festival by disseminating brochures at other large events like Canada day.

**Fire Safety** - Be responsible for setting up the fire safety equipment and signage along the Lumière route.

**Translator** - Translate Lumière promotions and media releases from English to other languages.

**Media Assistant** - Contact media to get Lumière listed on PSAs, community calendars and to get print/radio/TV publicity

To volunteer, contact the office at 745-2742, email [cccc@bellnet.ca](mailto:cccc@bellnet.ca) or fill in a volunteer registration form at [www.lumiereottawa.com](http://www.lumiereottawa.com).

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## What's New at the CCCC English Country Dance

If you have seen any of the Jane Austen movies such as "Emma" or "Sense and Sensibility", or watched "Pride and Prejudice" on TV, then you have seen some English Country dancing.

It is social dancing. You dance with a partner and with the other people in your group or set.

It uses simple steps such as a springy walk or a skipping step to perform the figures of the dance.

It can be quick and lively, slow and elegant and everything in between.

It is danced to beautiful melodies, some new, some hundreds of years old, but they are all tunes that will make you want to get up and dance!

Come and try English Country dancing at a free introductory session. You don't need to bring a partner, but do bring soft-soled shoes.

**Free introductory session:**  
Monday April 2. 7.30-9.30 pm.

**Classes:** Monday April 9 –May 14, 7.30-9.30 pm.

**Cost:** \$30 for 6 week session

## How to Raise a Money-Smart Child Seminar

**When:** Saturday April 28, 3:00-4:00 pm

**Where:** Room 307, CCCC

A special seminar on "How to Raise a Money-Smart Child" is coming to the CCCC in April. Attendees will acquire the tools and techniques to teach their children and grandchildren about financial goal-setting and self-discipline and the basics of making wise money choices.

This one-hour, interactive seminar is enhanced with the

Money Savvy Pig Piggy Bank and Activity Book given to each child.

The seminar is presented by **Steve McIlroy** a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investments, 266 Beechwood Avenue.

There is no cost for this event and parents are welcome to bring their children who will be entertained by **Little Ray's Reptiles** during the seminar.

To RSVP call 613-742-6811 or email [steve.mcilroy@edwardjones.com](mailto:steve.mcilroy@edwardjones.com)



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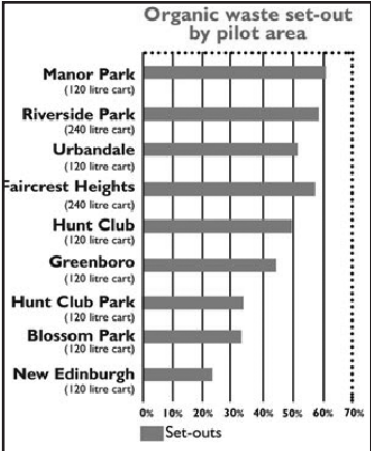
# Where Have All the Green Bins Gone?

## Burgh Hits the Bottom of the List with a Failing Grade!

**By Jane Heintzman**  
It is now six years since the City introduced the Compost Plus pilot programme into nine Ottawa neighbourhoods, one of which was a stretch of New Edinburgh streets including Charles, Thomas, John, Mackay and Crichton Streets, Stanley Avenue, and the lanes between Charles and Dufferin. The primary objective of the programme was to divert the very substantial compostable component of household waste from Ottawa's overextended landfill to a commercial composting facility which averted the significant costs of creating a new landfill site. Important side benefits of the system included an attendant reduction in the methane gas production of the landfill, and the creation of valuable compost needed for enriching the soil.

Over the years since the "Green Bin" system was introduced, the News has urged our readers in the pilot area to get on board the City's green initiative. On several occasions, we have offered tips about how to use the Compost Plus sys-

tem to its best advantage, and with minimum inconvenience. The results of our crusading are not encouraging. In fact, they're downright depressing! The table below shows the relative participation rates of the nine communities in the programme, with the Burgh coming in dead last at just over 20%.



Based on my observations through the winter months when only an astonishingly small number of green bins were at the curbside on collection day, my guess would be that those households who are

using the bins, are using them primarily for garden waste during the spring and summer and not for kitchen waste, which accounts for such a large proportion of the average household's garbage.

Come on folks, we really can do better, *much* better! And indeed, if all goes as planned, we will have to change our ways as the Green Bin programme is currently slated for city-wide implementation by the end of 2008. Nearly all major Canadian cities already have such a system in operation and Ottawa is currently trailing the pack, struggling to boost its waste diversion rate from the present level of about 32% to the provincially mandated target of over 60% by 2008. So it's highly probable that Green Bins are here to stay and in the present climate (oops!) of heightened environmental awareness it makes sense to use them to the best possible advantage.

When you get right down to it, that's most of your garbage (in our experience, about 80% of the non-recyclable waste).

If you haven't yet caught on to the system and are daunted by the prospect of smelly containers, maggots and marauding animals, these can be avoided entirely by using the specially designed *Bag to Earth* kitchen waste bags (available at **Jolicoeur Home Hardware**) to collect and store organic waste. It's helpful to line the bottom of the bags with a couple of discarded newspapers and, in the case of really mucky articles, to wrap them in newspaper before putting them in the bags. If possible pop newspaper-wrapped scraps into the freezer for storage until collection day, just to minimize the risk of unpleasant smells.

If readers are still uncertain about how best to introduce this new routine into their households, I would be happy to go through the abc's of using the Green Bin to best advantage, so please send in your questions/concerns to [janeheintzman@hotmail.com](mailto:janeheintzman@hotmail.com) or [newednews@hotmail.com](mailto:newednews@hotmail.com). It really is a simple and perfectly hygienic system, and will significantly lighten the load of irreducible garbage shipped off to the burgeoning landfill sites. So please, let's try to be Greener, both for the environmental health of our City and to boost our community's failing grade in Environmental Stewardship!

**What Goes into the Green Bin**  
Here's a quick summary of all the stuff that *should* be going into your Green Bin:

Food Waste	Other Stuff	Yard Waste
Fruits and veggies	Paper towels and tissues	Leaves, grass
Meat, fish, scraps, bones	Greasy pizza boxes	Hedge clippings
Dairy products	Paper bags for sugar or potatoes	Plants and weeds
Breads, Cereals	Cold fireplace ash	Windfall fruits
Coffee grounds and filters, teabags	Kitty litter	
Egg shells	Wood chips and sawdust	
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# For the Birds

By Jane Heintzman

Since our last report, prepared in the balmy month of January, true winter weather finally made an appearance in the Ottawa Valley, and with it the biting cold temperatures and snow cover that drive the feathered population to our backyard feeders to load up on the seed and suet they need to survive until spring.

Throughout the coldest days of February our feeders were buzzing with activity as **purple finches, house finches, goldfinches, chickadees, house sparrows** and **white breasted nuthatches** vied for the fast depleting stocks of sunflower seed, nyjer seed and suet. Needless to say the attendant mess sprayed around the ground beneath the feeders proved ideal fodder for the **rock dove** (a.k.a. **pigeon**) population, although the odd wild chase from our youngest Labrador kept their numbers within a manageable range.

Even our ever-present **cardinal** residents came boldly to the feeders to join the fray and at one point I observed a feisty female cardinal in combat with the brassy chickadees over the sunflower seed supply. While her plumage is perhaps not as vivid as that of her brilliant red consort, the female's lovely

light fawn coloring and bright red bill has a charm of its own.

Territorial competition among larger species can be a dramatic sight and I was fascinated to watch as three large **crows** pursued what I believe to have been an immature **sharp-shinned hawk**, driving the hawk to the safety of a protected perch in a narrow backyard off our lane. The immature **sharp-shinned** and **Cooper's** hawks are confusingly similar, but I surmised from the comparatively small size of this escapee (slightly smaller than a crow), combined with the heavy brown



Sharp-shinned hawk.

streaking on his breast (which is paler in the case of the Cooper's hawk), that he

belonged to the sharp-shinned family.

On February 22, I was astonished but delighted to encounter a lone **American robin** scampering about on the ground close to the entrance of Rideau Hall. Perhaps the harbinger of an early spring, I can only hope that this little guy is able to scrounge a sufficient supply of fruit and berries to sustain himself until the blustery cold and snows of March have subsided and worm-picking weather has returned.

## Woodpecker Wiles

One of the birds most in evidence in our neck of the woods this winter was the pint-sized **downy woodpecker**, the smallest and most familiar of the 13 species of woodpecker found in Canada. Like its very similar cousin, the **hairy woodpecker**, the downy has a white back and white under parts; white spotted black wings and a black and white streaked face. The male also has a prominent red blob on the nape of its neck. The downy is noticeably smaller than the hairy, however, (6" long as opposed to 9"), and has a much shorter bill than its pinocchio-esque relative whose powerful bill is as long as its head.

My guess would be that even readers who can't recall having seen a downy this winter will have heard their distinctive, sharp "**pik, pik**", or their harsh, whinnying call as they flit from branch to branch boring into the bark for food. About 75% of the downy's diet consists of insects which it traps with its long, barbed tongue and sticky, glue-like saliva. In addition to its staple diet of insects and larger prey such as caterpillars, moths and mayflies, the downy is a fre-



Downy woodpecker.

quent visitor to backyard feeding stations where it claims its share of sunflower and other seeds, and in our case at least, more than its share of suet, which it seems to devour with frightening efficiency.

As early as late February or the beginning of March, downy pairs will lay claim to their nesting site, drumming short tattoos with their chisel-like bills on dry twigs in the territory and shattering the silence with their sharp whinnying calls. The pair takes as long as three weeks to complete the excavation of its nesting hole, which is about 12 to 15 cm wide, and 20 to 30 cm deep. At the outset, the male does most of the drilling while the female drives off intruders.

## The Woodpecker Watusi

When defending their territory, the male downy takes care of other male marauders while the females deals with interlopers of her own sex. Typically the birds parade in front of each other with beaks open and wings raised and fully spread, twisting and turning like little dervishes in an effort to drive off competitors through this hostile dance. Our **Macoun Marsh** correspondent, **Mike Leveillé**, actually witnessed just such a war of nerves taking place between two downy females in mid-February, so chances are the young naturalists at **Educarium** will see some

downy hatchlings later this spring.

## Bird Life at the Marsh

Apart from the intriguing displays of downy woodpecker behaviour observed at the Marsh this winter, the Educarium crew reported sightings of **black-capped chickadees, goldfinches, tree sparrows, cardinals, juncos, white-breasted nuthatches, mourning doves, hairy woodpeckers** and even a **raven**. No doubt by the time this edition hits the streets the list will have expanded to include such early spring arrivals as the **red-winged blackbird**, the **horned lark** and the incomparable **American robin**.

In late May (May 26 and 27), the team at the Marsh will celebrate the **Grand Opening of the Outdoor Classroom** which is finally nearing completion after 3 years of planning and fundraising. Check out the details of the opening celebrations in an article in this issue by Grade 6 Educarium student **Pierre-Luc Souigny**.

## Natures Encounters: Notes From Manor Park's Dave Collyer

Our new regular contributor, Manor Park naturalist **Dave Collyer**, sent us a report on three of his favourite bird watching spots in our area. He reports that the **Rockcliffe Rockeries** and environs are a haven for winter birds such as **black capped chickadees, white breasted nuthatches, cardinals, downy and hairy woodpeckers, and blue jays**. Mackay Lake and the Caldwell Conservation area are also excellent birding locations, and as migration approaches, Dave notes that species such as **red winged blackbirds, purple grackles, flycatchers** and many types of **warblers** will

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be regulars to the area. The lake itself will also soon be a haven for visiting **gulls, herons** and many species of waterfowl, as will our own stretch of the Rideau River through New Edinburgh Park. (Indeed, as I sign off in mid-March, the ducks are already coming back, and I look forward to their companionable quacking in the coming weeks.)

The area around Rockcliffe Park Public School and Ashbury College were reportedly alive with **black capped chickadees** and **white breasted nuthatches** in late February and early March. In the course of a single weekend Dave racked up a count of 12 chickadees and 5 nuthatches. He was especially pleased to note the number of active feeding stations in the area providing wild bird seed, sunflower seed and suet to sustain the birds through the bitter days of early March.

#### Jekyll Island, Georgia

Our regular birding correspondent **Vicki Metcalfe** and her husband **Dennis Orchard** wisely headed south for the months of February and March. Their destination was **Jekyll Island**, one of the many barrier islands along the coast of **Georgia**, mid-way between Savannah, Georgia and Jacksonville, Florida. Apart from being far enough south to escape the worst blasts of winter, Jekyll Island is wonderful birding country with its extensive wetlands and forests of pine and live oak. In spring and fall the island is a resting spot for migrating birds on their Atlantic flyway.

Armed with their copy of Peterson's *Birds of Eastern and Central North America* and a supplementary book of local birds, Vicki and Dennis



Photo by Vicki Metcalfe

#### Snowy egret and great ibis on Jekyll Island, Georgia.

compiled an impressive list of bird sightings which they sent us in late February. In the Backyard category (which includes golf courses, forests, and the cactus and brush bordering the island's roads and paths), their list included **Northern mockingbirds**, a **blue-gray gnatcatcher** (which resembles a chickadee, but with a long, upright tail), **American robins**, a **red-bellied woodpecker**, mourning

doves, a **pileated woodpecker**, and an **Eastern bluebird**.

In the Wetland category (marshes and ponds), their sightings included great blue herons, great egrets, snowy egrets (including a flock with their heads down, burrowing in the marsh "like crows in a corn field", as Vicki described them), an immature tricoloured heron, an immature

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# Birds...

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white ibis, an immature little blue heron (all white with green legs), wood storks dozing by a pond at a highway intersection, dozens of myrtle warblers, an immature turkey vulture and cedar waxwings, a handsome species whose presence I missed this winter in the Ottawa area.

In their jaunts along the beach with their lively companion Ceilidh, Vicki and Dennis also spotted **common brown pelicans**, **double-crested cormorants** and innumerable **terns** and **gulls**, the exact identities of which Vicki was still sorting out at the time of our correspondence.

## Birds of Victoria County, Cape Breton

Much to my delight, **John May**, one of our faithful out of town subscribers to the News (who also happens to be the father of Burgh resident and Green Party Leader **Elizabeth May**!) recently sent me a copy of "Strictly For the Birds," the regular birding column for the *Victoria Standard*, a small, bi-weekly newspaper based in Baddeck in the Victoria County region of Cape Breton. This fascinating and engagingly written column is authored by **Bethsheila Kent**, to whom Mr. May has reportedly been sending copies of the NEN's "For the Birds" so that Ottawa and Cape Breton can share their birding experiences.


While our respective bird populations have much in

common, including the **blue jays**, **black-capped chickadees**, **American goldfinches**, **dark-eyed juncos**, **golden-crowned kinglets**, **hairy, downy and pileated woodpeckers**, **red-tailed hawks**, **northern shrikes** and **American bald eagles** reported in Ms. Kent's late Fall/early Winter column, Victoria County's waterfowl and seabird population is, for obvious reasons, considerably more diverse and abundant than what is found in our immediate area. Ms. Kent's column also included a reported sighting of a **great skua**, a massive (23"-25"), thick-chested and broad-winged seabird with a distinctive broad, white band on the outer portion of its wings.

Another intriguing sighting

reported in Ms. Kent's column was a **rusty blackbird**, a medium-sized (9") song bird with a distinctive bright, rusty wash on its Fall/Winter plumage. As I read this description of this singular coloring, I was reminded that my husband had once insisted that he had spotted a flock of "shiny, gold tinged" black birds. It was a report which I had originally dismissed as a bit of harmless hallucinating. Now I'm not so sure!!

Happy birding to all as we head into the glorious months of Spring. The parks and lanes of the Burgh will soon be alive with the sights and songs of nesting season. And please let us know who's nesting in your neck of the woods: [janeheintzman@hotmail.com](mailto:janeheintzman@hotmail.com) or [newednews@hotmail.com](mailto:newednews@hotmail.com).



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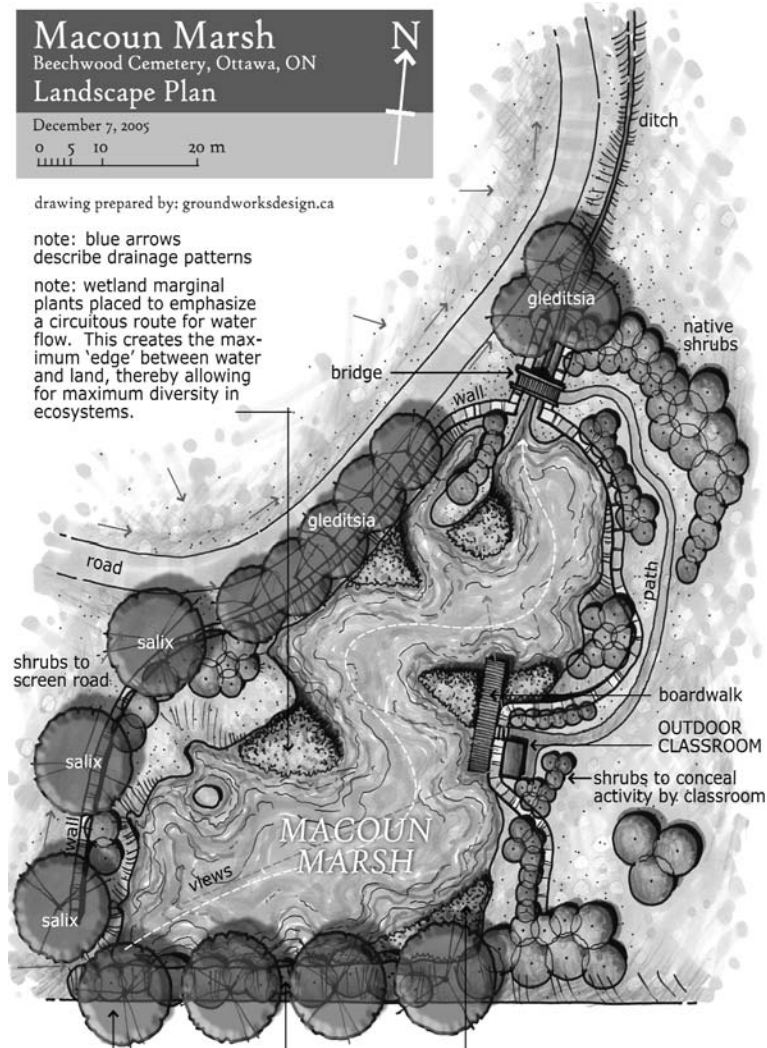
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## The Great Canadian Bio-Blitz May 26-27

By **Pierre-Luc Souigny**, Grade 6, Educarium School

In honour of the United Nation's International Day for Biodiversity, the Macoun Marsh team is celebrating Biodiversity with a **grand opening of our outdoor classroom on May 26 and 27**. After three years of planning, we can see that our outdoor classroom is a reality. The Ottawa Carleton Catholic School Board Technology classes have also been working on this project for the past month. We will be celebrating biodiversity within our City of Ottawa. The Grand Opening will take place in the South-East corner of Beechwood Cemetery. **David Coates**, **Environmental Affairs Officer for Inland Waters**, will represent the United Nations Secretariat on Biological Diversity.

We would like to invite the community to celebrate this event with us. There will be top local biologists coming. The Ottawa Field Naturalist Club is now involved in this event. A biological survey (or Bio-Blitz) will take place over two days. Research work and journals will be presented by Educarium and Jean Vanier Catholic students. **Irwin Brodo** (Expert in lichens), **Fenja Brodo** (Expert in insects/Crane flies) and

**Andrea Howard** (Naturalist/Educator) are some of the specialist guests. **Tara Conroy** from Canadian Museum of Nature will also be assisting. Another important feature of the weekend will be a Pollinator Monitoring Workshop given by **Jim Dyer**, who has been instrumental in developing the programme



which is sponsored by EMAN (Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Network) at Environment Canada. The workshop will take place at the Educarium. There will also be some display tables. We have learned that there will be a working bee hive on site. We will have an exhibit on Pollinators and the Ottawa Carleton Wildlife Centre will have a display table. All Bio-Blitz events are free of charge.

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## Adult Art Workshop

Pamela Lasserre will once again offer an adult painting workshop at the Lindenlea

Community Centre. The course will be held over three consecutive Saturdays in April, the 14th, 21st, and 28th, from 2 - 5 p.m. The 14th will be devoted to painting techniques, composition, colour (theory & exercises), and preparation. On the 21st and 28th, students will paint a live model. You must bring the following: your choice of medium, 1 canvas (approx. 16" x 24"), and 2 sheets of canvas paper. Cost for this workshop is \$135.00. For further information, please phone 742-5011.

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# Fern Hill Students Spread the Love at New Edinburgh Square



A Fern Hill School student presents a hand-made Valentine card to a New Edinburgh Square "grandma".

By Gina Watson

The Junior Kindergarten children from Fern Hill School know that "Love is something if you give it away - you keep on getting more".

The children sang these words to the senior residents at the New Edinburgh Square on Valentines Day, and just like the song they were singing, they gave away love in the

form of Valentines cards they had made for the "grandmas and grandpas" at the residence. In return they received smiles, applause, laughter and ... more songs from the seniors.

One resident, Ailsa, learned to sing as a child and continues to sing. Betty ran a nursery school and taught music. The two are starting their own singing group at the residence.

Without missing a beat, Ailsa and Betty shared their own song with the children:

"Be you to others kind and true, As you have others do to you."

The children presented a giant Valentine that was to be put on display in the dining room and then handed out chocolate treats to everyone in attendance.

The performance over, snow-suits, boots and mittens had to go back on for the two-block walk back to school in the falling snow. Betty fell back into her old role as nursery school teacher, helping some of the little ones with their outdoor gear, displaying with her actions the sentiments of her earlier song, "Be you to others kind and true, as you have others do to you."



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# Notes from Istanbul

By Lester Clark

## Hello from Turkey

Greetings Friends and neighbours! I am penning this from beautiful Istanbul. It is truly a magnificent city. Not only is it a major seaport but also, I am told, it was once upon a time the seat of a vast empire and...it still shows. The streets are narrow and cobbled (like old Québec) and follow no obvious pattern up and down and around. It is easy to lose your bearings but not to worry: guidance is only one kind Turk away and there is no shortage of them!

We rented an apartment in Sultan Ahmet, near the blue mosque. Our neighbourhood is thick with kids (and cats). The children bring us so much joy with their broken English and vigorous hand-waving "hello's" (not to be missed). They greet their elders with arms wide open and receive heart-warming hugs and pecks on both cheeks. Then they scamper away knowing (somehow) that they are loved and watched over. No trust issues here folks...just trust.

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There is so much to see and do. Street artists, old men fishing, museums, shopping bazaars, musicians, and when you hear for the first time the wailing prayers coming from the mosques, it makes you feel that all is good.

## Hello from Beechwood

I am back in the hood on Beechwood, the canal froze on time for Winterlude, the Senators (hockey) have us (almost but not quite) believing that "this could be the year," and spring is in the air. Soon I will be on my bench reading the morning paper, basking in the sunshine, and throwing a wave to Roger Hardy as he passes by on his new motorcycle, nodding his hello as he always does on his way to work. And I will call to mind my Turk Muslim friends telling me with gentle assurance, "Allah hu Akbar," and I will look up to the blue sky, smile and agree...indeed, "God is great."

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# Elmwood School's Annual Auction Will be a Night to Remember

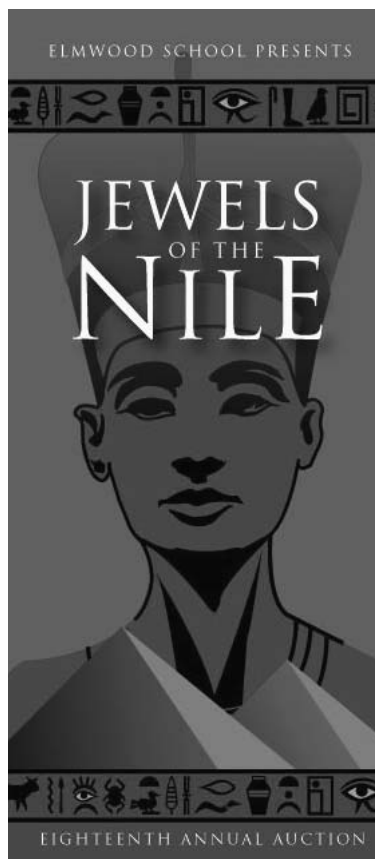
By Anne X. Benoit

On **April 28, 2007**, Elmwood School is holding its 18th Annual Auction. One of the most popular events of the community, the Auction always promises a fun night for all those who attend. The night begins with martinis and silent bidding on items ranging from art work and fashion to unique experiences such as riverboat trips and shadow days with orchestra musicians.

Dinner is always a grand affair with excellent food. Dancers entertain while guests anticipate the live auction. Whether you are bidding or not, you can't help but be excited and impressed by what the live auction offers: embassy dinners, exotic vacation getaways, and private flight tours in military planes, to name a few.

Each year the Auction has a different theme which makes the evening a one-of-a-kind experience. Previous years' themes have been "An Evening in Paris," and "Le Cirque." This year, guests will be welcomed to the "Jewels of the Nile" and can expect to be swept away to the land of

ancient Egypt. The evening promises to reflect the many mysteries and charms of a land



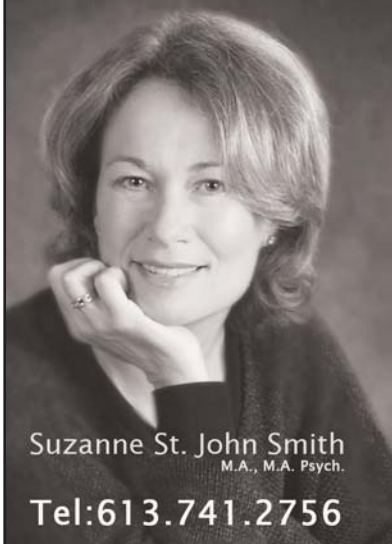
infused with beauty and mystery. Dinner will be catered by **Thyme and Again** and Belly Dancers from **Mirage Studios**

will entertain throughout the evening.

With a long tradition behind it, the Auction has established itself as a major social event for the area. Over 300 guests typically attend, many people returning year after year. As the Elmwood student population continues to include more people from other parts of Ottawa, the Auction follows suit by attracting a diverse and energetic crowd every year.

Proceeds from this year's Auction will be going towards Elmwood's *Future Forward* initiative. Improvements will be made to the sports fields and the general area surrounding the school, making it more attractive to the community and improve functionality for the students. The initiative will also bring new technology to Elmwood.

For those looking for a fantastic evening out this Spring, mark the "Jewels of the Nile" Auction on your calendar and help give back to the community. Tickets can be purchased individually at \$150 each or by tables of ten. To buy tickets, contact **Megan Puff** at **613 749 6761 extension 293**.



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## Leaving an Impression

# Paradise Found Lecture Series 2007

By Jeanne Labelle

Claude Monet was the longest-lived and most prolific of the French Impressionist artists. He expressed his creative talent in two ways: painting and gardening. He lived in heady times, when post-revolutionary France was evolving toward *la Belle Epoque* and a welcome new openness was breaking with centuries of tradition.

Monet's Muse: Claude Monet and the Gardens of Giverny is a live-documentary lecture that tells the story of the impressionist art movement through the examination of this well-loved artist, his talented circle of friends and his gardens and waterlily pond in the small Normandy village of Giverny. In keeping with the high standards of the **Paradise Found Lecture Series**, those lucky enough to attend will be treated to a stimulating

evening of history, biography, beautiful art and stunning photography. I recently saw the



Claude Monet

first section of this work-in-progress. The story, carefully crafted from extensive research, brings the times, the characters, their struggles and

triumphs into perspective. Peppared with photographic and narrative details, including anecdotes, political events and personal relationships, the rich backdrop makes a cohesive context to give depth and meaning to the artists' struggles.

The lecturers visited Claude Monet's gardens in Giverny four times over the last growing season to allow for a wide range of differing photographs. These pictures, coupled with archival ones, will invite the audience to follow the 43-year development of this property's gardens - particularly the famous pond, which served as inspiration for Monet's last painted works: the monumental waterlily series. This is an artist's garden, and Giverny today remains the most visited garden in Europe.

Historian/writer **Karen Molson** and landscaper/teacher **Joanie Flynt** are the two creative women who conceived, photographed, researched, wrote, and produced the lecture series. This talented team also delivers the well-scripted lectures in a slightly theatrical style. The images are projected on large double screens and the composition, selection, flow and pacing of imagery displayed on this 28' X 11' space is in itself an inspiring work of art. At times it is difficult to tell if the images support the narrative, or the script drives the images. The amount of work and dedication that goes into each lecture is obvious and remarkable, and well worth their effort.

Last year I attended the Paradise Found Lecture Series and saw the three presentations offered at Centrepointhe Theatre – they were incredible! Since it was the first time this series had ever been offered to the public, I'm not sure that anyone knew exactly what to

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expect. That series delved into the history of some outstanding British gardens, highlighting the lives of their creators and their influence on future gardening styles. Literature, art, architecture and ecology, were all skillfully woven through the narrative to give breadth to the tales being told. There were moments, many moments, when the audience's rapt attention was focused as if they were all breathing as one

person. It is a rare occurrence today, that our expectations are exceeded . . . and that we come away feeling differently about things that we took for granted only a few hours earlier. I have never found learning such a pleasant experience!

We in Ottawa will be the first to see **Monet's Muse** – Toronto art and garden lovers will have to wait until November 22. And for those of you who missed **Virginia, Vita and Sissinghurst** last year, it is back by popular demand for a one-time encore – don't miss it this time . . .

This year's lecture, **Monet's Muse**, is sponsored by Landscape Ontario, and will be opened on Thursday evening, April 12 by the Ambassador to

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France (and New Edinburgh resident!), **His Excellency, M. Daniel Jouanneau**, the honorary chair for the lecture. For more information and a little taste of what is in store, visit and explore Karen's and Joanie's beautiful website at [www.paradisefoundlectures.ca](http://www.paradisefoundlectures.ca)

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## Rockcliffe Park/Lindenlea Soccer League

By Caryn Kewell

Spring is just around the corner, so they say, which means it is time to start thinking about soccer. Last year the RPL league had an amazing season with over 250 children aged between 4-15 enjoying soccer in our neighborhood. This year we are again running our program for four age divisions (PeeWee, Junior, Intermediate and Senior). Registration forms will be sent out to last year's players and are also available at local schools and at the Lindenlea

Community Centre, 15 Rockcliffe Way. The registration evening at the Lindenlea



Community centre will be on Tuesday, April 3 from 8:00 – 9:30 pm. The registration deadline is April 10 and given the popularity of our program

we cannot guarantee spaces after this date. This year you will also be able to download the registration form and get other information from our website [www.rplsoccer.org](http://www.rplsoccer.org). The League starts on April 28 this year, so mark your calendars!

Coaches, referees and other parent volunteers are still needed to run this league. If you can help, please contact the new RPL Soccer League Convenor, Nedko Panayotov at [nedpan@hotmail.com](mailto:nedpan@hotmail.com).

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# The Wisdom of the Buddha

*Notes from New Edinburgh choreographer/dancer, Anne-Marie Gaston on her experiences in the Orissa State in eastern India this winter. Anne-Marie was in Bhubaneswar, the State capital, to participate in an International conference on Odissi dance, the classical dance style of Orissa.*

**In the footsteps of the Buddha**

India: New Year's eve, 2006. Under a full moon I sat beside a large *stupa*, a Buddhist monument shaped like a dome. The *stupa* was situated at the top of a hill called Dhauli, surrounded by fertile plains. It marks the spot where, in the 3rd century BC, Ashoka, the great Mauryan emperor, won a great victory over the local kingdom of Kalinga. Up to that point in his life Ashoka had ruthlessly

expanded his realm to create what was then the greatest Indian empire of all time. It is rather chilling to actually stand on the spot where such a violent cataclysm took place. Looking over the recently harvested rice fields I imagined the scene, twenty-three centuries ago, filled with death and destruction.

But the story is not all sadness. Following his victory, Ashoka renounced violence and became a follower of the path of non-violence and renunciation advocated by the Buddha. Today the royal symbol that Ashoka adopted, the Buddhist *chakra* or wheel of law, adorns the Indian flag.

Only the year before, at

Christmas, I had the good fortune to visit Sarnath, in northern India. In the early morning, accompanied by many Tibetan pilgrims, I circumambulated another great *stupa*. It was in Sarnath in the 5th century BC that the former prince, Siddharta Gautama, after renouncing his life of privilege as a prince, gave his first sermon and taught for the first time the principles that now form the foundation of Buddhism.

As a choreographer it is important to me to actually feel



the space where human history has unfolded. At Dhauli, while contemplating Ashoka's conversion and the power of The Buddha's message, I found the inspiration for a new mixed media presentation: *The Environmental Wisdom of the Buddha*. The Dauli *stupa* is covered with sculptures recounting the Buddha's life. I was bombarded with images and ideas that inspired me to create my new piece and some of these images will form backdrops for the dance. The philosophical precepts of Buddhism offer much artistic material. By challenging us to address the three evils of greed, envy and pride they force us to confront the person-

al and global environmental costs of our ever-growing desires.

From Dhauli I travelled north and east through fields and forests inhabited chiefly by tribal people outside of the Indian mainstream. Their evident impoverishment stood in stark contrast to the vibrant economy of the smog-shrouded cities of India. Every day in newspapers we read of India's economic boom. But at what cost? For hours the car threaded among giant potholes on remote roads that connected

dirt-poor villages. We passed the remains of extensive mediaeval Buddhist monasteries and finely sculpted Hindu temples, reminders that the region had not always been poor and backward. It gave me an uneasy premonition of what environmental degradation might eventually deliver world-wide unless we change our ways.

Anne-Marie Gaston (Groves) is an internationally recognized dancer of several styles of Indian dance, having studied and performed in India for over 35 years. On April 13-14 at 7.30 pm under her stage name Anjali, and along with her company, she will present traditional classical and temple dances from India and the mixed media dance-theatre *The Environmental Wisdom of the Buddha* at Arts Court Theatre (2 Daley Ave). Dances will be performed in front of evocative images of stupas, temples and sculptures (tickets \$25/\$22 info (613) 564 7240).

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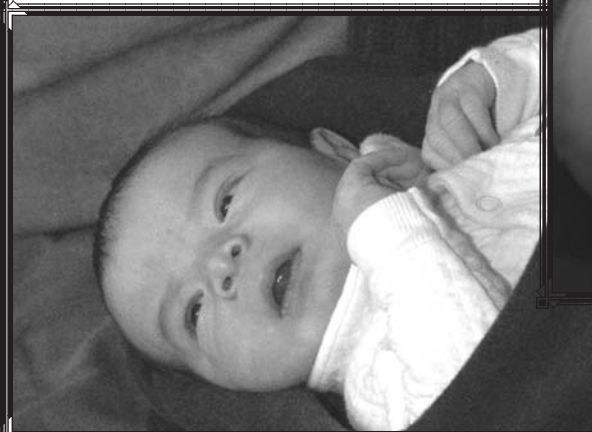
# Babies of the Burgh 2006/2007



**Clockwise from top left:** Ava Mary Bisby, born Christmas Day; Johanna Rostenne, born in August; Louis Immanuel Staudte, born August 3 (pictured with big brother Noah); Owen Rhys Joseph Hall, born November 30; Marc Etienne Chedore, born August 27; Madeleine Margaret Iles, born September 18; Alice Isabella Wansbrough Torrie, born January 3, 2006; Julian Simon Crôteau-Zdyb, born October 1; Julien Denis Bélanger, born September 16.



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### Tue, May 22, 7 pm

INFORMATION SESSION for the Steiner Waldorf education program of École élémentaire Le Trillium, 140 Genest Street (Trille des Bois building). [www.trilledesbois.ca](http://www.trilledesbois.ca).

### Sat, May 26, 10 am - 2 pm

STUDENTS - Do you need volunteer hours? Manor Park Public School needs your help for their 55th Annual May Fair, a school fundraiser and a community event. For more information, please contact Dannette McLeod at 745-5775.

### Mon, May 28, 7:30 pm

GREEN PARTY of Ontario (Ottawa-Vanier) Nomination Meeting. The Ottawa-Vanier chapter of the Green Party of Ontario will be choosing its candidate for the upcoming provincial election. Anyone is welcome to come, and consider nominating someone! Crichton CulturalCommunity Centre, 200 Crichton Street. [www.ottawa-vaniergreens.ca](http://www.ottawa-vaniergreens.ca).

### Sat, June 2

3RD ANNUAL AMAZING BOOK RACE in support of ALSocares Family Literacy Program. [www.nald.ca/also](http://www.nald.ca/also).

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# Burgh Breezy its

## Welcome to ...

It's a Puppy! **Isobel Bisby** is pleased to announce the birth of a pup by her dog **Scarlet** on March 12. Isobel, mother and pup are all doing well.

Welcome to one of our well known local dog walkers **Linda Roininen** (Hair of the Dog Care Services) who recently moved from Lowertown to Alexander Street with **Maggie**, her faithful canine companion.



Welcome to **Marta, Martin, Rebecca** and **Isaac** who recently moved to Ivy Crescent from Critchton.

## Get well soon

Get Well Soon to **Darrell Herauf** who broke his ankle during a hockey game and forever ended his dreams of playing in the NHL.

**Lester Gracez** and his wife **Debbie** of the Second Cup on Springfield recently returned from a memorable trip to Tarrazu, Cost Rica, where they visited the Hacienda La Minita coffee farm, and worked alongside the Hacienda's coffee pickers and other locals involved in the coffee farming process. Back on the home front, Lester is happy to report that both his daughter **Melissa** and his son **Christopher**, who is recently returned from the South Pacific, are now working part-time at the Springfield location.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Charlie** and **Anna Woodcock** of Noel Street who won Gold and Bronze respectively at the Canadian Ski Marathon in March. Charlie skied 85km and Anna skied 30km over the weekend.

Congratulations to **Paul Denys** of **Denys Builds Designs!** The company received a 2006 Ottawa Carleton Home Builders' Association Award for Best Housing Detail for Heritage Porch Restoration, and an Honourable Mention for the kitchen in the Paterson House

in Sandy Hill.

Congratulations to **Vicki Metcalfe** who was appointed to the Ottawa Public Library Board in early February. The 14 member Board consists of six City Councillors, including newly elected Chair Jan Harder, and eight citizen trustees appointed by Council who serve for a four year term. Vicki brings to bear a wealth of experience from both her 30 years as a federal policy analyst and her active engagement in the community where she currently occupies the Treasurer's hot seat on the CCCC Board. Best of luck Vicki: the OPL Board is lucky to have you on their team!



**Anna Woodcock (above)** won Bronze at the Canadian Ski Marathon. **Charlie Woodcock (pictured below with his mom Trish)** took Gold. Bravo!



Congratulations to **Susan Rodocanachi** on her excellent timing. While the temperature here hovered at -40, she was running a marathon in Florida

## Bon Voyage

Bon voyage to **Kitty** and **Mick Glover** as they make a flying trip out west in March for a doubly happy occasion. Son **Chris** is being called to the bar in Calgary and Kitty's mother is celebrating her 90th birthday in Vancouver.

## Kudos

**Rockcliffe Park Public School** parents have created a "birthday party pack" to encourage students to forego a few presents and encourage donations to their twin school in Lesotho. The pack has party invitations, postcards to direct invitees on how to make a donation, and special Lesotho gift cards to bring to the party instead of a gift. The packs themselves also raise funds for the school in Lesotho. Additional information can be found at [www.helplesotho.ca/rpps](http://www.helplesotho.ca/rpps).

## Condolences

Condolences to the family of **John Spiers Taylor** who died on March 9 at the age of 81. John is survived, and will be greatly missed by his wife Shirley of Noel Street and his three children and their spouses, Gillian and Laurie, Stuart and Cynthia, Jane and David. Jane and David, and their children Nikola and Scott, were long time Ivy Street residents who moved to Lindenlea a few years ago.

Our condolences to the family of retired **Major General Roger Rowley** who died in mid-February at the age of 92. He and his wife Barbara have

been longtime residents of the Burgh, most recently at New Edinburgh Square on Beechwood Avenue. Mr. Rowley had a distinguished military career, serving with the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa and the Stormont and Glengarry Highlanders during World War II. His impressive list of military credentials include his assignments as Commander of 2 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group in Germany, Commandant of the Canadian Army Staff College, Commander of the Army Tactics and Organization Board, and Deputy Commander Operations at Mobile Command. Even after his retirement in the late '60's, Mr. Rowley retained many of his military affiliations, devoting much of his time to the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem.

Our sincere sympathies to **Peter Cock** on the recent death of his beloved Schnauzer **Tredinnick**. Tred was Peter's sprightly companion for close to 13 years, and the pair was a familiar and welcome sight in the community as they plied the streets of the Burgh on their daily constitutionals. We know that Tred's absence will be deeply felt, and our thoughts are with Peter as he adjusts to life without his engaging little companion.

Our sympathies to **Alexandra** and **Isabelle Reid** on the loss of their beloved black Labrador, **Liza Jane**, who died on March 16 at the venerable age of 14 and a half. In her prime, Liza was among the great canine beauties of New Edinburgh Park where for many years, she played exuberantly each afternoon. She will be sorely missed by her family and by her many friends and admirers in the neighbourhood.



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# NEW EDINBURGH NEWS

April 1, 2007

## Canine Carbon Busters

By NTNEN Staff

The Burgh's redoubtable environmental crusader **I.M. Greene**, Chair of the Go Green or Gag Committee of the Not the New Edinburgh Community Alliance (NNECA), is well known in our community for his pioneering work in the promotion of environmentally sustainable practices, most recently, for the organization of ritual mass burials for incandescent light bulbs in New Edinburgh Park, and the recruitment of vigilante teams to slash the tires of idling vehicles. Well, readers, I.M. is at it again and this time he has outdone himself.

I.M.'s latest carbon-busting scheme is to bring about a dramatic reduction in the use of private automobiles here in the Burgh by offering the services of **local Dog Delivery Teams** to pick up your supplies on Beechwood and deliver them straight (more or less) to your front door. "It's a win-win deal," declares an ebullient I.M. "You and your car stay home and your dog gets a good run without dragging you to the park every day." Few among us would have the sheer imaginative brilliance to make the connection between exercising our dogs and slashing our annual carbon emissions, but I.M. is one-of-a-kind.

Drawing on the Burgh's ever increasing canine population, and an intrepid group of volunteer drivers, many of whom have helpful background experience in chariot racing, I.M.'s ingenious plan is to hitch his delivery teams to special custom made cart-like vehicles with just enough room for the driver and a load of groceries sufficient to feed an average family of 0.5 not-very-large

adults (it helps if you're a vegetarian as your stuff might actually get there). As always, the forward thinking Beechwood Village merchants have greeted the plan with enthusiasm, and many have already installed hitching posts in their parking areas, along with storefront poop-bag dispensers.

Not surprisingly, I.M. and his crew have encountered a glitch or two in the pilot project phase of the Dog Delivery scheme, including a couple of (well, OK, lots of) trial runs in which the tastier contents of the cargo never made it to their destination, and another occasion (or two) on which driver, cargo, cart and all were flung to the four winds when the lead dogs spotted a saucy squirrel. Another kink to be smoothed out is the melting of ice cream and other frozen supplies as a result of poop-and-scoop related delays, a design flaw which gives a whole new meaning to the word "Musher."

The ever-optimistic I.M. is unconcerned about such minor hitches and, in fact, is already dreaming of expanding into the lucrative school bus transportation business. If you think you have what it takes to be a Dog Team Delivery driver or school bus pilot then I.M. wants to hear from you! Give him a call at 123-MUSH and join the local team of canine carbon busters. Kyoto targets here we come!

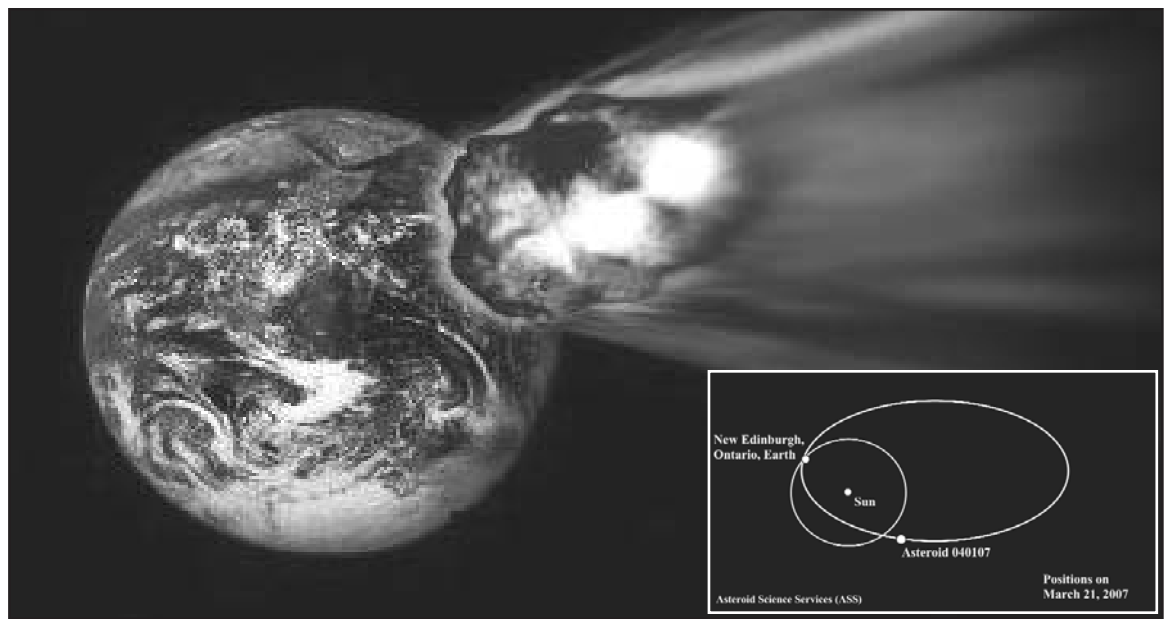


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A Humble Space Telescope Image taken of Asteroid 040107 as it approaches the Earth.

## Large Asteroid poised to Slam into New Edinburgh

By Macon Ithup  
NTNEN staff writer

Scientists at Canada's Science Research Council (SRC) announced today that a large asteroid measuring 3.5 kilometres in diameter would slam into the earth within the next three to four weeks. Dr. Stratus Precambrian, Head of Asteroid Science Services at the SRC, warns that fallout from the asteroid hit will devastate much of the planet. "Even though the predicted impact site has been pinpointed to the New Edinburgh area, the whole region, actually the whole planet, will be severely affected", said the scientist.

Reactions from local residents have been mixed. "It will definitely put us on the map," responded Alf Orit of Ivy Crescent when asked about

the impending doomsday scenario. "I would guess it will help to slow down the traffic in this area" he added.

Dr. Precambrian is concerned that this event is not being taken seriously. "This is not going to be pretty at all. Those who think the earth will weather this calamity are sadly mistaken." The scientist then added, with his characteristic dry wit: "We are going to seriously miss our Kyoto targets on carbon gas reduction. But on the bright side, there won't be anyone around to notice."

Always the optimist, Dr. Precambrian notes that despite the destruction certain things will survive. "Generally these kinds of cataclysmic events often result in the realigning of prominent life entities to succeed those made extinct.

Moreover the lower life forms fair better in surviving the event. Species such as insects and invertebrates will, for the most part, be unaffected by the impact.

Dr. Precambrian does hold out a slim degree of hope that the asteroid will miss. "It is not very scientific at all to 'hope'. Generally we scientists work in the real world of logic and verifiable evidence, but there is something to be said for cultivating denial at a time like this.

"As cataclysmic events go, being smashed back into the Stone Age by a giant flaming piece of space debris is not a bad way to approach the theory of re-incarnation. Its certainly dramatic, and it sure beats filing your income taxes."

## Burgh Sleazy Bits

By NTNEN Roving  
Reporter Taw King Trash

The champagne corks have been popping at the **Capony family** home on Stanley Avenue since father **Alf** was released on bail last week after spending a few sleepless night in the cooler awaiting a hearing on fraud and embezzlement charges.

Congratulations Alf! We're pleased as punch to have you back in the neighbourhood, and grateful that you're ready and willing to resume your important work as Treasurer of the Not the New Edinburgh Community Alliance.

The **Scales family** of Crichton Street had a recent scare when their beloved pet python **Petunia** went a.w.o.l. for 24 hours. Fortunately the little (OK, maybe *not* so little) dickens was found unscathed at the nearby home of **Madge Jitters**, and we understand that Madge is now recovering nicely from the mild heart attack she suffered after encountering Petunia in her shower. In the true spirit of community, we understand that Madge's family may be prepared to settle the incident out of court.

Hats off to the **Chillin family** of Ivy Crescent who went all out this winter in their personal crusade to combat climate change. The Chillins slashed both their heating costs and their household carbon emissions by setting their thermostat at a bracing 5 degrees Celsius throughout the frigid days and nights of

February and March. Sadly they have since been forced to sell their home in order to cover the costs of plastic surgery and other treatments for severe frostbite to their extremities, as well as their astronomical bills from Mounting Equipment Co-op for Goretex clothing and high tech winter camping gear.

Take a bow (wow) **Crooner family** of Mackay Street! Their multi-talented Golden Retriever **Luciano** recently swept the awards in the solo *a cappella* howling category at this year's Kanine Kiwanis Festival. Neighbours of the Crooners confirm that Luciano's virtuoso performance at the Festival is the product of hours of dedicated practice at the family's back door. Keep it up Luciano: that starring role in Wolfhound Amadeus' *Marriage of Fido* could soon be yours!