



Robert Lanouette displays his maille jewellery.

Artisans' Co-op welcomes new members

Valley Artisans' Co-op is proud to announce that two new artisans have joined the group.

Our Valley Artisans' Co-operative of over 30 members will shortly celebrate its 25th year in business as a retail outlet for local artisans and craftsmen and the "go-to" place for residents seeking unique quality art and crafts.

Members come and members go, so customers will always be surprised and delighted with an ever changing selection one-of-a-kind treasures.

Pottery, glasswork, jewellery, photography, wall art and wooden creations, fabric art, millinery and basketry and now we offer "Chainmaille" jewellery.

Visualize chains made by entwining tiny metal (jump) rings in intricate patterns to be worn as bracelets and earrings.

Our newest member, Robert Lanouette, who grew up in Chalk River, presently serves with the Canadian Armed Forces, and when not engaged in the physical activity that entails, can be found carefully prising apart tiny stainless steel jumprings and putting them back together in deliciously detailed 3D patterns.

Robert Lanouette's linking of small parts to build strong and sharp looking necklaces and bracelets.

A suit of chain mail armour anyone? He'll make it for you (with a deposit).

What of our other newest member, potter Cheryl Brabant?

A Deep River native, Cheryl studied art at St. Lawrence College, specializing in photography.

Somehow this training led her to establishing a florist business specializing in perennial lilies.

Pondering speed-challenged vertical plant growth, led her to contemplation of circular motion - the potter's wheel.

But her creations are anything but round - ceramic masks and free form dishes anyone?

It has been said that a potter is not permitted to create crooked pottery until they have mastered the art of throwing circular pots. Have a careful look at Cheryl's work and decide for yourself.

The Valley Artisans Co-op is located right here in Deep River, 33373 Hwy 17 west, next to the Laurentian View Dairy, and is open 363 days a year.

You can also check out our website at www.ValleyArtisans.com.

collecting Valu-mart slips and you can drop off your slips to the library collection box.

There is no coffee morning planned for February but mark your calendars for March 15 when our guest speaker will be Nina Shah who will help us better understand our medications.

Once again this should be a very informative gathering as you enjoy another hot "cuppa" while visiting with friends and neighbours.

MYSTERY

We still have a mystery at the Head, Clara and Maria Public Library - one of our supporting patrons who saved and donated Valu-mart receipts to the HCM Library also misplaced a sum of money.

Now you must know what it is you misplaced and be able to give the details when you call 586-2677. We hope we are able to match up the person and the funds.

The library is looking for westerns and romance paperbacks. So should there be anyone out there that has some to donate, just drop the books off to the townships office or the library.

Until next time, happy reading everyone!

Royal Cdn. Legion Branch 436, Deep River



Saturday evening our branch was definitely the place to be, the tunes were awesome and Wendy D's superb chilli kept the dancers' furnaces fuelled.

Next week come out and dance to the Peter White Band. Dances run from 5-9 pm for the low cost of \$3 or \$2 and a donation to the food bank. Food is available at a very reasonable price.

Our crack euchre team of Clara, Lee-Ann, Mary and John represented our branch at the zone euchre tournament in Chalk River. Unfortunately the oldies couldn't help the newbies go on to the next level but fun was had by all.

Friday fun darts is growing leaps and bounds and the fun is growing exponentially (lots big). Seriousness is not allowed, as is not throwing darts at the big round red moving thing (Sam).

Calling all darters (Ladies Auxiliary and Branch) on Saturday, February 11 our branch is hosting interbranch darts, tons of fun and only LA or branch paid up members can experience the comradeship of other branches and show what great hosts we are. Sign-up sheets are in the lounge.

SUPERBOWL PARTY

Come one, come all to our super duper February 5 Superbowl potluck hootenanny. Bring your favourite dish, your favourite chum

or chums and your favourite Hamilton Tiger Cat stuff to cheer them on to victory.

Lounge opens at 3 pm with kick-off at 6:30 pm but come early to get a good seat.

On the Thursday euchre front, here are two weeks of trophy winners. For January 19, Penny Clark took two trophies Hi lady and most loners with Jim Gabourie the Hi man. Bob Goddard won the low trophy.

Last week the Hi lady trophy was won by none other than Melbs herself and Gerald Marion was the Hi man. Penny Clark took the most loners for the second week in a row. Bernice Marion brought home the second trophy for the Marions when she captured the low trophy.

Comrade Earl has almost completed his comedy tour and he may be back in time for next week's Rusty Dillabough Memorial Draw.

In his stead once again Comrade Mike "Spanish" Walsh was a commendable MC but no one can touch the master.

Winners were Ben and Veronica, Ron & Sue Wilkes, Terry Arthur, Troy Purcell, Fred Goodick, Steven Gervais, Lyall Smith, Scott Bannister, Irene Doncaster, Deb Adams, Mary Ahokas, Danny Bertrand, Elaine Levesque, Hazel Herriot, and Gerry Mungham.

No winners were in attendance so next week's bonus prize will be \$30.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Please note that our January 27 meeting was cancelled and is rescheduled to Friday, February 3, at 2 pm.

Royal Cdn. Legion Branch 562, Chalk River



Hooray for us! (Sounds of cheering and hand-clapping in the background). Last Sunday, at Zone Euchre, three of our teams did well enough to move on to District Euchre on March 24 in Ottawa.

They were the teams of Basil Rousseau, Sandra Foster, Frank Russell and Deb Clouthier; Linda Stewart, Gordie Stewart, Brent Gutzman and Maureen McCarthy; Hazel Sullivan, Pat Sullivan, Jim Lamure and Lorraine Lamure. Congratulations to all!

It was a "Euchrey" kind of weekend with regular 4-Hand taking place on Saturday as well. The winners that day were as follows: in 1st place - A. McCauley, C. McCauley, P. Clarke, P. Morash; in 2nd place - B. Clouthier, E. Moore, J. Wilson, K. Mantha; in 3rd place - L. McDonald, B. McDonald, L.

Lachance, C. Dunham; Most Loners - B. McGillis.

The next paragraph is, unfortunately, devoted to sad news. As of today, those members who have not paid their dues for 2012 are not in good standing. You know what that means, don't you?

Our Membership Chairperson, with a tear in her eye, is forced to put a little black "x" beside these members' names on her membership list in order to keep track of them.

And now for some better news: for the low sum of \$50 from the errant member, she can erase the black "x" and, instantaneously, that member is once again in good standing and all is forgiven... never to be spoken of again.

So, if you find yourself in the aforementioned category, fear not - there's still hope.

As always, our hall and wonderful catering services are available for any gathering, big or small. The man to call for information is Jim Lamure at 589-2973.

FEN EARLY YEARS



Keep up to date with us on Facebook. "Like" us at FEN Early Years (Deep River & Area).

HOURS

Chalk River: M, W, F mornings from 9-11:45 am. Pt. Alexander: Tues and Fri mornings from 9-11:30 am. Deep River: M-F 9:15-11:45 am and M-Th 1-3:30 pm.

WELL BABY DROP-IN

Come visit the public health nurse to have your baby, toddler or preschooler weighed and measured at Point Alexander on Friday, February 3 from 10-11 am.

CHILD HEALTH CLINIC

Thursday, February 2, 10-11:30 am at Deep River FEN

FEN hosts the Renfrew County District Health Unit at these clinics which provide access to health information, immunizations, dental health, growth and development consultations and screening. Appointments are required for immunization and dental services. Please call the health unit before the clinic date. Immunization: 613-735-8653, or dental: 613-735-8661.

REGULAR PROGRAMS

Mondays: Chalk River Circle Time for You and Me at 10.45 am. Tuesdays: Pt. Alexander Story Time at 10.45 am. Wednesdays: Playgroup at the North Renfrew Long Term Care Centre from 10.30-11.30 am. Also on Wednesdays at Chalk River FEN, join in the Best Start Prenatal Nutrition program for expecting mothers from 11.45-1.15 pm.

Thursdays: Circle Time for you and me in Deep River at 10.45 am.



Jake
is a 1 year old retriever, Lab/Border Collie who is looking for an active family to bring him home. He loves to fetch and go for walks. If you would love a dog to add to your active lifestyle stop by the shelter and meet the man of your dreams.

If you'd like to see Jake or his friends call

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Head, Clara and Maria Library

LAPTOPS AND MORE

As 2012 whizzes along we would like to remind our residents that the library is still open daily from 8:30 am to 4 pm in Stonecliffe. If you haven't joined as of yet, you should, it's free and we have a very current selection.

The next DVD pool rotation is scheduled to take place the second week of February and this group added to our great selection offer lots of viewing fun for those cold snowy weekends.

As well, the Playaway cassettes are a big success as people enjoy the audio stories while travelling throughout their day.

We still offer two laptops to our patrons so they can stay current while touring about the country and stopping at wifi hot spots.

Overdrive from our online eResources is another popular item used by many while they putter and work throughout their day. Imagine how much fun housework will be, when you can read while working.

Keep in mind the library is still



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