

Mary Lynn Benz demonstrates placing and gluing cut glass in preparation for fusing in the kiln.

# Valley Artisans celebrating 25 years with day-long demonstrations

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The Valley Artisans' Co-op is celebrating its 25th year.

As a part of this celebration, they are providing demonstrations in their parking lot this Saturday, June 30, from 11 am to 3 pm.

Mary Lynn Benz, Boni Jaworski, and Hazel Herriot will kick off the first hour of demonstrations.

Mary Lynn, president of the co-op, is a glass fusion artist. Glass fusion work is a few thousands of years old, and intricate works have been documented since approximately 1,500 BC - from functional items such as bowls, to beautiful jewelry and wall tiles.

Any type of glass can be fused, and today, there are many beautiful colours of specialty, fusion glass with good, predictable qualities. Mary Lynn works with glass, glass stringers, glass frit and glass powders.

Mary Lynn will be demonstrating how glass is cut, shaped, and prepared for the kiln and fusing.

Boni Jaworski, a co-op member since 2002, is a multi media artist who creates works on paper, fiber and jewelry, as well as creating amazing watercolours. Her works are in both private and public collections in Canada.

Boni will be demonstrating watercolour techniques.

Hazel Herriot works with spinning, rug hooking, and other fiber forms. For her, in spinning for end use, the tactile sensation, combined with the interplay of colour and line are vital to her work.

Hazel is one of the founding members of the Valley Artisans' Co-op and is a graduate in Fine Arts from the University of Saskatchewan.

She holds certificates in Traditional Rug Hooking and an OHS Certificate of Excellence in Spinning.

Hazel will be demonstrating spinning and traditional rug hooking techniques.

From 12 noon to 1 pm Boni will continue with watercolour demonstrations and Hazel with some Batik and felt making work.

Laura Mayo, who joined the Valley Artisan's Co-op in 1999, will join them.

Laura works with paints and dyes on fabrics so that she can capture the two things she loves most in art, vibrant colours and nature. Laura will be demonstrating sun dying techniques.

## POTTERY, CALLIGRAPHY

From 1-2 pm Alison Packer, Nancy Trottier, and Cheryl Brabant will team up for demonstrations of pottery work, inscription carving, and calligraphy.

Alison, a member of the co-op since 2008, makes beautiful decorated mugs, plates, and a wide variety of pottery. Her work reflects beautiful colour and natural forms.

Alison will be demonstrating various pottery techniques.

Nancy Trottier, one of the newest members of the co-op, will be demonstrating stone inscription carving, brush writing, and pen calligraphy. Visitors will have the

opportunity to try their hand at all three!

Cheryl Brabant began working in pottery in 2009. She works with a variety of clays and shapes to produce both large vessels and small plate forms. Her glazes reflect a variety of earth colours and textures.

Cheryl will be demonstrating wheel-throwing techniques.

The demonstrations will conclude from 2-3 pm. Local wood carver Gerry Grantham will join Nancy and Cheryl in demonstrating.

Gerry, an associate member of the co-op, is an award-winning carver with over 100 ribbons for excellence in his work. He creates amazing hand made wood canes with extensive hand carved and painted details.

Gerry will be demonstrating small work and tools by carving small Wizard Heads to give out to visitors.

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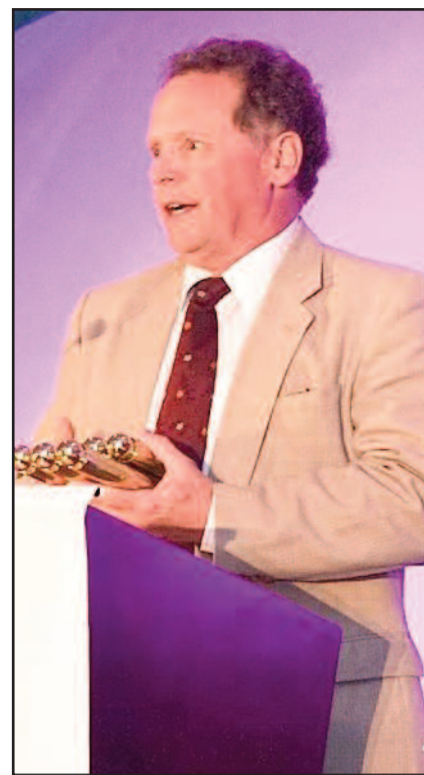
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## SIMONS HONOURED

Right: Former Deep River clerk-administrator Larry Simons was recognized recently as the 2012 recipient of the AMCTO Prestige Award. AMCTO (the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario) presents this award annually in recognition of a career of outstanding commitment to the association and to endeavours which raise the profile of the municipal profession. Simons has been an active volunteer with AMCTO for more than 35 years, and served as the association's president in 1996-97. Simons was Deep River's clerk-administrator from 1987 to 2006, and currently lives in Parry Sound.



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## THIS WEEK

Items are listed free for non-profit community groups. To have an upcoming event listed, call the NRT at 584-4161 or email <NRT@magma.ca> before 10 am Monday.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

10 am - 4 pm, Canadian Clock Museum summer hours (Monday to Saturday), 60 James St., Deep River \*

12:30 pm, Weekly Progressive Euchre, play starting at 1 pm, Chalk River Legion \*

7 pm, Petawawa Legion Community Band concert, Deep River Yacht and Tennis Club

7:30 pm, Christian meditation, everyone welcome, 1 Hammond Ct, Deep River (for information, call 584-9192) \*

7:30 pm, Toastmasters meet, North Renfrew Long Term Care Centre (for information, call 584-2505) \*

### THURSDAY, JUNE 28

1:30 pm, Deep River Lawn Bowling Club Social Bridge, Deep River Legion \*

4:30 pm, Mackenzie Community School Grade 12 graduation ceremonies, Childs Auditorium, MCS

6:30 pm, Lions bingo, Chalk River Lions Hall \*

7 pm, Al-Anon meeting, everyone welcome, Laurentian Hills municipal hall, Point Alexander \*

### FRIDAY, JUNE 29

10-11:20 am, Coffee morning, everyone welcome, Deep River Community Church \*

11 am - 5 pm, Schoolhouse Museum open, Hwy 17 at Meilleur's Bay \*

1:30 pm, Casual cards, North Renfrew Long Term Care Centre, 47 Ridge Rd. \*

8 pm, Friday night Fun Darts, Deep River Legion \*

8 pm, Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Pt. Alexander municipal building, Hwy 17 \*

### SATURDAY, JUNE 30

11 am - 5 pm, Schoolhouse Museum open, Hwy 17 at Meilleur's Bay \*

8 pm, Deep River Summerfest Live Music Evening, Deep River Yacht & Tennis Club

### SUNDAY, JULY 1

10 am - 12:30 pm, Chalk River Canada Day activities and games for children - hot dogs, hamburgers, cake & ice cream for all, followed by 4-hand euchre at 1 pm, Chalk River Legion

11 am - 5 pm, Schoolhouse Museum open, Hwy 17 at Meilleur's Bay \*

12-4 pm, Head, Clara, Maria Canada Day celebrations, with entertainment, games and dress-up/musical parade for children, free BBQ, at Old Mackey Park (end of Jennings Road)

12:30 pm, Deep River "Red & White" Canada Day parade, followed by entertainment, food, games & fun (1-5 pm) - parade begins at Deep River town hall, followed by events at Riverbank Park

1-4 pm, Canadian Clock Museum summer hours, 60 James St., Deep River \*

9:45 pm (approx), Canada Day fireworks, Deep River Campus

### MONDAY, JULY 2

10 am - 1 pm, Deep River and Area Food Bank open, at the Deep River and District Hospital - CLOSED for Canada Day (for more information, phone 584-2484)\*

11 am - 5 pm, Schoolhouse Museum open, Hwy 17 at Meilleur's Bay \*

1 pm, Golden Oldies Euchre Club, CR Legion \*

7:30-10 pm, Country Line Dancing, Bear's Den, Hwy 17 Deep River (for information, call 589-2644) \*

8 pm, Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Pt. Alexander municipal building, Hwy 17 \*

### TUESDAY, JULY 3

10:45 am, Storytime, Point Alexander Library \*

11 am - 5 pm, Schoolhouse Museum open, Hwy 17 at Meilleur's Bay \*

1 pm, Summer Euchre, hosted by Deep River Lawn Bowling Club, Deep River Legion \*

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

An asterisk (\*) indicates weekly events.

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