

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hill Park just the start

Have you noticed the new play structures in Hill Park?

These are the first of the initiatives of the Deep River Environmental Support Group (DRESG) which expects in the future to create similar improvements in other Deep River Parks.

The DRESG was created because the board of directors of the Deep River and District Community Foundation (DRDCF) realized that many of their donors wished to direct some portion of the income from their funds to environmental causes.

However under the rules for public foundations, they are allowed to make grants only to registered charities.

Unfortunately there are not many local charities devoted to environmental endeavours.

For very large projects, such as

the riverfront, the Foundation can donate through the municipality and give charitable receipts to individual donors, but this is not always convenient.

Consequently a group of concerned citizens formed a new charity, the DRESG with a mandate to undertake local actions of an environmental nature.

Discussions with a number of donors, and with the town recreation department, indicated that a worthy cause would be the purchase of new equipment for the local parks.

The first of such projects is the purchase of structures for children's play, and an exercise machine for adults (air walker) at Hill Park.

All the installation of the new items was done by the town public works department.

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Ceramic artist fires audience

Local art enthusiasts were treated to a wonderful slide presentation on the history and development of ceramics by Carol Grant on August 27 in St. Barnabas Anglican Church, as part of the "Art on the Lawn" series.

Beginning with figurines from 28,000 BC (seems incredible!) unearthed in Czechoslovakia, Carol showed a variety of pots and ceramic objects that have been found and dated, mainly from China, including the famous Terracotta Warriors, approximately 8,000 clay soldiers and horses found in 1974 in a burial tomb.

She then went on to talk about more recent developments in materials and techniques, including porcelain and one of her specialities, Raku firing.

This unusual low temperature firing method involves removing red hot pots from the kiln with tongs, and dunking them in a can of combustibles like paper or pine needles, which burst into flame!

Amazingly, she still has her eyebrows!

JOURNEY

Putting the lid on the can changes the atmosphere inside from oxidizing to reducing, producing wonderful metallic colours in the glaze which contrast with the blackened unglazed areas.

Carol also gave us a glimpse of her personal journey through the world of ceramic art.

Beginning 12 years ago with a wish to do something creative and fulfilling, and inspired by a lecture she attended, she took a couple of courses and started producing!

Strongly influenced by her love of the textures and patterns found in nature on canoeing trips, her early work is traditional but displays excellent wheel tech-

nique and innovative glazing, with experimental finishes and reshaping by hand.

Wanting to learn from other artists, in 2009 she attended a residency in Medicine Hat, one of the birthplaces of the pottery industry in Canada due to cheap energy (natural gas) and clay deposits.

The following year she was delighted to receive a grant from the Ontario Arts Council to go to one in Denmark, where she met international ceramicists who were also great cooks, thereby gaining inspiration and a few extra pounds!

Following those experiences, she has continued to develop new techniques in sculptural ceramics (see photo), has pieces in Toronto galleries, and has won prizes for her work.

Carol's talk was an exciting glimpse into a different world where the possibilities for artistic expression and innovation seem endless. The pieces she showed or brought along were all perfect in different ways, and left her audience fired and inspired.

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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, SEPTEMBER 5

10 am - 4 pm, Canadian Clock Museum summer hours (Tuesday to Saturday, closed Sunday & Monday), 60 James St., Deep River *
12:30 pm, Weekly Progressive Euchre, play starting at 1 pm, Chalk River Legion *

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, SEPTEMBER 6

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

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

6:30-9 pm, Community Registration Day, Deep River Arena

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

12-6 pm, "Art on the Lawn" juried fine arts and crafts show, featuring Kids Corner, entertainment & refreshments, St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Deep River

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, SEPTEMBER 8

10 am - 6 pm, "Art on the Lawn" juried fine arts and crafts show, featuring Kids Corner, entertainment & refreshments, St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Deep River
12 pm, Six-Hand Euchre, registration at 11:30 am, Chalk River Legion

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

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, SEPTEMBER 11

10:45 am, Storytime, Point Alexander Library *

1 pm, Deep River & Area 49ers euchre, Deep River Legion *

7 pm, Deep River and Area Horticultural Society meets, Deep River Library program room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

10 am - 12 pm, Renfrew County Paramedic Service free walk-in "Wellness Clinic," Stonecliffe township hall & North Renfrew Long-Term Care Centre, Deep River

1:30-3 pm, Dementia Caregiver Support Group meets, North Renfrew Long Term Care Centre (for information, call 732-1159)

1-3:30 pm & 7-9 pm, Deep River Potters Guild Open House, Deep River Community Centre

7 pm, Deep River and Area Prostate Cancer Support Group meets, Deep River and District Hospital cafeteria (for information, call Keith, 584-2681)

An asterisk (*) indicates weekly events.

Mackenzie Community School
School Council Meeting

The first School Council meeting for Mackenzie Community School will take place on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 4:30 pm in the school library.

The election of the Chair will take place at this meeting.



Renfrew County and District Health Unit

Invitation to Child Health Clinics

- ♥ For families with children newborn to six years of age.
- ♥ Talk to health professionals about your child's growth and development, dental health and immunization.
- ♥ For dental screening appointment call: 613-735-8661.
- ♥ For immunization appointment call: 613-735-8666.
- ♥ No appointment necessary for other clinic services.

SEPTEMBER

Physical Activity for Children
Wednesday, September 12, 2012

OCTOBER

Breastfeeding & Returning to Work
Wednesday, October 10, 2012
Speech & Language Screening offered



LOCATION:

DEEP RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

55 Ridge Road
10:00-11:30 a.m.

Heritage Hearing Care

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
9:30am - 11:30am

North Renfrew Long-Term Care Centre

No appointment necessary.

We provide hearing aid care, maintenance, small repairs and battery sales.

613-735-0776

"Helping Ears to Hear"

"OFF THE WALL" ART SHOW AND SALE

Call for Artists

September 17th to 29th 2012
in the Deep River Library

WE INVITE ARTISTS, WHO WORK IN
POTTERY, SCULPTURE, ASSEMBLAGES, WOODWORK, MILLENNARY,
FASHION DESIGN, FOUND OBJECTS WORK, JEWELLERY,
GLASS, INSTALLATION ETC.,
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"Off The Wall" Art

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