



The Valley Artisans Co-op is tipping its cap to its newest member, Shona Humphrey, who has brought her love of millinery to town.

Hats off to newest artist

Her finery is sold from Grand Prairie to Annapolis Royal with Deep River in between...

Valley Artisans' Co-op welcomes their newest member - Shona Humphrey, Milliner.

Shona has always been interested in creating wonderful things from whatever was on hand.

Childhood fridge art in Ontario evolved into studies in Fashion at Sheridan College after which she went on to work in theatre - the Stratford Festival of Canada, the Banff Centre, the National Ballet of Canada.

At the National Ballet School in Toronto, she added tutus and modern dance to her repertoire of construction techniques.

She has also designed and built a few shows for Ballet Jorgen, well-known to Deep River audiences.

Her favourite time was spent at Livent in Toronto, which produced large scale shows such as Phantom of the Opera and Ragtime.

Shona loved the attention to detail each costume was given: silk lining, hand beaded trims, custom-made corsets, custom-dyed fabrics, European-style tailoring and vintage lace.

In 1998 Shona moved to New Brunswick where her creativity was put to good use: she founded

Miranda Fish Millinery, a one-woman "designer hats and accessories" business.

Shona attends fine craft shows from Halifax to Toronto and also does wholesale business with a select number of shops and galleries across Canada.

After nearly 10 years in business making wonderfully stylish hats and accessories, Shona decided in 2007 to establish a new vision for Miranda Fish.

After a successful show at the New Brunswick Craft Council's Festival of Fine Craft in Fredericton, she donated her remaining 170 hats to the local Canadian Cancer Society, which provides hats, along with wigs and head scarves, to patients undergoing chemotherapy.

Afterwards, Shona donated her trademark 15 inch braid to Locks of Love, an organization that collects hair donations to make wigs for children who experience hair loss.

In 2009, Shona/Miranda Fish reestablished themselves in the Ottawa Valley, and on July 1, 2010 a collection of hats went on display at the Artisans' Gallery on Hwy 17 in Deep River.

As Shona counsels and Elizabeth II attests: "Express yourself - wear a hat."

"Citizen-scientists" sought for project

BY STEPHANIE BUTLER

Thanks to an influx of funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Ottawa River Institute and the Pembroke and Area Field Naturalists have been able to launch two new initiatives: the Renfrew County Biotabase and the Renfrew County Drum Circle project.

The Biotabase, which went online last month, allows residents to post sightings of indigenous plants and animals to a database in order to track species' populations.

Presently, the database (available at www.birdscanada.org/birdmon/rcb/main.jsp) only includes listings of bird species, but Biotabase co-ordinator Chris Michener hopes to have

all other local species included by the end of 2010.

Michener said the goal of the project was to "create a picture of the biodiversity of Renfrew County" using "citizen-scientists to create an ongoing record."

Registration and use of the Biotabase is free and open to the public.

"We want everybody who's interested in nature to record their sightings," Michener said.

Both the Biotabase and the Drum Circle project were launched to the public in an event on June 26 at the Pembroke waterfront amphitheatre.

The Drum Circle project funds drumming workshops in Renfrew County schools, seniors residences and community centres.

The launch event included a bird

walk, a demonstration on using the Biotabase and a community drumming circle.

"(Drumming) fits in with the Biotabase project with respect to our ability to really pay attention to what is around us and to really appreciate it," said Drum Circle project co-ordinator Jean Brereton.

Turnout for the drum circle included nearly 40 participants representing a diverse group of local communities including Deep River, Pembroke, Barry's Bay, Wilno, and Killaloe.

"It's not just getting together, banging on drums and having a good time," Brereton said. "It's also about developing a sense of community through the co-operation and collaboration required to make a group song."

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Well, another Canada Day has come and gone and it was celebrated in fine form at the Chalk River Legion.

It would be impossible to name everyone we need to thank for their hard work in organizing, setting up, running and taking down the components that make up our celebration, but you know that we really appreciate that we can always count on your help.

However, a special thanks goes out to our Youth Officer, Kimberley Sullivan, who is the "Boss Lady" of the children's games and activities and also the force behind the penny sales that raise money to be used solely for these children's events.

Needless to say, we also thank all our sponsors whose names were displayed on the posters by the entrance to the games.

The second part of the day was heartily enjoyed by all the Euchre players. Lorraine Lamure, Eddie Faubert, George Lamure and Paddy Norman took 1st place. As for 2nd place, that went to Wilf Gibson, Roseanne D., Ann B. and Shirley M. (sorry ladies, your last names were missing on the list of winners).

Then Carla McCauley, Shirley Larochelle, Angela McCauley and Daphne Pratt walked away with 3rd place. Most Loners was won by Tammy Thompson.

The winners of our big raffle were drawn during the Euchre Tournament and they are Kay Adams, who won the 32-inch flat screen TV, and Dieter Stehle of Eganville, who won the bar fridge.

Congratulations to both of you and thanks to all who supported us by selling and buying raffle tickets, with a special mention to Jim "Hoppity" Lamure and his two grandkids, Dakota and Mariah Poirier, who went door-to-door to sell tickets.

There's 6-hand Euchre at our place this Saturday with registration at 12:30 and play at 1 pm.

Also, check off July 24 for our Horseshoe Tournament followed by our BBQ Steak Dinner.

RAFFLE

The Columbian Squires recently held a Mother's Day Raffle, whereby 750 tickets were sold.

The winning tickets were drawn on May 30 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish.

Neil Kuisma won the first prize of a \$90 gift certificate for Terry's Therapeutic Massage, Fr. Kerry Brennan won the second prize of a \$40 gift certificate for Trinity Day Spa, and Shannon O'Connor won the third prize of a \$20 gift certificate from Canadian Tire.

Thanks to all those who bought a ticket for your support. The proceeds will be used to fund Squire programs.

GRAND KNIGHT

The Grand Knight for the coming year will be Rolland Kelly, with Jody Shaddick as the Deputy Grand Knight.

Many thanks to Bruce Munro for the past two years as Grand Knight, where his last duty was to present St. Mary's grads with Honour Roll Medallions.

Our council's bursaries were presented to Elaine Gayda, Tiffany Laporte and Becky Wilson at Mackenzie's graduation.

Certificates, plaques and medallions were presented to nine Free Throw Basketball and four Substance Abuse students from Key's, St. Anthony's and St. Mary's schools.

Members of our council will help with the sale of wristbands and bar tickets at this year's Summerfest at the end of July.

A family picnic is planned for August, with a pontoon ride to Fraser's Landing; members will be contacted by the phone committee.

A number of members have been helping with the Waterfront project, and our council contributed towards the purchase of a picnic table.

Our Fun in the Sun winners for June were Bob and Marion Cowhey, with ticket number 150.

Greetings again from Faith on Avon.

We welcome all to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the proclamation of the Word and the celebration of the Sacraments and through service in Christ's name.

As a reminder, our summer worship schedule is Sunday, July 11, guest lay assistant Tom Haight, Sunday, July 18, Pastor Vibe, Sunday, July 25, Pastor Vibe.

August services are: August 1 will be a lay service, August 8 and 15 we will have a guest lay leader, Saturday, August 21, Pastor Liedtke will be with us and on August 25, Pastor Vibe will lead us in the communion rites.

A bit of church history. On July 6, we remember the life of John Hus, a Bohemian priest who spoke about abuses in the church of his day in many of the same ways Luther would a century later.

He spoke against withholding of the cup at the Eucharist and because of this stance was excommunicated, not for heresy but for insubordination towards his archbishop.

Hus was particularly mortified by the indulgence trade of two rival claimants to the papacy who were raising money for war against each other.

He was found guilty of heresy by the Council of Constance and burned at the stake. His followers continue today as the Moravian Church, an ecumenical partner of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

A reminder that if there is someone you wish the congregation to pray for, contact Frank Russell at 589-2301. We will gladly intercede for your loved one as we pray in Jesus' name.

Our services are followed by coffee fellowship on Sundays. Saturday evenings our services are usually followed by the study of our faith by Pastor Liedtke for approximately one hour.

All are welcome. You can come just for the study if you wish.

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