

THE HIGHLANDER Fall / Winter 2012

Newsletter of the Highlands District Community Association (HDCA) & the Highland Heritage Park Society (HHPS)

COMING EVENTS

Come out to the events, meet your neighbours and participate. Support YOUR community volunteer organizations.

Wednesday, Oct.31st West Fire Hall ONLY! 1564 Millstream Road



Also, October 31st 7:00 - 9:00 PM



Sunday, Nov. 4th. 1:00 - 4:00 PM



Chanterelle Mushroom

Highlands Firefighters Association Hallowe'en Bonfire & Fireworks beginning at 7:00 PM

Families are invited to join us at the West Fire Hall for:

- Bonfire
- Free hot dogs and
- refreshments / coffee while awaiting the fireworks.

Please bring:

- treats for the kids
- some fireworks to add to our small pile
- a non-perishable food item for the local food bank The fireworks will start around 8:15.

Hallowe'en Event Highlands Kids' Halloween Gathering

Caleb Pike House - 1589 Millstream Road

We invite you and your kids' to put on your scariest or funniest costume and join us for a spooky fun time.

Especially fun for younger children. Please bring (nut-free) treats to share. Beverages provided, including our famously tasty witches' brew.

> For more information please call Marcie (250) 474-4725 Organized by the HDCA

HDCA Highlands Speaker Series -

Highlands Mushroom Lore

Caleb Pike House - 1589 Millstream Road

Our own amateur mycologist (mushroom expert) Jane Eert will introduce us to the main edible mushrooms, and introduce some tips for distinguishing them from the few inedible species, then lead us on a hunt at a nearby location.

Lecture, approximately 1 hour, followed by 10 minute ride to some private property donated for a 1 to 2 hour community mushroom hunt.

Bring rain gear. -

For more information contact Jane at jane.eert@gmail.com

The HDCA THANKS All Volunteers For The 2012 Highland Fling!



You're Awesome!

Thank you as well...

To our Highland Fling Sponsors

Goldstream Food Bank



Shannon Youell of the Goldstream Foodbank receiving HDCA donation from Sheila Taylor

The 2012 Fling Team:

Tent Assembly Team: Eric Bonham, Dave McLellan, Allen Dobb, Bob McMinn, Ken Williams, Warren Lee, Karel Roessingh, Rick Lester Tents donated by: Peninsula Co-op, Thrifty's, Muriel Sibley, Stuart Duncan, Rob Justice, Neville Grigg Ball Hockey Game: Warren Lee Art Display Coordinator: Vivienne Dobb M/C: Rick & Carol Lester Sound System: Karel Roessingh Sound: Allen Dobb Talent Show Coordinator: Rob Jirucha Food Coordinator: Sheila Taylor Chili Cooks: Jane Mendum; Lynda Hemsworth; Rob Jirucha; Libby McMinn; Leslie Wagner; Mary Nall; Diana McMinn; Merrily Chadderton; Jenny Rosenthal; and Muriel Sibley Food & Drink Servers + Cash + Cooks: Marcie McLean; Rick Gill; Sigurd Johannesen, Ellie Rayner, Coral Loy, Mary Nall, Patti Whitehouse, Jen Drier, James Drier, Sally Gose, Brenda Alexander, Tara Parkinson, Anne-Marie Hart, Gordon Hart Popcorn: Bill Vogel 50:50 Draw: Marius Haas, Jens Unterberg, Alec Richardson Corn Delivery: Bob McMinn Kids Games: Warren Lee JDF Special Events Staff: Kristen Low, Kim Philips, Emily-Jane Murley, Selby Pellow Kids Crafts: Cathy Reader; Emma Reader-Lee, Rebecca Reader-Lee Highlands Volunteer Firefighters: Chief Guy Brisebois; Cliff Cox Music Booking: Rick Lester FLINGO Recording: Ken Williams Welcome from our Mayor: Jane Mendum Guiders/Pathfinders: Donna Cavan, Sharleen Thompson, Taylor Beckett, Brin Derkson, Briana Ralph, Amber Robinson-Vincent, Halle Whitfield Back up potable water: Gord Baird

Fling Sponsors

- District of Highlands
- Westshore Arts Council
- Tom Lee's Music
- Victoria Ribbons and Awards
- Thrifty's Foods
- Kindwood Farm
- Musicians: Jim Brannigan and Valdy, each donated recordings.

The Winner! - Goldstream Food Bank Draws big support from the Highland Fling!

There were a lot of winners at the 2012 Highlands Fling, but perhaps the biggest was the Goldstream Food Bank.

Thanks to the winner of the 50:50 draw turning her portion back to the cause, the HDCA was able to provide a total of \$225.50 to our neighbourhood food bank.

The Goldstream food bank serves all the western communities including the Highlands. It is located at 761 Station Avenue in the basement of the Royal Canadian legion.

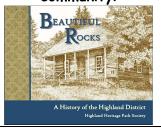
Sunday Nov. 18th.

10:00AM - 4:00PM



Festive refreshments and mulled cider available in the Pike House

Know the history of your community!



2nd Saturday Monthly
Oct. - July



Appearing in November: Paradise Street

\$5.00 /person - tea/coffee & goodies included. Under the age of 15: free.

21st Highlands Winter Craft Fair

Caleb Pike Heritage Park 1589 Millstream Rd

Enjoy hot apple cider and fresh baking while browsing through a great selection of work from local artisans: handcrafted gifts, jewelry; pottery; homemade edibles; cards; clothing and more!

A great display of one of a kind goods and meeting friends and neighbours in a welcoming atmosphere. Hope to see you there.

Like us! and get the latest info on

Facebook: www.facebook.com/highlandswintercraftfair

Contact Bessie at <u>highlandswintercraftfair@gmail.com</u> or 250-588-9688 Or Bob at <u>bobmcminn@shaw.ca</u> or 250-478-4403

- Ideal Gift -

History of the Highlands!

Get your copy of the book Beautiful Rocks, a fascinating history of the place we now call the Highlands.

Available at the Municipal Office or by calling Daphne at 478 - 7338

Highlands Coffee House

Caleb Pike House 1589 Millstream Rd.

Doors Open at 7:00 PM - Music starts at 7:30

A great family neighbourhood outing

Evenings at the Highlands Coffee House are filled with great music, a good variety of musicians, desert and people who enjoy music and great events to go to with friends, neighbours and family.

The music nights are on the 2nd Saturday of the month, and the list of featured musicians for the first half of the season are:

- The Clover Point Drifters
- Paradise Street
- Dave Lang and the twin Otters
- Karel Roessingh & Friends
- Celtic Reflections
- Kelt Eccleston band
- Ian Tamblyn AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Zhinoos and the great group of volunteers at the Coffee House, Linda, Gordon, Ted, Leslie, Denis, and Val invite you to drop on by.

Contact: Zhinoos at: 778-678-2409 or email: <u>zhinoos9@gamil.com</u> for more information or to offer to play!

Mary Lake



As of press time, the property has not yet been sold, so there is still hope.

The Pike House...



Highland Heritage School House...



-Update-

Mary Lake

The Mary Lake Conservancy inform us that they have not yet found any donors with deep enough pockets to save it as a park. For all of you following the Save Mary Lake campaign on Facebook we sure hope you've been enjoying the beautiful photos and exquisite writing. The Board of Directors of the Greater Victoria Greenbelt Society have asked us to thank Pattie Whitehouse for her significant contribution as Facebook champion. Pattie's research, photos, and writing have attracted nearly 1000 regular followers from 4 continents! GVGS continues to explore ways to raise enough money to buy Mary Lake, save it from development, and turn it into a magnificent park that would connect Thetis Lake to Gowlland Tod.

Contact Bob: 250-478-4403

New Caretakers

In October, the Highlands welcomed Ed and Gwen Ouellet, our new caretakers, to the Gregory House on Caleb Pike Homestead.

Please take a moment when you next see them on the grounds to say "Hello" and give them a warm Highlands welcome.

Welcome to our Community Ed and Gwen!

Please consider purchasing or renewing your membership in one or both of the sponsoring organizations for this publication.

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Purpose of HDCA is "to foster community in the District of the Highlands and engage all Highlands residents and property owners in the process."

Purpose of the HHPS is the preservation and ongoing care and maintenance of the Caleb Pike Homestead and Heritage Orchard.