



*Paul Holland captured a special visit by migrating swans as the ice broke up on Cranberry Lake*

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row the Seeley's Bay Area Residents' Association (SBARA) is putting on a festival at Victoria Day weekend. What was initially known as the "Spring Opener" has been renamed the "**Seeley's Bay Red CanoeFest**" because it will help to reinforce our brand as a paddling-friendly destination. There are lots of new events this year – kids will especially love the amazing new puppet troupe coming from Hamilton, others will like the antique boats from Tack's Toys.

## RED CANOEFEST

**Saturday, May 17, 2014**

- ✓ FISHING DERBYS (pike & bowfin)
- ✓ PANCAKE BREAKFAST
- ✓ JUNK IN YOUR TRUNK
- ✓ RED CANOE MARKET
- ✓ KIDS & COPS FISHING
- ✓ KAYAK CLASSES
- ✓ 3 km WALK/RUN
- ✓ ADVENTURE SMART
- ✓ PADDLE PURSUIT
- ✓ LIFE SIZE PUPPET SHOW
- ✓ SILENT POKER RUN
- ✓ ANTIQUE BOAT SHOW
- ✓ PADDLE MAKING DEMO
- ✓ FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT
- ✓ CHICKEN BARBECUE
- ✓ HARMONIACS SING ALONG

[www.redcanoeFest.com](http://www.redcanoeFest.com)

Information & Event Registration

## Seeley's Bay Red CanoeFest Saturday May 17th

*Celebrating Life on the Water*



Watch for ongoing updates at [www.redcanoeFest.com](http://www.redcanoeFest.com)



*photo thanks to Cottage Life*

**Celebrating life on the water...enjoy real living on the Rideau**



The Seeley's Bay area saw a very tough winter...it was long, cold and snowy, and the spring melt brought flooding throughout the region. Area photographer and harbourmaster **Rick Couper** captured this lovely shot of the sun reflecting in the water covering the dock; the water kept on rising after this...but the promise of a lovely green summer is in the air.

### What's Happening:

- Apr 27 – Rideau Lodge \$12 **roast beef dinner** @ firehall
- May 11 – **Mothers' Day Brunch** @ the Legion
- May 17 – **Red Canoe Fest** – village-wide events
- May 24 – **grand opening** @ Perry's Place; from noon on
- June 1 - Old time fiddlers @ the Legion
- June 15 – **Fathers' Day Brunch** @ the Legion
- June 21 – **Bass season** opens
- July 1 – **Canada Day** festivities throughout the village
- July 12 – United Church **chicken BBQ** @ Centennial Park
- Aug 1 - Old time fiddlers @ the Legion
- For a current list of activities, check out Dave Munro's list at <http://www.seeleysbay.com/events.html>
- Watch for the signs - historic signs will be in place soon!



If you want to volunteer, donate or get more information about the Seeley's Bay Area Residents' Association, please contact: Peggy Sweet McCumber at [sbara@seeleysbay.com](mailto:sbara@seeleysbay.com)



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### Welcoming Ridgway Confections to the Bay <http://www.ridgwayconfections.com/>



Local residents Derek Ouellet and Cindy Healy, both certified chocolatiers, have spent their spare time this winter installing a new commercial kitchen in their home on Main Street. Their local experiment with selling chocolates through The Nest Egg has given them the confidence to expand their investment. They will be concentrating on wholesale sales but you will still be able to buy their treats at The Nest Egg, build your own box of chocolates on line via their website, or call in an order that Derek will deliver right to your door. Cindy says they are "absolutely thrilled to be a part of this wonderful community - not only living here but now working here. It was also great to work with staff at the township of Leeds and Grenville (Amanda Werner-Mackeler, Elaine Mallory, and Marcel Lavigne) and with Mark Green, Debbie Steel and Melissa at the County's Health Unit. They were all so supportive and helpful through the process."

Ridgway Confections is the newest member to join the Lyndhurst Seeley's Bay Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has seen terrific growth in recent years with over 35 area business members actively networking.

