



# Seeley's Bay Newsletter

Seeley's Bay Area Residents' Association (SBARA)

Connecting the community...

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Nice fresh winter day on the docks....

## Feeling at home in Seeleys Bay...



Toni and her Parents seeing her off to Canada

Toni Wang (Haoqing Wang)

Seeley's Bay has gone international by accommodating an international student from China. On August 29<sup>th</sup>, Toni Wang began her one year adventure in Canada by completing her high school studies at Rideau District High School (an Upper Canada school). She came from the Zhengzhou Province in Central China to study English and learn all about the Canadian culture.

Toni has written a brief impression of Seeley's Bay:

I moved to Seeleys Bay in October and I feel I have my best memories of Canada here in Seeleys Bay. Before coming to Canada I was told that it takes international students 3 years to make good friends due to the differences in culture. However, it has been a very different experience for me. There are lots of kind people in Seeley's Bay willing to help me and become my friend. There are not a lot Chinese or young people in Seeleys Bay, but I still am made to feel comfortable and part of the family. I spend a lot of time with my host parents and others in the community and join in special events. All of my friends say my English has improved drastically and they ask me how. My answer - my family and friends are nice and take the time to speak with me in English. Living in this community has changed me a lot, my English has improved and I have learned many Canadian customs. I love Seeley's Bay.

## Storyfest is back in town...



On Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Seeley's Bay Community Hall, our very own Matt Saunders will be present us with secrets and explaining the fascinating lives of bats. This is your opportunity to get up close and personal with an expert in the field. He received two degrees from Mount Allison University in New Brunswick – one a B. Sc. (hons) in Biology; the other a B. Ed and a M. Sc. In Behavioral Ecology (of bats) from the University of Calgary. He has called Seeley's Bay home since 1993 where he teaches at Science at KCVI during the week and continues to work with bats here in Seeleys Bay in his free time.

Matt Saunders will take your understanding of bats to the next level and open your eyes to a rich bat environment here in the area. He is the owner/operator of Bat Check and runs a licensed bat rehabilitation hospital from his home near Seeley's Bay. Matt knows more about the natural history and conservation future of this most amazing mammal. We can all benefit from learning more and how we too can aid in the conservation.

This is a great opportunity to escape winter for one afternoon and enjoy Matt's storytelling with friends and neighbours.

The admission fee is \$20; tickets are available online at [www.visitseeleysbay.ca](http://www.visitseeleysbay.ca). Some merchandise including books and trail maps will be available for sale at the event. The Seeleys Bay Community Hall is fully accessible and refreshments will be served following the presentation. Please consider buying tickets in advance to reserve prime seating.

### What's Happening:

**Mar 6** – Storyfest @ Fire Hall – Bats and more, 2pm  
**Mar 22** – Easter Sunrise Service @ Dock, 8am  
**May 21** – **Victoria Day** in Villages, yard sales  
**June 4** – **Red Canoe**fest – paddling, fishing, etc.  
**July 1** – **Canada Day** parade starts @ 4pm

Keep an eye open for more details about all these events on our village Facebook page, or e-mail [newsletter@seeleysbay.com](mailto:newsletter@seeleysbay.com) if you have questions, and check out Dave Munro's events listing <http://www.seeleysbay.com/events.html>

If you have ideas for articles about community events or want to nominate someone for a profile please reach out to [newsletter@seeleysbay.com](mailto:newsletter@seeleysbay.com).

### Want to Know More?

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*Hoping everyone stays warm as we look to a beautiful spring*

*together* 