

# Seeley's Bay Newsletter

Seeley's Bay Area Ratepayers Association

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## Shopping in the Village

There are lots of opportunities to buy seasonal gifts for someone you love, right here in Seeley's Bay – be creative! How about some pottery from The Farmhouse Studio on Green's Road, open Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Make a donation to the Food Bank on their behalf. Choose from the many beautiful crafts, including works of local artisans, at the Nest Egg on Main Street – open every day 'til Christmas. Sweet's Freshmart has lots of options - groceries, lottery tickets, movie rentals, and more. Have some locally-raised food delivered to your door from Wendy's Mobile Market. The Medical Centre is selling mugs and bags to support Seeleys Bay Athletics. And then there is wine, beer and spirits from our LCBO, a dinner date at one of our restaurants, or maybe a kitchen renovation by one of our talented local contractors. Options galore!

## Honouring a Long Time Resident

On December 6 Ron and Liz Rudd welcomed village residents to the Seeleys Bay Retirement Home to help celebrate the 85<sup>th</sup> birthday of long time resident Mr. Ralph Stanton. The Stanton's original farm went from Main Street all the way to the Rideau Waterway at the end of Dean's Lane; a beautiful portion of land where many of us now live. The turnout for Ralph's party was huge.



## A Loss to the Village

November saw the passing of village resident Reginald Kumm, the owner of "The Bay Barn". Reg's outstanding collection of antique wood stoves put Seeley's Bay on the map for many; visitors from all over North America sought out Mr. Kumm to find spare parts for their rare and unusual wood stoves. Our condolences to the family of Mr. Kumm, he will be missed by many, near and far.



*The Nest Egg, open every day 'til Christmas*

**Over 100 members of area "Red Hat" societies visited Seeley's Bay in early December**



"When I am an old woman I shall wear purple, with a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me. And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves and satin sandals, And say we've no money for butter. I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired..." (excerpt from J. Joseph poem)

## Spread the Word

We had a good response to the first newsletter. We started with only 15 e-mail addresses, and now we have over 40 households on our list. Please help us to spread the word – forward this issue to others and encourage them to sign up for the newsletter by sending their email address to the editor [liz.huff@sympatico.ca](mailto:liz.huff@sympatico.ca). We also welcome your feedback, good local photographs, as well as suggestions for stories for future issues.

## ***Delightful 'smooshers'...***



## **Message from local Township Councillor**

It is my pleasure to represent you and your interests at the Township. We have had a great year in Seeley's Bay. Barry Davies and Danny Roantree won two of the highest Volunteer Awards for the Township at the Awards Banquet. The docks had their best year yet welcoming visitors from near and far. Big thanks to our Dock Master Christine Coulter-Whittaker. Plans are in the works for new drains, roads and sidewalks on Main St in 2010. These are tied into Township and County projects. Main St. is the responsibility of the County but the drains and sidewalks are the Townships. A new security system has been installed at the docks and one will be installed next spring at the park. Season's greetings to all our residents and I look forward to serving you in the future.

**Charlie Kellington**



***Waiting for Snow, December 6, 2009***

**HOLIDAY PEACE AND JOY  
TO ALL**

## **History of Frost Fest**

Recently Peggy Sweet McCumber and local historian Dan Roantree sat down at the Robin's Roost to reflect on some of the history of Frost Fest - which marks its 15<sup>th</sup> year in 2010. Originally launched by the Chamber of Commerce, the festival was intended to instil community pride and bring some business to the village in the 'shoulder season' when tourists are scarce. Over the years, many fun activities have been tried, including hockey, horse-drawn wagon rides, bed races, the (drag) queen, sled dog rides, 'snolf' and the ever-popular 'smooshing' (see photo at left). Recently our warmer winters has resulted in some changes in approach and venue to cope with the absence of reliable snow and ice – maybe we need suntan lotion for the penguins! Check out <http://www.seeleysbayfrostfest.com> to see what the current organizers have planned for Feb 5-7, 2010, and to see how you can become involved.

## **What's happening:**

**Euchre** – Legion Hall, Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.  
**Old Time Fiddlers** – Legion, 2:00, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month  
**Christmas Eve** – Olivet United Church, Dec.24, 7:30  
**New Years** – Legion Hall, Dec.31, dinner & dance  
**Soup & Sandwich** - Holiness Church, Jan. 10, 12:15ish  
**Frost Fest** – Feb. 5-7 (more information next issue)

Drop off **Food Bank** items at the Nest Egg; Food Bank hours – at the Seeley's Bay Legion -

2nd Tuesday each month 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.;  
 2nd Thursday each month 2-4  
 4th Tuesday each month 11-12



*To publicize community public events, please send information to our newsletter editor at [liz.huff@sympatico.ca](mailto:liz.huff@sympatico.ca)*



***Overnight magic, December 8, 2009***

**BEST WISHES FOR A  
WONDERFUL NEW YEAR**