

Seeley's Bay Newsletter

Connecting the community...

Seeley's Bay & Area Residents' Association

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Noteworthy Neighbours

Ted Zuber, who has lived in the Seeley's Bay area since 1972, has experienced life in all its pain and wonder. Born in Montreal, his family recognized his artistic talent at an early age and in spite of economic hardship he was supported to study at the Ecole des Beaux Arts on Sherbrooke Street. Many

years later, after apprenticing with a painter of religious art and traditional stained glass, and working as a successful photographer in the world of advertising, he realized a boyhood dream when a prominent Sherbrooke St. Gallery asked Ted if he would permit them to represent his art. When Ted moved to Seeley's Bay he left the world of advertising and commercial photography behind, and spent the first five years here eating Kraft Dinner and painting from his vivid memories of the Korean War. At the age of 19 Ted volunteered to serve his country, and his artist's eye landed him an unusual range of assignments, from sketcher of military installations, to crack sniper. Out of these experiences he created 15 major oil paintings, all of which are now in the permanent collection of the Canadian War Museum. Subsequently the Canadian Government asked Ted to be their official war artist during the Gulf War; and he was also invited into Kosovo. But as much as Ted is known for his realistic and poignant images of conflict, so is he recognized for his landscape work. The beauty and solitude he found in his Whitefish Lake area home has continued to inspire his work. The painting below was completed just last year after a hike to the top of Rock Dunder. Area residents now have a rare opportunity to see a retrospective of Ted's entire body of art work **War and Peace – An Artist's Journey; Nov 1- Dec 17**, Marianne VanSilfhout Gallery, St. Lawrence College, 2288 Parkedale, Brockville. Everyone is welcome at the opening reception on Nov 10, 5-7 pm; for regular show hours contact 613-345-0660



Rock Dunder, by Ted Zuber

Seeley's Bay Story Fest

James Raffan, noted author, explorer, and raconteur will deliver 5 fascinating presentations over the winter to help raise funds for *Seeley's Bay Steps Up!* (see back). **Please plan to attend and get all your friends to come too.**

Sunday, Nov. 14, 2:00 pm - *Canoes – Canadian*

Treasure: A playful look at canoes and Canada through the eyes of one of the country's most passionate canoeheads, who was the first curator of the world's only museum devoted to the canoe.

Sunday, Dec. 12, 2:00 pm - *Take the Northwest*

Passage: See icebergs, polar bears, walruses, bowhead whales and thick-billed murre – which are near flightless birds that are even cooler than penguins.

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 7:00 pm - *Penguins I Have*

Known: Come experience Antarctica - a land of rock and ice, whales, exotic birds, and, of course, penguins – the 'Frostfest' mascot, in their natural habitat.

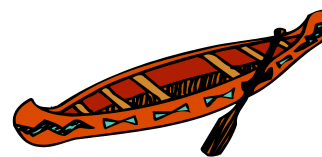
Sunday, Feb. 20, 2:00 - *Coppermine – Dream*

Journey! It's a story of adventure, murder, hope and redemption set in one of the most spectacular tundra river valleys in the world. See grizzly bears, Inuit games, caribou, and arctic char that are jumping into the boats!

Thursday, Mar. 24, 7:00 pm - *Voyageur Highway:*

Join Bill Buxton, principal researcher for Microsoft Inc, as he retraces a very difficult journey taken by his Anglican minister father back in 1939 from Stanley Mission to Cumberland House; see what it's like to build and paddle a real birch bark canoe on the routes of the explorers and voyageurs.

All events will take place at the **Seeley's Bay Community Hall**, on Main Street, above the fire hall; fully accessible location; Pay at the Door; **\$5 adult, \$3 youth, \$10 family**. Posters and bookmarks available if you can help us to publicize this event - so we can fill up the hall! Contact dale819@kingston.net



Fire Department Accreditation – new local rating may mean lower fire insurance rates for you. Go to www.seeleysbay.com to get a copy of the letter you can forward to your insurer.

What's happening:

Nov 6 – Frost Fest Mtg, Retirement Home, 9 am, JOIN!
Nov 6 - Roast Pork Dinner @ Legion; 5 – 7:00, \$12
Nov 7- Remembrance Service, United Church; 11:00
Nov 11-Remembrance Day Service 11:00 @ cenotaph
Nov. 13- Jeff Code Dance @ Legion; 8:00; \$10
Nov 14 – Story Fest; Community Hall, 2:00; \$3, \$5, \$10
Nov 21 – Celebrate D. Roantree, United Church, 11:00
Nov 24 – Chamber of Commerce, 8:00 (see below)

Nov 26 – Dec 3; Library closed for renovations

Dec 4 – Seniors Christmas meal & song @ Legion; 1:00
Dec 11 – Turkey Bingo @ Legion; 1:00
Dec 12 – Story Fest; Community Hall, 2:00; \$3, \$5, \$10
Dec 24 – Xmas Eve; Seeley's Bay United Church; 7:30
Dec 31 – New Year's event @ Legion, 5:30, \$20

Chamber of Commerce – The Lyndhurst-Seeley's Bay Chamber of Commerce is holding an election of officers Nov 24 @ 8:00 pm, in the former township offices west of Lyndhurst. \$60 annual membership provides access to all benefits of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

SAIL – Services to Assist Independent Living - provides home help, meals on wheels, transportation, diners clubs, telephone reassurance, emergency response system, vial of life program plus many others programs to seniors, adults with physical disabilities, and those recovering from an illness and/or surgery. There is a lunch time diners club in the Seeley's Bay Community Hall every 2nd Wednesday of the month.



SAIL currently needs volunteers from the Seeley's Bay area to help with transportation and the diners club. Please contact Debby Leach if you want to learn more about services that might be available to you, or if you can offer some volunteer time. Volunteer drivers are reimbursed for mileage costs. Call 613-382-1175

Message from local Township Councillor

A big thank you to all the 615 people who voted for me in the Municipal Election. While I wasn't successful as a Ward Two councillor for the next four years, I will be an active Seeley's Bay advocate in all our events as well as in the Seeley's Bay Steps Up campaign. I look forward to seeing you around town and at the many events to make the Step Up program a reality.

Charlie Kellington

Bridge Closures

Please note that the Lower Brewers bridge on Washburn will be closed for repairs as of Nov. 15 and the Brass Point Bridge on Burnt Hills will be closed as of Nov 29. In both cases the repairs are expected to take about one week.

This newsletter is published every 3-4 months, and now goes to over 140 households. To sign-up to receive it by e-mail, and/or to publicize community-oriented events, please write to the editor at newsletter@seeleysbay.com Feel free to print and post a copy on your public bulletin board and/or share copies with neighbours. Help spread the word!



Seeley's Bay Steps Up!

The Seeley's Bay & Area Residents' Association (SBARA) is pleased to announce the launch of **Seeley's Bay Steps Up!** This revitalization project is intended to strengthen the economic vitality of the community, and to make it a more attractive place for visitors, potential residents and investors.

Multiple projects will be undertaken over the next 2-4 years including:

- important infrastructure projects (main street and sidewalks),
- improvements to swimming and recreation at Haskin's Point,
- boating enhancements
- reduction of algae and shoreline improvements
- marketing, branding, signage and tourism liaison
- spruce-up of public and private properties
- strengthening the business community

SBARA is **actively recruiting people to volunteer** to work on these projects. Over the coming weeks the project teams will meet to discuss their tasks and clarify details, feasibility, etc. Then SBARA will prepare a more detailed community plan of action, assess work and funding requirements, and meet with our municipal council and other key partners to pursue assistance and funding. Each project team will be guided and supported by the SBARA.

We need you if you are:

- Proud to live in the Seeley's Bay area
- Eager to see our community more vibrant
- Able to give some time to help
- Committed to working positivity with others
- Looking for something fun to do
- Able to 'think like a tourist'
- Willing to learn and share skills

Contact: Peggy Sweet McCumber (Chair of SBARA)

By email at sbara@seeleysbay.com



Perfect morning - S. Sisson