



# Perth & District Chamber of Commerce "Bridges" December 2013 Newsletter

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*"Building Bridges in Business"*

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## THANK YOU!!

As another year comes to an end, I would like to sincerely thank all of you for your continued support of the Perth and District Chamber of Commerce. Without your support, the Chamber office could not be open year round to support and promote all of you. I thoroughly enjoy working with everyone in a joint effort to make Perth and District a great place to visit and live!

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Just a quick reminder to our Businesses in Town, the Heritage Perth Christmas House Tour is on this weekend, December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The tour was featured in an Ottawa Citizen article so there may be a higher number of visitors to our Town.

Let's show them just what a great place Perth & District is to visit!

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## Local Shopping is the Way to Go!!

Think Local this Holiday Season and support the many unique businesses of Perth & District. Your community will be happy you did!

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## Upcoming Events

**Mark your calendars for Chamber Events in January!!**

### **Accessibility Seminar – Find out what you need to know**

**When:** Tuesday, January 21, 2014

**Where:** Perth & District Union Public Library

**Time:** 5:30 – 8pm.



**Attend this updated Accessibility Presentation which will review new deadlines coming down the pipe and also go over what deadlines have passed. Louie Di Palma, Ontario Chamber of Commerce will review what you need to do as a business under the current act and what will be expected in the future.**

## It's Back!!! – Ultimate Networking Evening

**When:** January 29, 2014

**Where:** Carolina Retirement Suites

**Time:** Arrival at 5:30pm / Speed-networking to begin at 6pm sharp

**Cost:** Free to Members, Potential Members, \$10.00



Take part in our 3<sup>rd</sup> Ultimate Networking Evening. Participants will be able to highlight their business or organization during a “speed – dating” type of evening. You will have 2 minutes to tell someone about your business and then you get to hear them tell you about theirs. Next comes the tricky part. You have to change partners and do it all again. With only 20 participants you will want to register early!

## Girls Night Out “After 5” Networking Event

**When:** February 11, 2014

**Where:** Lavender & Lace

**Time:** 5pm – 7:30pm

**Cost:** Free to Members

Invitation and details to follow in January.



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## Member Profile of the Month: Tulikivi Sales and Installation

(Submitted by Tulikivi Sales and Installation)



Soapstone Heating Systems Inc. is the sole Canadian distributor for the unique line of soapstone masonry heaters, fireplaces, and bake ovens.

Tulikivi corporation is the world's leader in manufacturing high quality masonry heaters for over 30 years. All units are built from superior quality, heat-retaining Finnish soapstone, creating the most efficient wood burning fireplaces.

We have supplied Tulikivi fireplaces to customers across Canada through a network of regional representatives, and we focus our business on developing a personal relationship with each new Tulikivi owner. That's why we provide

our customers with advice and technical expertise throughout the entire process of choosing, installing and using their Tulikivi products.

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

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## Festival of the Maples Co-ordinator Position

The Chamber and Festival of the Maples Committee are currently accepting applications for a part-time Festival Coordinator Position. Deadline for application is December 18, 2013. Please visit the Chamber's website for more information.

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## Perth Tourism plans Wedding Show in 2014:

The date has been set for Perth Tourism's first-ever Wedding Show! It will take place in the Crystal Palace on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 11am to 5pm. This Wedding Show will be unique to Heritage Perth and all the businesses which cater to the wedding industry, and will be targeted primarily to the Kingston-Ottawa market. If you have a business in Perth related to the wedding industry and would be interested in partnering or participating in this initiative, please contact the Visitor Information Centre at 613-267-1947 or [weddings@perth.ca](mailto:weddings@perth.ca). Planning is in the initial stages, but there will be many opportunities available.

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## Members' Corner (1)

*(Please note: This space is available to any member wishing to place an advertisement. Please contact the Chamber office for details. Submitted by the Great War Memorial Hospital )*



The Great War Memorial Hospital  
of Perth District Foundation

***“Give Where You Live”***

The Great War Memorial Foundation is excited to announce our Gala Fundraising event for 2014. “Starlit Cruise Black Tie Bingo” will be held on Saturday, April 12<sup>h</sup>, 2014 at Codes Mill on the Park (SS Codes Mill).

This is our premiere fundraising event to raise money for specific equipment to benefit patient care at the Perth site. The Great War Memorial Foundation raises and stewards funds in support of the Perth site of the Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital and is dedicated to ensure our health care professionals have the necessary tools and equipment to provide the best patient care to the community.

This year, all funds raised will go towards three (3) pieces of equipment for the Emergency Room that have been identified by the Hospital's management team as essential. They are a *PORTABLE VENTILATOR*; a *GLIDESCOPE* and an *ICE MACHINE* for use in treatment of cardiac patients.

For sponsorship information please visit our website: [www.gwmfoundation.com](http://www.gwmfoundation.com)

Tickets are \$125. per person and go on sale **Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30** by calling Margot Hallam, Executive Director at 613.264.0638 or stopping in at our office at the Hospital. Tickets are sold on a first come first serve basis. Looking forward to having you **“ON BOARD”!**

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## We Welcome Our Newest Members – We are Growing Again!

<p><b>The Aeshna Project (incorporated in Ontario)</b>          Jean Ogilvie          260 Oak Bluffs Rd.          Maberly, ON K0H 2B0          613-791-8371  <a href="mailto:Jean@eashnaproject.com">Jean@eashnaproject.com</a>  <a href="http://www.eashnaproject.wordpress.com">www.eashnaproject.wordpress.com</a></p>	<p>For over 20 years I have been developing leaders, teams and organizations in the public sector, private sector and non-profits to set vision, collaborate with the right people and get the results desired.</p>
<p><b>Frontenac News</b>          Jeff Green / Terry Shea          Box 229          Sharbot Lake, ON KOH 2P0          613-279-3150  <a href="mailto:nfnews@frontenac.net">nfnews@frontenac.net</a>  <a href="http://www.frontenacnews.ca">www.frontenacnews.ca</a></p>	<p>The Frontenac News was founded 42 years ago in order to build connections between communities surrounding Sharbot Lake. Over time we have developed into a full service newspaper serving much of Frontenac County as well as parts of Tay Valley and Lanark Highlands. We are planning to augment our coverage in Lanark County in the 2014 municipal election year in our paper and the upgrade version of Frontenacnews.ca, which will be launched this month.</p>
<p><b>The Rideau Ferry Inn</b>          Angelique Jahn          P.O.Box 7          8 Rideau Ferry Rd.          Rideau Ferry, ON K0G 1W0          613-283-4804  <a href="mailto:Info@therideauferryinn.com">Info@therideauferryinn.com</a>  <a href="http://www.therideauferryinn.com">www.therideauferryinn.com</a></p>	<p>Located at the heart of the Historic and beautiful Rideau Lakes, our motel and cabins offer you a taste of something unique, including boating, fishing, shopping, golfing, heritage tours. Cycling and so much more.</p>
<p><b>Symmetry Centre</b>          Margaret Smith          1-B1 Old Kingston Rd          Lombardy, ON K0G 1L0          613-283-0279  <a href="mailto:Margaret@symmetrycentre.ca">Margaret@symmetrycentre.ca</a>  <a href="http://www.symmetrycentre.ca">www.symmetrycentre.ca</a></p>	<p>Symmetry Centre offers Reflexology, Quantum Touch &amp; Psych-K® Balancing to the Perth &amp; Smiths Falls area. These natural healing modalities can improve &amp; enhance your health, relationships, career, financial &amp; spiritual life.</p>
<p><b>Clarith Collectables</b>          James Smith          1-B1 Old Kingston Rd.          Lombardy, ON K0G 1L0          613-314-6007 or 613-283-0279  <a href="mailto:sales@clarithcollectables.com">sales@clarithcollectables.com</a>  <a href="http://www.clarithcollectables.com">www.clarithcollectables.com</a></p>	<p>Clarith Collectables            “Helping you find that special treasure”</p>

<b>We Welcome Our Newest Members</b>	
<b>Temple's Surgarbush</b> Kristina Bowes 1700 Ferguson Falls Rd. Lanark, ON K0G 1K0 613-253-7000 <a href="mailto:Temples_events@storm.ca">Temples_events@storm.ca</a> <a href="http://www.templezburgarbush.ca">www.templezburgarbush.ca</a>	<p>"Temple's Sugar Bush is a family owned restaurant and maple farm with nature trails and gift shop, in the heart of Lanark County. Our restaurant and banquet facility is a spectacular 240 seat timber frame building that hosts over 50 weddings a year. When we're not making maple syrup, we would welcome the opportunity to host your wedding, Christmas party, special celebration or corporate event/meeting."</p> <p>Check us out on facebook or pinterest</p>

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## Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO) elects new Board.

Please find below the list of OHTO's new Board of Directors. If you are not a member of this tourism organization then you can register for free. Our local representatives are Laurel Smith, Classic Theatre Festival and Marie White, Lanark County Tourism Association.

- Chair: Laurel Smith, [Classic Theatre Festival](#)
- Kevin Cruickshank, [The Loon's Call Campground & Cottage Resort](#)
- Anne-Marie Forcier, [Rideau Heritage Route Tourism Association](#)
- Andrea Hagarty, [Bonnie View Inn and Resort](#)
- Byron Hermann, [Fans of Calabogie Bed and Breakfast](#)
- Melissa Marquardt, [Ottawa Valley Tourist Association](#)
- Maria Micallef, [County of Haliburton](#)
- George Offshack, [Limerick Lake Lodge & Marina](#)
- Rob Plumley, [Lennox & Addington County](#)
- Kasey Pollard, [Hastings County](#)
- Ramona Tremblay, [The Craftsman Restaurant](#)
- Marie White, [Lanark County Tourism Association](#)

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## Labour Market Group of Renfrew and Lanark Releases Fall/Winter Update

The Labour Market Group is pleased to release their Fall 2013/Winter 2014 LLMP Update. This update gives you insight into population and employment trends in Renfrew and Lanark Counties. The report is available for download from their Website at: [www.renfrewlanark.com](http://www.renfrewlanark.com) .

Once you have a chance to review the LLMP Update, you can participate in their survey. The link for the survey can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8JDHY85>

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## Share Your Thoughts Regarding the Future of the Rideau Canal Heritage Corridor

You are invited to share your thoughts regarding the future of the Rideau Canal Heritage Corridor by completing the following survey, available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RideauExperiences> .

The survey is part of a process to explore and identify new concepts, innovations and enhancements of the visitor experience throughout our region with the intention to make these experiences as memorable as possible, as inviting as possible, as economically rewarding as possible and increase the financial sustainability of the Rideau canal and its' adjacent communities and businesses.

*Valley Heartland CFDC*

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### Membership Renewals

The Chamber will be sending out membership renewal packages in early January. Your membership fees will remain the same this year. Included in the package will be a registration form. We urge you to complete this information form, advising us of any changes to your business, as this assists us with accurately promoting your business. If your business has grown please let us know. Once you have completed the form please send it back with payment to the Chamber Office by February 15, 2014. We look forward to working with you in the coming year!

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### Chamber Office Hours

In celebration of the season, the Chamber will be closed starting December 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be re-opening on Thursday, January 2, 2014.

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### At The Chamber

Well, it is hard to believe that another year has come and gone. We have had a very busy year at the Chamber with organizing over 14 various events including many networking opportunities. Our committees have been hard at work volunteering their time to represent all of you. If you are interested in being on a Chamber committee please let me know. I will be happy to discuss the possibilities with you. As well, if you have any suggestions on possible seminars we are always open to hearing from you.

We will again next year offer you many chances to network with fellow members and give you opportunities to participate in seminars and events throughout 2014.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a wonderful Christmas season and an even better and prosperous New Year!

Kindest Regards,  
Pauline

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in Ontario's Highlands

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