



Perth & District Chamber of Commerce "Bridges" April 2013 Newsletter

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"Building Bridges in Business"

Your New Board of Directors

The Perth & District Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting took place on March 26, 2013. I am happy to inform you that your 2013 Board of Directors has been elected.

President: Jill Campbell
President Elect: Sherri Lillico
Treasurer: Don Loken

Directors:

Matt Barnabe	Julia Dashkevich	Jim Graff	Louis Gaudreau
Kevin Hoover	Dorothy Linden	Pat Wiseman	

Welcome Matt, Louis and Pat to the Board.

A big thank you to out-going Past President, Jack McTavish and our out-going directors, Jim Kerruish, Paul Martin and Jim Town. Your commitment and expertise has been very much appreciated!

Congratulations to everyone!

If you would like to join one of our committees please let the office know. We would be very happy to tell you all about the committees and how you can become involved.



It's Maple Time!
37th Annual Festival of the Maples
Saturday, April 27th, 2013

**Thank you to our Festival of the Maples
Sponsors!**

Platinum

<p>Jim Noble, RBC Dominion Securities</p> 	<p>Scotiabank</p> 
<p>Cogeco Cable Canada LP</p> 	<p>Mike Fair Chevrolet. Buick. GMC. Cadillac Ltd.</p> 
<p>Hinton Dodge Chrysler</p> 	<p>The Perth Courier</p> 
<p>Lake 88.1</p> 	<p>Jack FM Y101 Rogers Media</p> 
<p>Perth KIA</p> 	<p>Rivington Rally Honda</p> 

Gold

<p>Canadian Tire Perth</p> 	<p>Crain & Schooley Insurance Brokers Ltd. & Financial Corporation</p> 
<p>3M Canada Inc.</p> 	<p>Carolina Court Retirement Home Limited Partnership</p> 

Jade Transportation  Transportation	Lanark Leeds Home Builders Association 
Finnegan Insurance Brokers Ltd. / Aviva Insurance Company  	

Silver

Crain's Construction Limited	Perth & District Portable Toilet Rentals
Sheri Mahon Fournier - Coldwell Banker	Old Fashioned Fudge INC.
CAA – North & East Ontario	

Bronze

Perth-Upon-Tay Royal Canadian Legion	Tackaberry Sand & Stone Ltd.
Brown Shoe Company of Canada Ltd.	Kenneth W. Smith Professional Corporation

Children's Palace

Dorothy Linden DLC The Mortgage Source	
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Volunteers Needed for Festival of the Maples on April 27th

With the Perth Festival of the Maples quickly approaching, the organization of the event is well underway and details are starting to fall into place. In its 37th year, The Festival of the Maples would not be as successful as it is without the assistance of **VOLUNTEERS**. Each year, the Festival committee is appreciative of anyone who is interested in helping on the day of the event. You don't need to give up your entire day; only a couple of hours to help make this year's Festival as fantastic as years past. This year the Festival is on Saturday, April 27th. Jo Bali is organizing the volunteers for the Festival this year and would be grateful to anyone offering a couple of hours of his/her day. Please call the Chamber Office at 613-267-3200.

Member Profile of the Month

STEVENSON FARMS

(Submitted by STEVENSON FARMS)

Stevenson Farms sell lamb and vegetables at their farm and at Farmer's Markets. For more information please contact:

Stevenson Farms
Locally Produce Lamb
360 Narrows Lock Road
RR#1 Portland, Ontario
K0G 1V0
1-613 272 3598
You can also find us on Face Book
STEVENSON FARMS

We Welcome Our Newest Members

<p>Grenville Castings Kelly DeJong 1 Conlon Dr. Perth, ON K7H 3C5 613-267-7557, ext. 425 KDeJong@cosma.com www.cosma.com</p>	<p>Mission Statement</p> <p>To be the North American benchmark for quality permanent mold and low pressure permanent mold aluminum castings. Through the development of people and technology we will provide a workplace that offers all team members a sense of security, purpose, and the opportunity to accept more overall responsibility for the success of the company. In doing so, all team members become key members of a team striving to satisfy the requirements of both customer and stakeholder.</p>
<p>Terrascares Landscape & Design Inc. Brian Rauwerda 207 Allans Mill Rd. Perth, ON K7H 3C5 613-264-0095 terrascares@rogers.com www.terrascares.ca</p>	<p>Terrascares Landscape & Design Inc. is a comprehensive landscape design and construction company which prides itself in customer care. We meet with customers to determine their needs, provide them with a landscape design and detailed written outline about what and how we propose to make their visions come true. We specialize in natural stones, plant bed designs and hardscape construction. We are members of the Better Business Bureau, are fully insured and have been operating since 2004.</p>

<p>Sebastien Bacharach 28 Church Street Perth, ON K7H 2A3 613-267-1926 Bas2bach@gmail.com www.sebastienbacharach.com</p>	<p>Reliable, Fast, Friendly and Local Web Design Services. I have been doing web design in Perth and Lanark county area since 2008. My work begins with building a web site, however, it doesn't end there. My services are focused on building strong relationships with my clients, built on trust, integrity and reliability. I design and build sustainable web sites that my clients can easily update themselves. I provide customized training and documentation so that my clients have the skills and resources to make the most of their web sites. Customized features can be added, from photo galleries to blogs, from e-commerce to application forms. I invite you to call me for a free meeting and estimate.</p>
<p>Writing by the Lake Rosanne Lake 407 Hartsgravel Road Elgin, ON K0G 1E0 613-888-8411 rosannelake@gmail.com www.writingbythelake.com</p>	<p>Whether you're looking for someone to get the word out about a business or personal achievement, upgrade web content, ignite your social media strategy or write a compelling story, Writing by the Lake is here to help with carefully and creatively-crafted material. As a trained and experienced journalist with more than a decade of experience at publications across Ontario, I ensure your message will be memorable.</p>

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 Gallery Perth, as posted in the humm.)

Spring into Art with Gallery Perth

Gallery Perth celebrates the coming of spring with a show featuring artists whose style covers a broad spectrum that has something for everyone.

Featured are powerful, broad brushstroke works by David Armstrong and Joyce Frances Devlin. Impact of colour comes from the landscapes of Aili Kurtis and Carole Malcolm. The flowers of spring shine out of the striking canvases of Linda Bergeron Baril and Lesha Kokosy, both new to Gallery Perth. Dirk Mietzker and Rosemary Leach delight, as always, with their take on the everyday things of life and, returning to Gallery Perth after an absence, is Margaret Ferraro whose canvases vibrate with life. Balancing the spectrum, the landscapes of Bonnie Brooks, John Alexander Day and Heather Pate add a note of serenity, along with the classically inspired paintings of Kathy McNenly. The unique styles of Monika Seidenbusch, Wayne Williams and Rosemary Kralik will gladden the eye and, as though this were not feast enough, we present the skillful and poignant sculptures of Diane Black, the masterly woodwork of Doug Mainse and the stunningly beautiful stonework of John Schweighardt

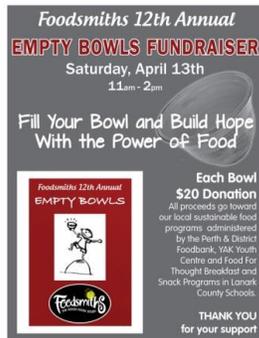
The show opening takes place on Saturday, April 20th from 2:00 – 5:00 pm at Gallery Perth, Code's Mill Building, 17 Wilson Street East, Perth
galleryperth.com

The show continues until May 30th, 2013

Members' Corner (2)

(Submitted by Foodsmiths)

Foodsmiths 12TH Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser A Testiment To Strong Community Support



Saturday, April 13th, 2013 - Foodsmiths, Wilson St. Perth

With Spring in the air, Foodsmiths is busy putting the final touches on their upcoming 12th Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser. What is now an annual tradition for residents and visitors to the area, Foodsmiths independently organized annual event in April raises nearly half the funds that flow through Empty Bowls program to area recipients. Founder of the Empty Bowls program, local Potter Jackie Seaton, provides the beautifully handcrafted

bowls which are set-up in the store prior to the event and are currently available. Customers can purchase their favourite bowl for \$20 and on April 13th, fill it with a delicious Edamame Salad, made by Foodsmiths Staff, with ingredients donated by their generous suppliers. All proceeds go toward the local sustainable food programs through Empty Bowls.*

Empty Bowls is also the recipient in the Foodsmiths April BYOB - Charity Bag Donation program. This program was developed by Foodsmiths to encourage the re-use of grocery bags and to provide a source of funds for charitable organizations in our community. For every bag a customer brings in that saves the use of a new plastic bag, Foodsmiths donates 10 cents to the designated charity that month. This very successful program has supported Empty Bowls and many other local charity organizations for over eight years. We invite everyone to join us on Saturday, April 13th from 11am to 2pm to Build Hope with the Power of Food!

**Proceeds from all Empty Bowls fundraising by Foodsmiths will go toward the local sustainable food programs administered by The Table Community Food Centre, YAK Youth Centre and Food for Thought Breakfast and Snack programs in Lanark County Schools.*

Members' Corner (3)

(Submitted by Classic Theatre)

Swinging into Spring at Perth's Civitan Hall May 4

On Saturday May 4 at 7 pm, the Perth Civitan Club will open its doors to fans of the sounds of Big Bands, who will be able to enjoy a full evening of live music, along with dance lessons, a silent auction, and more, all under the title, Swing Into Spring. Tunes from the 1920s to the 1960s will be performed by the much-loved 16-piece Big Band, Standing Room Only.

Organized by the Classic Theatre Festival, the evening will also feature a range of silent auction items, including tickets to the Stratford and Shaw Festivals, the Upper Canada Playhouse, Thousand Islands Playhouse, St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival, among many other items.

Tickets are \$25 (plus a minimal ticketing fee), and are available at Tickets Please (39 Foster Street) in Perth, or by calling (613) 485-6434. Anyone purchasing tickets before April 15 will be entered into a draw to win a one-year membership with the Canadian Automobile Association.

More info: www.classictheatre.ca or 1-877-283-1283

Upcoming Events

Member Profile Page & Member 2 Member Benefit Program Workshop

When: Tuesday April 16, 2013, 1pm - 2:30pm (no charge)

Second Workshop: Wednesday April 17, 2013, 5:30pm – 7pm (no charge)

**Where: Community Employment Service, Algonquin College
40 Sunset Blvd., Suite 102**

Thank you to Community Employment Services, Algonquin College for allowing us to use their space.

Perth & District Volunteer Opportunities Fair

When: Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Where: Perth Civitan Hall

Time: 3pm – 7pm

For information on reserving a table contact Elaine Turner at pdcf@bellnet.ca or contact the Chamber Office and I would be happy to tell you all about the fair.

Festival of the Maples

When: Saturday April 27, 2013

Where: Gore Street and the Basin, Downtown Perth, and new this year – Market Square

Time: 9am – 4pm

Coming in May:

The Chamber will be working with Community Employment Services, Algonquin College to bring a seminar to Chamber Members: Details to follow.

Small Business Advisory Centre Workshops

Doing Business with the Government of Canada: April 16th

Exploring a career in Franchising: April 25th

Where: Small Business Advisory Centre, 91 Cornelia Street, West, Smiths Falls

Please contact the Small Business Advisory Centre for more information to register smallbusiness@smallbizcentre.ca or 613-283-7002, ext. 109 or 108.

Rideau Heritage Route/The Great Waterway is hosting the OTEC Essentials of Service Excellence Workshop in locations across The Great Waterway.

Essentials of Service Excellence is an engaging, interactive half day workshop designed to help organizations reach the next level of customer service by introducing participants to service guidelines, processes and tools that will increase their standards of customer service and create a customer-centric organization. Space is limited to 25 people per session, a maximum of 2 people per organization. Registration will be confirmed on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact the Chamber Office for more information.

Nearby locations are:

Kingston: May 8, 2013 – 9:00am – 13:30 pm

Brockville: May 9, 2013 – 9:00 am – 12:30pm

Perth & District Volunteer Opportunities Fair

The Perth & District Chamber of Commerce is proud to partner with the Perth & District Community Foundation and the Town of Perth to bring the 2nd Annual Perth and District Volunteer Fair to the area! The Volunteer Fair Committee is hard at work organizing this Fair for April 23/13 at the Perth Civitan Hall. If you are a member of a charity or a not-for profit organization that is interested in a booth at the Fair please contact Elaine Turner at The Perth and District Community Foundation office (613-326-0295 or by email at pdcf@bellnet.ca). If you think you may know someone that would like to learn more about volunteering in Perth & District, be sure to have them mark their calendar for Tuesday April 23, 2013. It will be a great opportunity for organizations and volunteers to meet. Last year was an overwhelming success.

Downtown Perth Community Improvement Plan Façade Improvement Program Program Guide

The intent of the Downtown Perth Community Improvement Plan (CIP) – Façade Improvement Program is to provide a financial incentive in the form of a grant to promote building rehabilitation and façade improvements of commercial and mixed-use (commercial/residential) buildings located within the Community Improvement Plan area. The program applies to the exterior façade of the building only. *(Note a key objective of the CIP to promote improvement of building signage and facades while respecting, rehabilitating, restoring or re-establishing the character, design and authenticity of the building elements of heritage buildings).*

For more information on the Community Improvement Plan please contact Casey Buchanan, Economic Development Coordinator at cbuchanan@perth.ca

Business Info

(Information forwarded by Canada Revenue Agency)



Are you self-employed?

Did you know?

As a self-employed individual, you have until **midnight on June 17, 2013** to file your 2012 income tax and benefit return. Don't forget -- you must pay any balance owing for 2012 on or before April 30, 2013, regardless of your filing date.

Important facts

- If you earned self-employment income from a business you operate yourself or with a partner, you must report it. For more information, go to www.cra.gc.ca/selfemployed.
 - Keep thorough [records](#) if you own a business or are engaged in a commercial activity. The records have to provide enough detail to determine the taxes you owe and support the benefits you are claiming, and must be supported by original documents.
 - If you receive income that has no tax withheld or does not have enough tax withheld for more than one year, you may have to pay tax by instalments. This can happen if you receive rental, investment, or self-employment income, certain pension payments, or income from more than one job. For more information, go to www.cra.gc.ca/instalments.
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At The Chamber



Welcomes Barb & Bobbi Lynn

Thank you to everyone that attended our “After 5 Mixer” at Ground Waves on March 13th. It was a great success and what a nice way to welcome Barb and Bobbi Lynn to our Business Community.

Director, Dorothy Linden



President, Jill Campbell

Our Annual General Meeting took place on March 26th and I would like to say welcome and thank you to all of our Board of Directors for their commitment to the Chamber.

During April the Chamber is busy organizing the 37th Festival of the Maples and partnering to bring the second Volunteer Opportunities Fair to Perth & District. We have organized two training sessions to refresh members on how to use their Member Profile Pages and also how to use and take advantage of our new Member 2 Member Benefit Program. Please watch emails for details on this new program and how it can assist you with promoting your business or organization to other Chamber members.

Have a wonderful month.

Pauline

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