



Among Friends Newsletter

Spring 2022

WARNING: This is a GOOD NEWS Newsletter!

SUMMER CONCERTS ARE RESUMING

Starting on Sunday, June 26 and going on through the summer till Sept. 4, area musicians will entertain us at the Rotary Pavilion starting at 7 pm. Bring your own chairs and show your appreciation by donating to FOML. Here are short blurbies about the first 3 concerts.

Sunday, June 26 – **Rice Family and Friends**

The Rice name and family are well-known in the Georgian Bay communities for music. Waverly has had a popular combo for many years which has just recently retired as a group. Waverly's son, Martin has his own style and crew but the family still gets together on occasion and has agreed to do so and perform for the Friends of Meaford Library kick-off concert for its summer Sunday evening concert series...as they have for over 20 years. They have always featured a guest

appearance by Scott Merrifield who will again entertain us with his unique vocal offerings. The Rice's stylings include traditional and modern country with a smattering of 60s and 70s pop rock-n-roll – all upbeat and toe-tappin' entertainment.



Sunday, July 3 - **Bored of Education**

This group is the brainchild of Rich Fletcher, formerly a teacher at GBSS who, as well as his normal teaching duties, taught guitar and performed at assemblies and social evenings at the school and included vocals in his repertoire. The first appearance at a Friends' concert in 2009 was a duo of

Rich and Jack Watson (who was a shop teacher at GBSS) with Rich and Jack both doing vocals and Rich on guitar and Jack chording on keyboards. The next year the duo added a student drummer and a bass player teacher from a different school. So, by year 4 (2013) they filled out and worked as a combo of 5, having added an accomplished pianist on keyboards. All musicians are from local talent and the theme is based on the original duo and their selection of rock-n-roll era hits. Since 2009, they have performed yearly at the Friends' summer concerts gaining in popularity each year drawing an ever-larger devoted following. The highlight of the evening is the vocal stylings of Jack doing some of the hits of Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong—albeit without the trumpet.



Sunday, July 10 - **Beverly Taft**

Beverly is a talented Toronto-based jazz singer who has sung with many groups and at many jazz clubs. Her connection with Meaford goes back to summers when she used to visit her aunt who lived at 77 Nelson Street. She connected with Paul and did her first concert for the Friends in 2009. Since that first concert it has been an annual event with her parents; this year it will be her mother accompanying her on the piano.



Submitted by Paul Werle

THE NET SHED

Resumes operation on the Victoria Day weekend (Saturday, May 21) and continues through till Thanksgiving Weekend. (10-4 Saturday and Sunday and holiday Mondays)

Covid restrictions will be on a voluntary basis, although we recommend masks in the shed since there are no windows; there are no occupancy restrictions. Volunteers will offer hand sanitizer to customers.

If you were in last summer, you will notice that we have rearranged some of the shelves, and made it easier to find books.

Please donate popular fiction and non-fiction books and bring them in Sunday afternoon from 2-4. We particularly want you to put a post-it note on books you particularly liked since we've set up a "recommended shelf" as you come into the Net Shed. (Other book-stores recommend books, why not ours?)

It's not too late to volunteer for a shift. Drop by the Net Shed when it's open and ask for the volunteer sign-up sheet, or contact Rosemary at spalma07@rogers.com.

*Submitted by Chris Richardson,
Net Shed Coordinator*

THE MEAFORD COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE MEAFORD LIBRARY

Last year the Net Shed made just over \$16,500, which was 12% better than the year before.

Reported by Jim Brown, FOML Treasurer

THE MEAFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS A FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE



After the invasion of Ukraine, staff at the Meaford Public Library were looking for a way to help show support for the individuals affected by this devastating event. After some thought, the Library decided to host a gently-used book sale fundraiser from March 21 to April 3. With the help of The Net

Shed (a used book store run by the Friends of the Meaford Library, hundreds of materials were brought in and put on display at the Library. This wide collection of items featured something for everyone: children's picture books, audiobooks, movies, fiction and nonfiction books, French books, etc. A donation tin was left by the items, allowing people to leave a donation, of any amount, after choosing their item(s). Thanks to the overwhelming support of the community, the Library fundraised \$1,170. All the proceeds were donated to the Canadian Red Cross in support of the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal.



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The FOML Annual General Meeting – all Members Welcome

Thursday, June 9, 2022, 4 pm
FOML Room, Meaford Public Library

Renewed your Membership Yet?

Please fill out the form (available at the Net Shed or Library) and pay your \$5.

Invite friends and neighbours to join!

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