



Glengarry Place for the Arts

Newsletter

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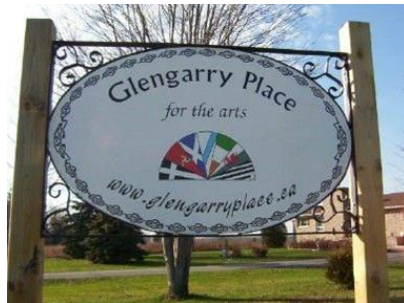
Dear Member(s)

GPA has decided to send out to members a bi-annual newsletter – we hope you enjoy our first edition!

The new executive committee for 2006-2007 is as follows:

-- Maryanne Kampouris	Chairperson
-- Julia Danskin	Vice Chair
-- Ron Harmison	Treasurer
-- Lesley Orr	Secretary
-- Michael Cowley-Owen	Director (Communications)
-- Jen Harmison	Director (Membership)
-- Marian Hemingway	Director
-- Marc Landreville	Director
-- Dexter Desjardins	Director
-- Jennifer Desjardins	Director

Glengarry Place for the Arts is a Government registered charitable organisation accountable to Canada Revenue Agency for its operation both financially, and in the services it provides to the public. A number of area businesses have kindly sponsored some of our major fund-raising events, which are necessary to maintain our operating costs. In Spring of 2006 we negotiated a Lease Agreement for MacKinnon Hall with the Gordon Presbyterian Church at St. Elmo.



Renting this facility has enabled us to present workshops and programs in order to fulfil our mandate of promoting Celtic culture in the Glengarry area.

Special Events, Programs and Workshops over the past year included Celtic Heritage Day, St Andrew's Ball, Ceilidh Dancing, Celtic Heritage Drama for Children, How to make a Kilt, Introduction to Celtic Art, and Tartan Day Afternoon Tea.. New workshops and programs are being researched for introduction over the summer of 2007.

For the first time, last year, on the Sunday following the Glengarry Highland Games, GPA put on an adventurous event – a Celtic Heritage Day – on the grounds of MacKinnon Hall. The day included: vignettes of a typical day in the life of the early settlers in Glengarry, played out by GPA members; a piping demonstration; a lute player; a storyteller; artisan stalls; and a ploughman's lunch.

In December, we held our 3rd annual St Andrew's Ball at the Maxville and District Sports Complex, with a good attendance of over eighty people. This included a good Scottish dinner, a presentation about the Patron, Saint Andrew, and entertainment by the Glengarry Grade IV Pipe Band, the MacCulloch Dancers and the Ian MacLeod Fiddlers. A Dance finished off the pleasant evening. This was our main fund-raising event for the year and was supported by several Sponsors.

Forthcoming events for this year include:

On June 16th, GPA will take part in the Maxville and District Chamber of Commerce Annual Sidewalk Sale on Main street – please come out to support our Table.

On June 24th, an all day Harp workshop will be given at MacKinnon Hall starting at 10:00 a.m. Cost: \$60.00, bring lunch. Contact J. Danskin at 613-527-2724. Registrations must be in by June 10th.

On July 29th, GPA will put on a Celidh dance demonstration at The Macdonell-Williamson House in Pointe Fortune as a fund-raiser for them.

On August 5th, we will, for the 2nd year, host our Celtic Heritage Day with a traditional meal and entertainment at the MacKinnon Hall grounds starting at 10:00 a.m.

On September 29th, a Medieval Fayre / Feast with period entertainment will be held at the Metcalfe Centre, Maxville. Details will be posted soon – we hope that you can support this ambitious event as we need to sell a minimum of 100 tickets. So please make a note of the date now and inform family and friends! Contact Julia Danskin at 613-527-2724.

On December 1st, we will hold our 4th annual St. Andrew's Ball Dinner / Dance at the Maxville and District Sports Complex.

The Board thanks all its members for their continuing support and we welcome suggestions and ideas for future projects. Every member is very welcome to attend our monthly board meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of each month at MacKinnon House, near St. Elmo church, just off the Highland Road.

The GPA has an active webpage - www.glengarryplace.ca - which is updated regularly with information about local events and news. There is a membership form for you to share with your friends, useful links and a link through which you can contact us.

Yours very truly,

Jen Harmison, Membership Director

A few words from our President

As you can see, we have come a long way since the Trillium Study was completed. I am proud of the work being done by each of your Board members, who extend their enthusiasm for Glengarry Place for the Arts to other social activities. They can be found bowling for local charities, getting together to learn Scottish country dancing at St. Elmo, and holding ad hoc meetings at the local pub. But it's you, our members, with your support and participation, that keep us motivated. We look forward to seeing each of you at any and all of our events, and we would welcome your involvement as volunteers.

Maryanne Kampouris, President