

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025 @ 12:00 PM
VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8412881633>**

TIME	SUBJECT	PAGE	LEAD	ACTION
12:00 PM	Calling to Order		Chair	
	Adoption of Agenda			
	Recommendation: THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable approves the agenda for the February 20, 2025, meeting as presented.		Chair	Resolution
	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest			
			Chair	
	Minutes of Previous Meeting – January 16, 2025 (approved by Council on February 10, 2025)			
	Recommendation: THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee receives for information the minutes of the January 16, 2025, Committee Meeting.	001	Chair	Resolution
	Deputation			
	None		Chair	
12:30pm	Business Arising			
	None		Chair	
12:50pm	Update on Workplan Items			
	Workplan Item 1: Wellington North Farmers' Market <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates 		EDO	
	Workplan Item 2: Cultural Grants and Donations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mount Forest Diwali Celebration (verbal update) St. Paul's United Church – Metz Pumpkinfest 	006	CDC	
	Workplan Item 3: Cultural Moments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 13 – Dr. Helen Reynolds January 27 – H. Gordon Green February 10 – “Saucy” Sylvia Cadesky 	012 013 014	CDC	
	Workplan Item 5: Wellington North Culture Days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates 			
	Workplan Item 6: Minto, Hanover, WN Cultural Roundtable partnership Tourism Growth Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Driftscape – update from preliminary meeting Cultural Roundtable Symposium – May 30 		EDO	

Cultural Roundtable Committee – February 20, 2025

1:30pm	Other Items			
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strathcona Long Term Care and local art exhibit 2. Four Corners Quilters' Guild, Cultural Roundtable's sponsorship of the Alzheimer's quilts 	015	Member Hruska	
1:40pm	Items for Consideration			
	Wellington Advertiser Cultural Ads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 	017	EDO	
1:45pm	Upcoming Events			
	International Women's Day March 5, 2025, The Neustadt Community Hall 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.	018		
	Advancement of Women (AWE) initiatives Webinars start in April	019	EDO / CDC	
	Cultural Roundtable Symposium May 30, 2025 Hosted by: Town of Minto <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates 			
1:45pm	Roundtable			
	(verbal)		All	
	Date of next meeting and adjournment			
	March 20, 2025, Virtual Recommendation: THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting of February 20, 2025, be adjourned at p.m.		Chair	Resolution



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 @ 12:00 PM
WELLINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY, ARTHUR**

Committee Members Present:

- Doris Cassan, Member
- Linda Hruska, Member
- Trina Reid, Member (joined virtually at 12:06 p.m.)
- Penny Renken, Councillor
- Faye Craig, Member
- Tim McIntosh, Member (arrived at 12:06 p.m.)
- Carol Vair, Member (arrived at 12:07 p.m.)

Regrets:

- Bonny McDougall, Chair

Staff Members Present:

- Robyn Mulder, Economic Development Officer
- Mike Wilson, Community Development Coordinator
- Tasha Grafos, Executive Assistant to the CAO
- Mandy Jones, Manager of Recreation, Community & Economic Development (arrived at 12:58 p.m.)

Calling to Order
CDC Wilson called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.
Adoption of Agenda
Moved by Member Cassan Seconded by Councillor Renken THAT the agenda for the January 16, 2025, Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be accepted and passed. CARRIED
Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
None

Minutes of Previous Meeting – November 14, 2024
(approved by Council on December 2, 2024)

Moved by Member Craig
Seconded by Member Hruska

THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee receive for information the minutes of the November 14, 2024 Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

Deputation

None

Business Arising

None

Update on Workplan Items

Workplan Item 1: Wellington North Farmers' Market

Plans for the Farmers' Market are moving ahead with the new location at 393 Parkside Dr., Mount Forest.

The Township will be employing a student to manage the Wellington North Farmers' Market and also help with the Community Gardens in Mount Forest.

The Louise Marshall Auxiliary booth is looking for 8-10 chairs that can be easily accessed for their sitting area.

Workplan Item 2: Cultural Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations:

- Mount Forest Diwali Celebration (verbal update)

CDC Wilson met with Axy Leighl, who is spearheading the Mount Forest Diwali celebrations for 2025. CDC Wilson reported that plans are taking shape, and that Leighl's group is looking for funding opportunities to help with the cost of entertainment for the event. The event would take place in late October. CDC Wilson is looking into possible grant opportunities for the Diwali group to apply to. CDC Wilson said Leighl expressed gratitude to the Cultural Roundtable for its expression of support for the event. Looking for funds for entertainment. Grant applications and eligibility.

The Cultural Roundtable also discussed the possibility of highlighting the Mount Forest Diwali celebration for a future Cultural Moment. CDC Wilson said he would connect with Leighl to get information.

Workplan Item 3: Cultural Moments

CDC Wilson provided an overview of the Cultural Moments presented to Council since the last Cultural Roundtable meeting in November 2024:

- November 18 – Duke of Wellington

- December 2 – 1985 Tornado
- December 16 – Harold “Toad” Reeves
- January 13 – Dr. Helen Reynolds

CDC Wilson reported that the January 27 Cultural Moment will highlight H. Gordon Green of Arthur, and the February 10 Cultural Moment will highlight “Saucy” Sylvia Cadesky from Mount Forest.

A discussion was held to brainstorm topics for future Cultural Moments:

- Sarah Smith
- Mennonite Culture
- Biz Bull
- Arthur Historical Society

CDC Wilson shared 2024 Cultural Moment video statics with the Committee. The videos have been very well received, accumulating more than 16,700 views across all social media platforms last year. A total of 20 videos were produced, averaging 836 views per video. The most viewed video of the year was the Lynes Blacksmith Shop – Raise the Roof Campaign (1,659 views) with the History of Indigenous Peoples in Wellington North a close second (1,389 views). CDC Wilson also highlighted the Harold “Toad” Reeves video as being very popular, accumulating 925 views in two weeks. The Committee was very happy with these numbers, and pleased that the videos are resonating with residents.

Member McIntosh commented that the “25 Fun Facts and Folklore of Wellington North” social media campaign was also very well received by the public. CDC Wilson reported that the Mount Forest Museum and Archives have included those social media posts in a booklet and those moments are now included in their collection.

Workplan Item 5: Wellington North Culture Days

No update

Workplan Item 6: Minto, Hanover, WN Cultural Roundtable partnership

Tourism Grown Program

- Driftscape

Implementation will begin in the first half of 2025. A meeting has been set up with Driftscape creators to begin the process of uploading material onto the app.

- May 30 Symposium

See the events section for more details

Other Items

Strathcona Long Term Care and local art exhibit

Member Vair brought forward an idea for a pilot project at minimal to no cost. During the winter months when the residents are in long term care, local artists could donate their work on a rotation basis to be hung throughout the complex. The alternate common rooms, focal points. This would enlighten the day for the aged and bring back memories. The art would be on loan and be updated on a rotating basis through the seasons to keep things interesting. Member Vair will reach out to Cheryl McTavish at Strathcona and Kate Rowley from the Mount Forest Museum and Archives to discuss further.

Items for Consideration

Wellington Advertiser Cultural Ads

The committee reviewed the November and December Cultural advertisements in the Wellington Advertiser.

Upcoming Events

Staff reported that the Cultural Roundtable Symposium will take place on Friday, May 30th in Harriston. The keynote speaker will be Cate Proctor.

Cate is Founder and Principal of an evidence-based consulting practice, Proctor Shift Consulting. She has held senior management roles at non-profit organizations in the arts and cultural sector. She has also held communications, events development, and production roles at the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the City of Charlottetown. With more than 20 years working in arts administration and creative industries roles, Cate has successfully managed festival and theatre operations through strategic planning, public relations, marketing, fundraising and partnership initiatives.

Cate's presentation will focus on embracing cultural assets through partnership. The presentation will address how the arts and cultural sectors, including its creators, are fundamental to projecting a community's vibrancy, authenticity, and acting as a primary attraction that serves both business and community interests. The workshop will take attendees through the process of identifying at least one project and /or partnership that they can generate within their community.

Roundtable

EDO Mulder:

Community Improvement Program (CIP) – Applications are now open for the calendar year. There is \$35,000 available in grant money for approved businesses. Applications will be accepted up until September 30 for projects completed and receipts submitted by Dec 1st, 2025. Must be new projects, grants are not retroactive.

- Working on Design Guidelines for downtown Arthur and Mount Forest

Saugeen Connects – Partnership programs

Workforce Development Programs

- North Wellington Works, March 27th, 2025, 9am – 3pm at Norwell, Palmerston

Advancement of Women (AWE) initiatives

- Begins with international Women’s Day in March

- Webinars start in April

Women of Wellington Saugeen Area (WOWSA) monthly programs

- Leadership - Jan 21, 2025, 6-8pm Mildmay (Guest Speaker – Melanie Needham)

Business Retention and Expansion

Reestablish the Mayors Breakfast series

- Q1 meeting to be held at the end of March/ early April

Member Hruska: Four Corners Quilters Guild donated 28 dropped off to Guelph. Donate 10 for kids with cancer at the Lions meeting 16 Jan.

Bizbull – overlapping stories for cultural moments. Shady Lawn, Farewell. Maybe the cultural moment could be in the Bizbull.

Member Craig: St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Arthur will have a guest music teacher over Easter 2025.

Staff Member Grafos:

Member McIntosh and Member Reid are invited to look at the website and see what needs updates. EA Grafos and CDC Wilson will be looking at website content and where things are put and the logic behind the naming of departments. Proposal for changing the titles of the names on the website and relocating them to where they make more sense.

e.g. Welcome to Wellington North – info logistics, hydro, blue bin etc

EA Grafos has tips on fireworks celebrations and safety concerns. Information to educate the public will be circulated about how celebrations use fireworks.

Date of next meeting and adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 20, (virtual)

Moved by Member McIntosh

Seconded by Member Craig

THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting of January 16, 2025, be adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

CARRIED



TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH

TO: Cultural Roundtable

DATE: 2025-02-20

MEETING TYPE: Open

SUBMITTED BY: Mike Wilson, Community Development Coordinator

REPORT #: C&ED 2025-010

REPORT TITLE: Cultural Events and Sponsorship Funding

RECOMMENDED MOTION

THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable approve the Cultural Events and Sponsorship Funding request in the amount of \$750.00 to Metz Pumpkinfest.

PREVIOUS REPORTS/BY-LAWS/RESOLUTIONS

C&ED 2024-032 Cultural Events Funding and Sponsorship Application

BACKGROUND

The Wellington North Cultural Roundtable values the important role that not-for-profit community organizations and community groups play in delivering events and projects that support our community.

The Programming Fund and Sponsorship initiative provides funding aimed at enabling local community groups and organizations to incorporate culturally significant elements to their existing events, programs and projects.

To support this initiative, \$2,000 was included in the 2025 operating budget.

ANALYSIS

Metz Pumpkinfest started in 2008 as a friendly competition between two neighbours vying for bragging rights of having grown the biggest pumpkin (judged by weight). The event proved to be a hit with the community, and is now entering its 17th year. This free community event has grown to include 240 participants in 2024, and features attractions such as horse drawn wagon rides, face painting, music, food, a pumpkin canon and social time.

The committee's volunteers (30 in total) have requested three things:

- That the event remains entirely free to the community;

- That the event is welcoming to people of all abilities; and
- The event is a 2SLGBTQ+ safe space (which the current venue is).

The event organizers appreciate that the event is growing, and the support they receive from volunteers (time) and local community members (funds). However, the organizers also recognize that with a growing event comes additional costs that place a financial burden on its current donation pool.

Metz Pumpkinfest is requesting \$750 to help offset the increased costs associated with hosting this growing event, such as the rental of a portable toilet, additional face painters, increased horse drawn wagon rides (longer time commitment), etc.

It should be noted that the Cultural Roundtable has also expressed interest in supporting the Mount Forest Diwali Celebration through the Cultural Events and Sponsorship Funding budget, but has yet to determine a dollar amount.

CONSULTATION

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Operating: At present, \$350.00 of the \$2,000.00 budget has already been committed, leaving \$1,650 available. If this grant request is approved, \$900.00 will remain.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Metz Pumpkinfest – Cultural Events Funding and Sponsorship Application

STRATEGIC PLAN 2024

- Shape and support sustainable growth
How:
- Deliver quality, efficient community services aligned with the Township's mandate and capacity
How: Supporting local not-for-profit and community organizations with funding for local cultural events and programs.
- Enhance information sharing and participation in decision-making
How:
- N/A Core-Service

Approved by: Mandy Jones, Manager of Recreation, Community & Economic Development

1. Please provide a brief description of your event/program/activity.

Pupkinfest started (in 2008) as a friendly competition between 2 neighbours vying for the bragging rights of having grown the biggest pumpkin - judged by weight. 17 years later, this friendly competition has morphed into a well-attended, free, community, family-friendly event, where pumpkin entrants fiercely compete for ... bragging rights! Even during covid restrictions, Pumkinfest continued, albeit, with severely limited numbers for a safe, outdoor event. These numbers have increased in the past 3 years to 240 participants in 2024. The current festival has many attractions like the horse drawn wagon rides, face painting, music, pumpkin canon, (food!) and visiting, etc.

The group of volunteers have insisted that their involvement hinges on: (1) the event remains entirely free; (2) the event is welcoming to people of all abilities, and (3) the event is a 2SLGBTQ+ safe space (as is the current venue)



2. Information about your event/program/activity.

Is this the first year for your event/program/activity? Yes No

If no, how many years has this event/program/activity been happening?

we are preparing for the 17th year of this event

Is this the first time you have asked for funding from Wellington North for this event? Yes No

If no, how many years have you received funding for this event/project?

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Do you receive funding from any other sources, such as community groups or other forms of government? Please include in-kind support. Yes No

If yes, who?

How many attendees/participants do you anticipate?

300

If a Special Activity, please provide some metrics your organization will use to determine the success of the activity:

3. What benefits will your event/program/activity bring to Wellington North and its residents? Please list a maximum of three (3) benefits.

1. free, communtiy event, welcoming of all abilities in a 2SLGBTQ+ save space
2. free, family-friendly event with many kids' activities (face painting, pumpkin carving, bouncy castle, horse drawn wagon rides, pumpkin bowling, pumpkin chucking, free super inclusive of ice cream and contton candy)

4. How has the community been engaged in the planning of your event/program/activity?

The event takes place at a a small country church and is powered by the neighbour volunteers.

5. How do you intend to promote your event/program/activity, and recognize the Township of Wellington North's contribution to your event/program/activity if your application is successful?

Currently, we promote in the Wellington Advertiser, 101/1 The Grand, Arthur Fall Fair, and extensively on Facebook (FB). Each of the providers of services have had a 'shout-out' for their anticipated participation in the main promotioanal posts as well as separate FB posts. Likewise, we would recognize the Township of Wellington North should we recieve a grant. We believe one of the reasons for hte increased turn-out this year is that local Facebook groups re-posted the event promotions in their private FB groups. In 2024, the participant numbers, especially of young families, surged. It was estimated that there were 100 kids (0 years to high school-aged) in attendance.

6. Please use this space to include any additional information you would like to provide about your event/program/activity.

The organizers appreciate the donations of time and services from local community members. The increasing event participant numbers indicates that this is a valuable community event, however, it also places a financial burden on the current donation pool. Volunteers who were 'willing to help out' are now integral to the surging participant numbers and activities of the festival. We need to reconsider the expertise, equipment and financial expectations of our volunteers. The organizers worry about over-stretching, fatiguing, depleting and ultimately losing our resources, and thus, not be able to continue to host Pumpkinfest; and we also recognize tht the increase in numbers increases needs like renting a portable toilet, additional face painters, longer time commitment for horse drawn wagon rides, etc. The volunteer pool has increased and currently 30 community volunteers (inclusive of high school students) were required this year.

I hereby make the above application to the Grants and Donations Program declaring all the information contained herein is true and correct, and acknowledge that the Township of Wellington North will process the application based on the information provided.

Signature:

Title: Pumpkinfest 2025 Co-Chair

Printed Name of Signatory: Catherine Schieck

Date: 5/02/25

The personal information requested in this form is being collected for the purpose of determining eligibility of an applicant to receive a Council grant. The information collected under the authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Questions regarding the collection of this information may be directed to the Municipal Clerk at 519-848-3620, ext.4227 or at the Municipal Office, 7490 Sideroad 7 West, Kenilworth, ON N0G 2E0. Wellington North may promote the program and reserves the right to use approved and funded projects as examples in promotional programming including using photographs and descriptions of the project in promotional materials. All applications to be submitted to the Township of Wellington North Attention Clerk's Department.

Date Received by Staff: February 5, 2025

Signature of Staff: *Mike Wilson*

To request an alternate format of this document, please contact township@wellington-north.com or 519-848-3620.



CULTURAL MOMENT FOR JANUARY 13, 2025 CELEBRATES DR. HELEN REYNOLDS



Dr. Helen Reynolds. This is the only photo in the Mount Forest Museum and Archives of Dr. Reynolds. Photo circa 1880.

Helen Reynolds was born in Mount Forest on June 7, 1860. Her father, John, was an Irish farmer and carpenter, and her mother Margaret came from Quebec. On the family farm and throughout her early schooling at Mount Forest High School and the Mount Forest Model School, Helen demonstrated a passion for Natural Sciences. Even with the intellectual and emotional drive to pursue medicine, Helen's choice to do so was both brave and remarkable for the time.

Although Queen's University (Kingston) accepted six women to Medical School in 1881, including Helen Reynolds, they were met with considerable hostility. By 1882, the faculty had created an impossible situation for the female students. Being separated for anatomy dissection was somewhat acceptable but not when the women were constantly insulted and excluded from "all obstetrical lectures to avoid their own embarrassment." The Professors lodged a formal complaint to the University that, "women restricted academic freedom" because lectures had to be "garbled to suit their refined sensibilities." The College caved, and all female students were expelled in 1883. The Queen's Faculty of Medicine would not reinstate female medical students until 1943. Fortunately for Helen Reynolds, a sympathetic group in Kingston took them in after founding the Women's Medical College. Helen graduated in 1885 with the highest marks of all women... and men.

Helen opened up her first practice in Toronto. It was a hard living, especially at night when Helen carried a length of chain for self-defense. Helen also had to open a boarding house to supplement her earnings. When she contracted pneumonia in 1889, Helen came home to Mount Forest to convalesce and joined the office of her younger brother, Dr. Albert Reynolds, on Main Street. She specialized in the diseases of women and children as men would seldom trust her knowledge. After marrying Thomas Ryan in 1890, the couple moved to Sudbury where Helen opened a practice in her home – reaching patients by canoe, rail handcar and on foot. It was a life filled with remote surgeries, accidents and smallpox epidemics as well as raising five children. When they retired to Victoria, B.C. in 1907, Helen could not practice medicine in that province as a woman, but she unofficially continued to care for the poor and immigrant neighborhoods for many more years.

Helen passed away on July 6, 1947 at the age of 87. Her home in Victoria, known as Ownyara, is considered a heritage property and, as of 2019, was still owned by members of her family.

Dr. Helen Reynolds would no doubt be happy to know the number of female graduates from Canadian medical schools in recent years has been slightly higher than men.

Submitted by the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable



CULTURAL MOMENT FOR JANUARY 27, 2025 CELEBRATES H. GORDON GREEN



H. Gordon Green was perhaps Wellington North's most famous personality. In the prime of his career, in the 1960s and 1970s, he was one of the better-known journalists and radio commentators in Canada. Green was a native of Arthur Township, where he was born on May 8, 1912 as the eldest of eight children. Coming of age during the Depression, he took on a number of jobs including farm hand (at 50 cents a day), country school teacher, and door-to-door salesman.

Green was destined to become a writer and enrolled in journalism at the University of Michigan, where he sold his first story to the *Toronto Star Weekly* for \$50 (a fortune at the time). This was big money for the late 1930s. His childhood as an impoverished farm boy and experience with marginal employment opportunities had left an impression. After a brief stint at McGill studying medicine, he joined the army.

Following his service, he joined the staff of the *Montreal Star*. He was assigned to the *Family Herald*, the *Star's* weekly farm magazine that, at that time, was a fixture in nearly every rural and small-town household. Even though he was still in his 30s, Green had developed a down-home writing style that referred to his experiences in the 1920s and 1930s. He became editor and held the position for almost 20 years.

As time passed, he became something of a celebrity, a role he enjoyed immensely. By the 1950s, he appeared frequently on various CBC radio programs as a commentator and panelist. Green's radio career evolved into a short-syndicated commentary that was heard over dozens of radio stations in Canada. He became known as "Radio's Old Cynic," which suited his style.

In the 1960s he became engaged in politics and in 1962 accepted the nomination as the New Democratic Party candidate in the riding of Wellington-Huron. Although broadly supported and pulling in the largest vote ever for the NDP, he only managed a third-placed showing.

H. Gordon Green published several books, including *Professor Go Home* and *A Time to Pass Over*. He continued to write a column for the *Star* until his death of cancer on November 3, 1991. His last column appeared the day before he died. His final visit to Arthur had been in May 1990, for the centennial reunion of Arthur District High School.

CULTURAL MOMENT FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2025 CELEBRATES "SAUCY" SYLVIA CADESKY

"Saucy" Sylvia Cadesky, born on July 27, 1920 in Owen Sound and raised in Mount Forest, had the potential to become a professor of German at any university, but she chose a different path. While completing her degree in modern languages in the late 1930s, Sylvia sang in Toronto clubs on weekends to earn extra money. This experience opened up another avenue for her. When she received a full scholarship to study German for her master's degree at Ohio State University, Sylvia accepted it but continued to perform in clubs and hotels in Akron and Cincinnati.

An irresistible offer soon came her way. Radio WLW in Cincinnati, known as the "Nation's Station" and a "Star Maker," offered Sylvia a position as a staff vocalist. Following in the footsteps of singers like Rosemary Clooney and Doris Day, Sylvia accepted the offer and embarked on a 70-year career in entertainment. Her mother, Tillye Cadesky, who had given Sylvia her first piano lessons while growing up in Mount Forest, must have been both proud and thrilled.



"Saucy" Sylvia Cadesky in 1962.

By 1946, Sylvia was hosting a coast-to-coast broadcast eight times a week. She played her own piano accompaniments and chatted informally with her radio listeners in a charming manner. Her bubbling laughter traveled along the airwaves into people's homes, endearing her to many.

Radio brought Sylvia into the company of legends like Ella Fitzgerald and Duke Ellington. Invited by Ellington to join his orchestra, she accepted and performed with them for five years. During her time in Arizona, a promoter billed her as "Saucy Sylvia" on the marquee, a name she has used ever since. Sylvia also discovered her natural talent for comedy. Despite receiving international offers, she chose to stay close to her family and home.

Sylvia experienced two loving marriages and, although she did not have children of her own, she was surrounded by children and grandchildren who adored her. In 2002, Sylvia Cadesky was inducted into the Newport Jazz Hall of Fame, alongside Ella Fitzgerald. In 2014, she was inducted into the Rhode Island Radio Hall of Fame. Sylvia passed away on May 25, 2017, at the age of 96.

Sylvia's journey from a potential academic career to a celebrated entertainer is a testament to her versatility and talent. Her ability to connect with audiences through her music and humour left a lasting impact on the entertainment industry. Her story is one of passion, dedication, and the pursuit of a dream that brought joy to many.

Submitted by the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable

February 2025

Four Corners Quilters' Guild Charitable Quilt Donations

In February 2024, the members of the Four Corners Quilters' Guild of Mount Forest enjoyed an inspirational presentation by Barb Smith, a volunteer with the Alzheimer's Society of Waterloo Wellington. Barb serves as the coordinator of the Touch Quilt Project, and she explained how the textural attributes of these quilts make them a valuable source of comfort for people suffering from dementia. Their benefits come from the soothing feel of the various textures of the fabrics used in the quilts.

Barb also spoke about dementia itself, and how to reduce the risk of a disease that has no known cure, through healthy lifestyle choices including lots of physical and mental activity.

The Four Corners Quilters' Guild members readily embraced the challenge to create Touch Quilts for donation to the Alzheimer's Society of Waterloo Wellington for distribution to those in need in the northern Wellington area.

Fabrics with interesting textures, colours and images were retrieved from the sewing supply cupboards of guild members, cut into six-inch squares and donated to the project. The guild purchased non-slip flannel backing for the quilts with the support of a grant from the Cultural Roundtable of the Township of Wellington North. In creating the quilts, members learned not only to view their work in a different way, where feel is more important than perfect seams and colour harmony, but also how to manage slippery, fuzzy, crinkly, lumpy and stretchy fabrics while ensuring the construction was extra sturdy to withstand the demands of laundry.

In total, twenty-eight quilts were delivered to the Guelph office of the Alzheimer's Society in December 2024. The Alzheimer's Touch Quilt Project began in 2007, and to date, more than 10,000 quilts have been collected and distributed to those in need of comfort, warmth and security.

In January 2025, guild co-president Sue Ewles along with Linda Hruska presented ten quilts to the Mount Forest Lions Club Childhood Cancer Project which donates these comforting quilts to children battling cancer. Under the leadership of Lions President and project chair, Crystal Steffler, 525 quilts and blankets have already been delivered to children with cancer. Since the initiation of the project in 2022, comfort quilts have been distributed through the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) in Ottawa and Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) in Hamilton as well as directly to camps for kids and hospitals in Wellington County. The Four Corners Quilters' Guild is proud to be supporting this special cause.

Lions International recognizes Childhood Cancer Awareness month in September. The Mount Forest Lions held their first annual Dinner and Dance Fundraiser for childhood cancer research in September 2024, raising \$ 16,000. The second event is scheduled for September 13, 2025.

The Four Corners Quilters' Guild is currently working on a donation quilt for the fundraising gala for Mount Forest's Louise Marshall Hospital in June 2025. The guild's annual raffle ticket sales support these community projects.

The guild meets the second Tuesday of September through June, with winter meetings being held virtually. More information is available on the guild's Facebook page.



From left: Sue Ewles and Linda Hruska of Four Corners Quilters' Guild with Crystal Steffler of the Mount Forest Lions Club. January 2025

END



Our Northern Wellington partnership is working together to preserve, promote and develop our unique cultural resources to support a vibrant inclusive community and a prosperous economy.



MOOREBAND
PRESENTS
SOUNDS OF SUNNY SOUTH
LET THE GOOD TIMES ROCK 'N ROLL!

Friday, February 14 @ 8:00pm
Doors Open @ 7:30pm
Harriston GTWG Theatre

Adults \$25, Youth \$15 (17 & under)
3rd Evening Concert Series

Get Tickets scan, email, text or call 519-897-7682

Family Day
Free Public Skating

Arthur & Area Community Centre
12-1:30pm Sponsored by Arthur Optimist

Feb 17

Mount Forest & District Sports Complex
12-1:30pm Sponsored by The Legion Catch the Ace

YOU'RE INVITED!!!
FAMILY DAY FUN FAIR

MON. FEBRUARY 17
Events start at 12:30pm

PMD ARENA
68 Main St W, Drayton

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR MORE DETAILS

Minto's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee presents
Be a part of the Journey!
AND THEN WHAT HAPPENED...

Cultural Connections:
A Diversity Learning Series with Tracy Lee

BLACK CANADIAN HISTORY: THE UNTOLD STORIES

Saturday, Feb 15 • 11am -12:30pm
\$5/person | Purchase tickets on Eventbrite or with cash at the Town of Minto / Launchit offices

Sign up deadline - Feb 8th
Harriston Library Community Room
88 Mill St., Harriston
Everyone Welcome!

Snacks prepared by MAYS & Co. INCLUDED!

AND THEN WHAT HAPPENED...
Black Canadian History
The Untold Stories

Register: town.minto.ca/calendar | Questions: erin@town.minto.on.ca

Minto Arts GALLERY

FEBRUARY 6 - 28

PRESENTS
Country Horizons

Landscape paintings in oil by Vaughn Gillson

Opening Night:
Thu. February 6, 6:30-8:00 pm
Harriston Public Library: 3rd floor
88 Mill St., Harriston

Country Horizons is a collection of impressionistic styled paintings that describes some of the rural expanses of Huron, Bruce, and Perth Counties and their agricultural foundations. Most of the paintings, present some historical features of the Maitland River at Fordwich.

For more info contact info@mintoartscouncil.ca

PALMERSTON FILM CIRCUIT

WINTER 2025 FILMS
ALL FILMS SCREEN AT 7:15 PM AT THE NORGAN THEATRE

February 17	March 17	April 21
Young Werther Starring Douglas Booth and Alison Pill as a lovestruck young writer and Alison Pill as the elusive object of his affections in this adaptation of the classic 1774 novel set in modern day Toronto.	Conclave Starring Ralph Fiennes and Stanley Tucci in this award-winning film version of the secretive and tense deliberations that take place during the selection of a new Pope.	Superboys of Malegaon The journey of an aspiring filmmaker as he bands together his group of friends to make a film for his town, the Indian city of Malegaon.

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