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Fall into Winter 2014

FRIENDS OF SANDBANKS PARK

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2014 MEETING DATES

The Friends of Sandbanks Park meetings are usually held the first Tuesday of the month at the Park Office. The AGM is held offsite in December and is a pot-luck dinner. Great food and good fun. All members are welcome to attend any meeting, but please confirm in advance, by phoning Mark Despault at 613-476-1509.

The printing of the newsletter is made possible by the generous support of Robin Reilly, Superintendent of Sandbanks Provincial Park. Thank you to Robin and all of the staff at the Park who support the Friends in so many ways. We would be pleased to print articles pertaining to memories of Sandbanks; joys or woes of camping; book reviews; recipes; - Snail mail to the Friends address or e-mail to romar@kos.net.

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"In one drop of water are found all the secrets of all the oceans; in one aspect of You are found all the aspects of existence." **Khalil Gibran**

Chair's Comments

Mark Despault

Hello to all you Friends of Sandbanks Park members out there! What a busy year we've had to date. Along with many special events hosted by the Friends over the summer, such as the fabulous Lakeshore Lodge Day and the creative outpouring that happens at Sandfest, the board has also been busy obtaining grants for tree planting and supporting the park with several trail development projects.

The Friends of Sandbanks Park has received an additional grant, from an Evergreen Fund, to continue the planting project that we began in 2013 in the west end of the park. With this money we will install additional deer fencing, enlarging the area from 1 acre to 4 acres. Trees and shrubs that are native to the park will be planted within the protected area, offering them a better chance of survival.

Yet another exciting tree planting project is also in the works, partnering the Friends of Sandbanks Park with the park and a solar power company called "SkyPower". With support funding from SkyPower and equipment support from the park, over 100 Butternut trees will be planted in the park, this fall. Butternut has been struggling in Ontario due to a fungus called the Butternut Canker. The trees that will be planted have a resistance to the canker and we anticipate a better survival rate.

Work continues on the Lakeview Trail, and the anticipated official opening will be this October during the Circle of Friends. The trail is just over 2 km's and will be great for both hikers and cyclist. Future plans are to connect it to the Woodlands Trail giving users a great loop to explore much of the park.

The Friends are very excited about hosting the Circle of Friends event this October 17th - 19th at Issiah Tubbs Resort. The resort is located a short distance from the park and will be the launching pad for tours of the park and local hi-lights, as well as the site for lots of workshops and seminars over the weekend. Details and registration forms are available on the Friends web site.

And I've only scratched the surface with these few hi-lights of our activities. I urge you to visit our web site regularly to keep abreast of up-coming events, on going projects and future plans.

Until next time

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All water has a perfect memory and is forever trying to get back to where it was.
Toni Morrison



Circle of Friends October 17- 19, 2014

Plans are well underway for an exceptional Circle of Friends. Registrants are coming from as far away as Thunder Bay. Many of Ontario's parks will be represented by their staff and Friends groups.

Seminar/workshop topics will encourage discussion about successful fundraising, grant writing, governance issues, volunteers, partnerships and the like.

Interested? Check out our web page at

www.friendsofsandbanks.org/site/circle-of-friends for details.

Like to attend? Come as a registrant and attend workshops, join in on the park visits and join us for meals and entertainment. Register at the above web page on the Program & Registration page.

Or come for part of the time and work with us as a volunteer. We need volunteers to show everyone the kind of good time only possible in The County. If you could spare some time contact us. We would love to get to know you better and share some of our excitement about the best provincial park in Ontario.

Contact us at 2014sandbankscircleoffriends@gmail.com

Currah's

Park Store & Grill

Outlet Beach Parking lot #8

Dunes Grill & Patio

Dunes Beach

This year, as last, was again blessed with ideal conditions for casting artistic sand sculptures at the Outlet Beach. Although the day was cool and windy, the enthusiasm of the participants was indeed warm and friendly. Rain from previous nights had soaked the beach thoroughly such that creative works could be formed, molded and mounded into a variety of shapes and structures. The snowman from the animated film Frozen was a popular creation as well as other winter themes including an algae-formed Christmas tree beside a conventional snowman. Other fascinating and creative works included the World Cup (to honour the Brazilian tournament), Egyptian pyramids, a variety of aquatic and marine wildlife (an octopus, mermaid and a finely detailed sea monster) and a variety of sand castles and fortifications.

Camping families originated from across Ontario and Quebec: from Chatham to Cambridge and Oshawa to Ottawa; from Montreal to Montmorency and Sherbrooke to Chicoutimi. I have often wondered, aside from familial cooperation and creativity, if there were other social benefits from this event. It was a man from Ottawa who pointed out to us that one got to know his camping neighbour a little better through the sharing of shovels and by kind, complementary remarks directed toward a neighbour's sculpture. In all, twenty-four families participated completing two-dozen works that attracted the interest and curiosity of many beach goers for the remainder of the day. In conclusion I wish to thank the following for their support and organizational skills, whose assistance continues to make this an enjoyable and creative event. Mark Powell for setting up; Janet Mooney, Agneta Sand, Elaine Metcalf and Penny and Neil Sipkes for prize distribution; Henry Kole for photography and Mike Van Wassenhoven from the NHE program.

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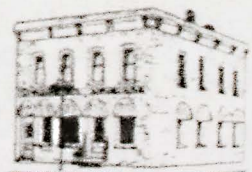
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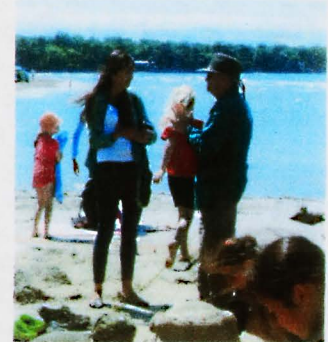
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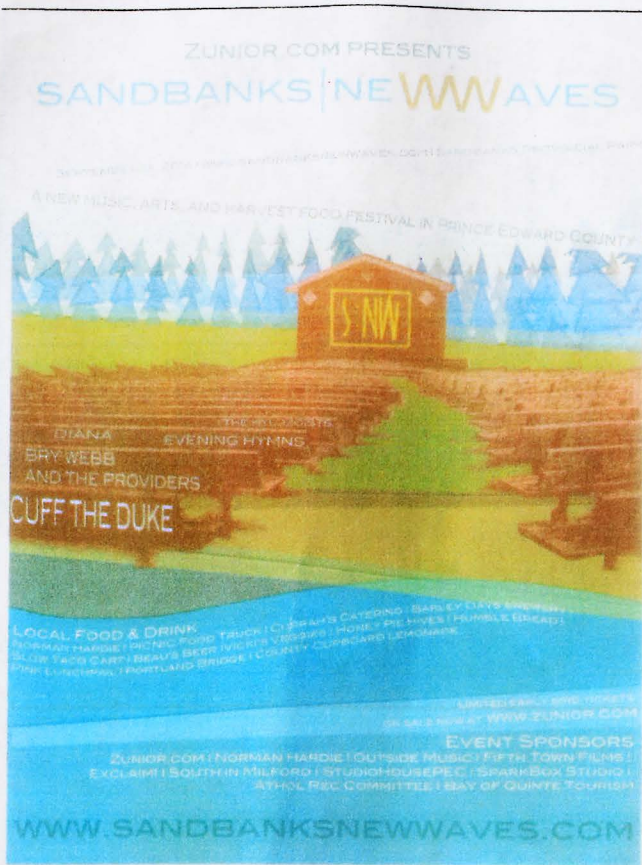


Sandfest - in the making
Thank you to Henry Cole for these great photographs!



Match the quotes to the author

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| 1. Water is the driving force in nature. | A. Bob Phillips |
| 2. We never know the worth of water till the well is dry. | B. Canadian Proverb |
| 3. You can't trust water: Even a straight stick turns crooked in it. | C. Doug Sloane |
| 4. Life in us is like the water in a river. | D. Evelyn Sloane |
| 5. Where the waters do agree, it is quite wonderful the relief they give. | E. Fiona Paul |
| 6. A lake carries you into recesses of feeling otherwise impenetrable | F. Harley King |
| 7. The best way to keep your daughter out of hot water is to put some dishes in it. | G. Henry David Thoreau |
| 8. The water was pure and cold and came out of the Apennines tasting like snow melted in the hands of a pretty girl. | H. Hesiod |
| 9. Never wade through the pretty ripples of perpetually flowing rivers, until you have looked at their lovely waters, and prayed to them, and washed your hands in the pale enchanting water | I. Isak Dinesen |
| 10. The next time you think you're perfect, try walking on water. | J. James Kidd |
| 11. When you control their water, you control the people. | K. Jane Austen |
| 12. Appreciate water before you are thirsty! Appreciate all the good things before you need them! | L. Leonardo da Vinci |
| 13. Walking on water is easy if you know where to step! | M. Mark Twain |
| 14. I am a pisces, a fish out of water, searching for a way back home. | N. Mehmet Murat ildan |
| 15. Reasoning with a drunkard is like going under water with a torch to seek for a drowning man. | O. Nabil N. Jamal |
| 16. The only way to drink water is with a dram of single malt. | P. Nicholas Sparks |
| 17. Too often our visions of the future are dull and impotent - like a hammer beating the water. | Q. Pat Conroy |
| 18. She poured us some more Scotch. It didn't seem to affect her any more than water affects Boulder Dam. | R. Peter Tieryas |
| 19. Both the teardrop and the tempest are made of water, making it the most yielding and most destructive force on Earth. | S. Raymond Chandler |
| 20. The cure for anything is salt water - tears, sweat, or the sea. | T. Thiruvalluvar |
| 21. High and fine literature is wine, and mine is only water; but everybody likes water | U. Thomas Fuller |
| 22. It is life, I think, to watch the water. A man can learn so many things. | V. Wallace Stevens |
| 23. Human nature is like water. It takes the shape of its container. | W. W.C. Fields |
| 24. A hole in the water can only be filled with water. | X. William Wordsworth |
| 25. The water's fine once you are in! | Y. Ziad K. Abdelnour |



DOORS OPEN BAY of QUINTE September 13 10-4
www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/Events/Bay-of-Quinte.aspx
 20TH ANNIVERSARY FUN RUN September 14 Register from 8:00 till 9:45 am in front of Currah's Park Store inside Sandbanks Provincial Park
 THE "STARLAB" AT MACAULAY HERITAGE PARK September 29 to October 3
 A traveling exhibit is coming from the Royal Ontario Museum. Participants crawl into the Starlab and sit around a central projector to experience the stars and the constellations around them! Special evening program for the general public on Thursday, October 2nd.
 COUNTY FESTIVAL OF TREES November 28, 29, 30, 2014 Isaiah Tubbs Resort, West Lake | Silent Auction Free Admission. Silent auction of over 150 beautifully decorated Christmas trees, as well as a huge bake sale, bucket draw, Christmas boutique, with live musical entertainment. All proceeds go to support our local Picton hospital. The Festival will be held at the Isaiah Tubbs Resort at West Lake.
 CHRISTMAS WREATH & BASKET SALE Saturday November 29, 2014 ~ 10:00 to 1:00 The Stone Chapel at Glenwood Cemetery 47 Ferguson Street Picton Ontario K0K 2T0 Christmas Wreath & Basket Sale is an Annual fundraiser for the Glenwood Cemetery. Purchase Wreaths & Baskets for use in homes during the holiday season and for placement on monuments in memory of loved ones. To order call 613-476-0096.
 November & December
 WASSAIL - Once again county wineries will be celebrating the end of the growing season and the burying of the vines. Tour the wineries and sample new vintages, mulled wines, Christmas treats, shop for wine, stocking stuffers, gifts. thecountywines.com

You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water.
 Rabindranath Tagore



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The County is surrounded by water, has several lakes, rivers and streams and yet is one of the driest Counties in Ontario. To that end we are honouring Water in all its shapes and forms. Works of art that celebrate Water and all its incarnations will be presented. There can be many themes on Water. It falls in many guises from a gentle Irish mist, to golf ball size hailstones, to drifts of pristine snow. We drink it as is, infused with coffee or Scotch, tea or lemons. We play on it, skating on frozen ponds, swim lengths in a pool, and who hasn't lobbed water balloons at passing canoes. Water supports and gives life to everything on earth, from water lilies on a tranquil pond to massive hydro electric plants near James Bay.

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