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WHONNOCK News

SPRING 2014

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lots of good things have happened since the fall and there are many events to look forward to.

We had a wonderful turnout for the November 11th service. It was so nice to be with friends and neighbours of Whonnock as we remembered those people who have served and are still serving the military of Canada. Thanks to Phil Johnson for organizing and Tom Brent for his excellent and a very interesting display of his Second World War memorabilia collection.

The New Years Eve party was a huge success with ninety people attending. The report was - good music, good food and lots of fun. Thanks to RCKC volunteers especially Tom Brent and Commodore Kevin Priebe. RCKC are really looking forward to getting our community involved in their programs. Check out their web site: www.rckc.ca.

One Book Whonnock had their gathering of readers on February 25 discussing the book *The Eternal Forest* by George Godwin who with his wife homesteaded in this area just before the First World War. Jean Davidson is the force behind this event. Her hopes are that even more people in our area will read and then meet to discuss together *The Best Laid Plans* by Terry Fallis, selected reading for this year.

Our Volunteer dinner will be held on April 6th. The WCA sponsors this event to thank all the people in our area who give so much of their time to make activities happen. If you know of anyone who volunteers and goes above and beyond to give back to our community please let us know. Invitations will be sent out in March. To those of you on our guest list, please RSVP before March 20th.

And the Easter Bunny will be making an appearance at Whonnock on April 20th. It's a great family time and we look forward to this event each year.

Fred Braches does a superb job with our Whonnock Websites where visitors can find all information they may need to enjoy life in Whonnock, Ruskin or Thornhill.

Join us at our monthly meetings the third Thursday of the month. We would enjoy meeting you!

Sandra Rossington

EASTER EGG HUNT

As usual our Easter Egg Hunt will start at 1:00 PM sharp on Easter Sunday, April 20th. Rain or shine!

The Easter Bunny is looking for volunteers to do some very rewarding assignments for the event.

If you are willing to hop along please call Shelley at 604-462-1881.



EASTER EGG HUNT VOLUNTEERS, 2013.



HUNTERS WITH DOGS IN THE WOODS.

WHONNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BURSARY

Attention all graduating students, the Whonnock Community Association offers an annual \$1,000 Bursary to any interested grade 12 students who reside or have been a past resident of Whonnock. The criteria we look at are threefold.

- First we look at the student's marks which must show a commitment to furthering their education at college, trade school or university.

- Secondly we assess financial need.

- Thirdly we look for a student's history of volunteering either in the community, the school or other worthy cause.

Please check with your school counselor for more information. Good Luck to all applicants!

If you have an interest in serving on this committee please call Noreen Woods at 604-462-8557. The time commitment is minimal and the satisfaction is great, knowing you are helping a student on their road to future success.

WHONNOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



For information about Whonnock Elementary and upcoming events please visit the school's Web site at <whonnockschool.sd42.ca>.

LAKESIDE PRESCHOOL

Located on beautiful Whonnock Lake in the Whonnock Lake Centre, this bright well-equipped preschool offers a variety of experiences for 3-to-5-year-olds.

Our aim is to provide each child with exciting and stimulating experiences in a warm and relaxed atmosphere.

For ongoing registration phone Mrs. Kilsby at 604-462-0026 to reserve your child's space in one of our programs.

BYRNES BURSARY

The Whonnock Foundation's Byrnes Bursary program grants amounts of up to \$2,000 per four-month period to students from east Maple Ridge enrolled in a college, university, trade school or other post-secondary establishment with a proven record of good performance in post-secondary education.

For more about the Whonnock Foundation and the terms of reference of the Byrnes Bursary visit: <<http://whonnock.ca/whonnock/Foundation.htm>>

Current Byrnes Bursary recipients are: Alyssa Pelletier, Megan Rogers, Michelle Vandermoor, Shannon Wright, Heather Middlemass, Andrew Franklyn, and Ian Wright.

MUSIC IN ME! STUDIO

Teaching a variety of programs and musical styles based on the individual student's preferences and musical goals.

- Classical music
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- Recital & Festival opportunities
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Call Eleanor Tracey at 604-287-6963 or E-mail <eleanor.tracey@shaw.ca> Website: <www.musicinme.musicteacher-shelper.com>

WHONNOCK DROP-IN

A FREE drop in recreation session for those wanting to hang with friends and be active.

Mondays from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Whonnock Elementary Gym. No sessions, March 17, 24, April 21 and May 19.

For more information, contact Brian Patel at 604-467-7448 or Megan MacMillan at 604-467-7497.



MONTESSORI CORNER

The Montessori Corner is a private educational organization. We offer preschool and kindergarten programs in two different locations, Websters Corners and Thornhill.

For more information visit <<http://montessoricorner.ca/>>, e-mail <info@montessoricorner.ca>, or call Ms. Debora Vieira at 604-462-1400.

WHONNOCK VOLLEYBALL

Adult Volleyball at Whonnock Elementary, Wednesdays from 8 until 9 in the gymnasium.

All skill levels welcome.

Now a WCA sponsored, parks and leisure program. For more information or to register go to <www.recreg4u.ca>





SMASHED! PHOTO BY LAURIE STOTT, MAPLE RIDGE TIMES



www.whonnock.ca

THORNHILL COMMUNITY HALL

The Thornhill Hall continues to be rented steadily with some fun events squeezed in between.

Last fall, we had our 4th annual GIANT PUMPKIN EVENT that was a great success. There were some new contestants and the winner for the Giant Pumpkin was Blair Stanley. His pumpkin weighed 352 lbs. It was a beauty.

This past year we also had a best savoury and sweet pumpkin food category with Mike from Big Feast judging. Mike Lascalle judged the best vegetable category and also gave us an informative presentation on Edible Ornamentals.

We also held a very successful FUNDRAISING DANCE with the ever popular Circle of Friends, an old time Rock and Roll dance band. We raised about \$1000 toward the refurbishing of our floor. We hope to get this done in the spring.

The Hall is rented for \$300 and is one of the most affordable rental halls in our community.

It holds 100 people and is cared for by volunteers.

Please contact Fran Norman @ 604-462-7869 or Shirley Kinney @ 604-476-7794.



DANCING TO THE TUNES OF THE "CIRCLE OF FRIENDS." DECEMBER 28TH 2013. PHOTO [HTTP://WWW.COFBAND.COM/BLOG/](http://www.cofband.com/blog/)

RUSKIN COMMUNITY HALL

28395 - 96th Avenue Maple Ridge, BC V2W 1L3

Phone: 604-462-9739 | ruskinhall@yahoo.ca

<http://www.whonnock.ca/ruskin/>

The Ruskin Hall is situated at the corner of 284th Street and 96th Avenue in eastern Maple Ridge. We are easy to find, just two minutes off the Lougheed Highway at 280th Street.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30. Visitors are always welcome.

Recently we hosted ONE BOOK WHONNOCK readers at the Ruskin Hall to discuss *The Eternal Forest* by George Godwin. The organizer of the reading group, Jean Davidson, asked us to use the Ruskin Hall as the book stems from around the time the hall was built.

The hall is available for rental at nightly or hourly rates. For rental information contact our booking agent Shannon at 462-7642.

HATHA FLOW YOGA classes are again being offered by Kim Rondquist Wednesday nights at 7:30. Hatha Flow Yoga uses breathing to bring fluidity and flow to stretches and poses. Everyone is welcome, drop in rates available. For information contact Kim at 462-4284.

POTLUCK DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION: Sunday, May 4 from 5:00 to 8:00. Dinner at 6:00. Come out and join the fun and food.



JUNICHI TANAKA, born in Japan, established a ceramics studio at Whonnock in 1998.

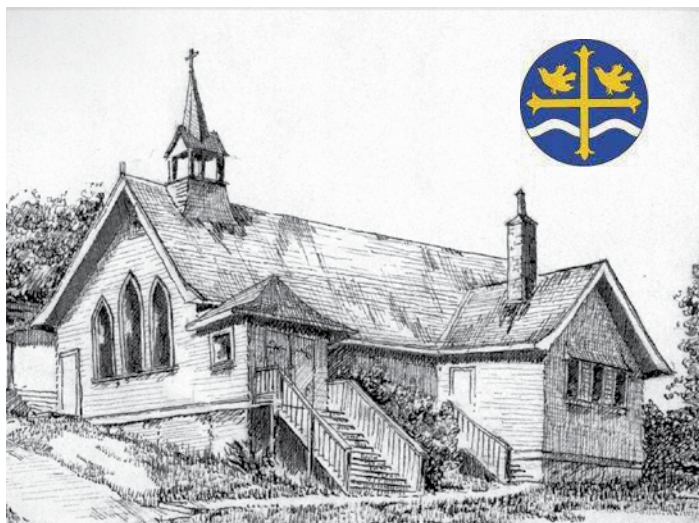
His work has been widely accepted all over Canada.

Ceramics is not his only passion. He has climbed major mountains and he is a poet.

His Web site address is

www.ceramicsjunichi.com

<http://whonnockian.blogspot.com>



HOLY SPIRIT ANGLICAN CHURCH

Do you find more grace in the search for meaning than in absolute certainty, in the questions rather than in the answers? Do you have religious interests and longings but question the beliefs and dogmas you associate with Christianity? Are you concerned about claims that Christianity is the "only way"? We welcome all those who enjoy the journey of discovery that is life.

Please feel free to join us for our Sunday Service in our Heritage Church in a lovely rural setting. Service is held from 10:00am to 11:30am every Sunday morning. You are encouraged and welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship afterwards held in our modern Church Hall that has all the facilities you'd expect!

We have a Sunday School and a nursery running each week for those with children. The congregation and our enthusiastic members make sure that all our seasonal events go with a real bang.

Priest in Charge: Rev. Dr. E.J. (Ted) Celiz.....604-568-6449

Bishop's Warden: Bob MacMillan.....604-826-3519

Peoples Warden: Thomas Kerr.....604-462-9797

Hall and Church Rental information 604-462-7933

CornerStone NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH

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Phone: 604.462.1161



WILDWOOD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Sunday Services are held at 10:30am (10810 - 272nd St.)

Wildwood Fellowship Church is a non-denominational, community church for all ages. We have youth, teens, young adults, middle aged and seniors attending. Are we perfect? Do we have all the answers? ... no. But we do know that God loves us and desires that we grow in grace and in our knowledge of Him.

We do care and we welcome you to come, visit and get to know us. It doesn't matter if you are old, young, single, married or divorced, with or without children, you will find that you will be accepted at Wildwood Fellowship Church. Come and join us as we grow and learn together. We know that ultimately Jesus Christ is the One who can truly satisfy the inner longings of our hearts.

For more information on events, ministries and special services please call Pastor Arnold Tracey at 604-287-6963, check out our website at www.wildwoodfellowship.com or just drop in and visit us some Sunday morning.

Sunday, February 23rd at 3:30 pm MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA with special guest speaker Maureen Floris addressing the topic of courage. This is a formal multi-generational tea, so dress up and invite your grandmother to join you for this afternoon tea."

Where: Schuil's residence, 26301, 96th Ave, Maple Ridge.

Please RSVP by February 17th - call Arianna 604-462-8417 or email mcdamiga@telus.net.

WHONNOCK T.O.P.S. LOCAL # 4522

TOPS is a nonprofit organization that helps members to improve their health and well being. We meet at the Wildwood Fellowship Church Mondays at

6:30 pm. Come and visit with us - we have fun and successful weight loss. Phone Carolyn , 604-462-1213, or Lori Button, 604-463-7355, for more info.

For information on other chapters in Maple Ridge phoneThelma at 604-467-5601





Photo: Doug R. Matheson

RIDGE CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB

This article is being written in the midst of one of the milder winters on record, one that has given athletes in Ridge Canoe & Kayak's high performance program the ability to head out on an unusually ice-free Whonnock Lake to do some REAL paddling.

This is something most of our competition in the rest of Canada will only be able to dream about for months to come. While this newsletter space often highlights the accomplishments of these athletes, preparing for competition is not the sole focus of the club. Indeed, many of our members have no wish to compete but they do nevertheless enjoy the sport of paddling.

By adding regular walking or running, some stretching exercises and mild training with weights, all under the direction of a qualified coach, they have an excellent all-around fitness program. As a bonus, there's also the benefit of being involved and developing friendships with people of a similar mind.



Not so well known is that Ridge Canoe & Kayak Club also offers a morning or afternoon of paddling to organizations, business groups, school field trips, birthday parties, etc. For a very modest fee, we'll give your group some basic instruction and, accompanied by one of our coaches, you can head out on Whonnock Lake for a few hours of

fun in canoes, kayaks or a dragon boat.

Would you like to try paddling? RCKC will have our annual open house on June 15 (Father's Day) and last year this event attracted over 250 people on a warm and sunny day. This is an opportunity for you and your family to come and try your hand at a sport that is suitable for all ages and abilities. We'll supply you with a lifejacket, a paddle and one of our non-tippy boats for FREE. It's our way of thanking the Whonnock community each year. For more information on this event or if you would like to find out more about our club, check us out at www.rckc.ca

WHONNOCK WEAVERS AND SPINNERS



The Whonnock Weavers and Spinners had a very busy fall and winter and were very happy to see many of you at our 33rd Annual Open House in November. We will be back again on the last Sunday of November in 2014, so mark November 30th on your calendar.

This spring, we are looking forward to three workshops offered by some of our own members – knitting, spinning with a drop spindle and rug hooking. In the fall we have plans to hold a basketry workshop.

We have been hosting spin-in Tuesday nights at The ACT on January 14 and February 11. There will be one more evening for the last spin-in on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the lobby at The ACT.

This year our meetings are being held in the pre-school room of the Whonnock Lake Centre on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. There is usually a short business meeting followed by a program. We frequently also meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, but these meetings may be at member's homes.

We always welcome new members so if you are interested in the fibre arts and wish to join us, simply come to a meeting. If you would like more information, please phone Marie at 604-462-9059. Our website can be found at <www.whonnock-weaversandspinnners.org>.



WESTCOAST SHOTOKAN KARATE

Kids and Family karate classes at Whonnock Lake Centre
Mondays and Wednesdays

Tiny Tigers:	4:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Regular/Family:	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Advance Training:	6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Starting off with Tiny Tigers for the little ones for ages 4 to 10 years old. This class is specifically designed to help children with the necessary skills needed to protect themselves and gain discipline and confidence through their growing-up years and entire lives.

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A great affordable way to gain flexibility, get in shape, increase your confidence and protect yourself.

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Programs at Whonnock Lake Centre

For more info, dates or to register by phone: 604 465-2470
For online registration go to www.recreg4u.ca.

Yoga - Burn & Firm Yoga Fusion

Tuesdays 9:00 - 10:00 am.

Hatha Yoga

Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

Yoga for Pain & Anxiety,

Thursdays 9:30 - 10:30 am.

Zumba - Dancefit,

Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:30 pm.

Sit & Fit Seniors Wellness Class,

Tuesdays, 10:15 - 11:00 am.

OUTDOOR BODY CAMP

Build a new appreciation for the world outside: blast fat and build muscle in Iron Mountain Movement's infamous Outdoor Body Camp. Cardio drills, circuit and core training will improve your speed, agility and strength whether you are looking to improve your sport or your body for 2014. Suitable for any level of fitness. Own mat required.

SRT - Tuesday April 1 - June 17/14, 6-7 pm Barcode: 188718

SRT - Thursday April 3 - June 19/14, 6-7 pm, Barcode: 188721

Online registration begins Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

To register visit www.recreg4u.ca or call 604-465-2470 or for more information visit www.ironmountainmovement.com

IRON MOUNTAIN MOVEMENT

PILATES FOR STRETCH AND RELAXATION USING THE FOAM ROLLER - NEW PROGRAM!

Strengthen and stretch while you gently rock and roll your way to muscle relaxation and stress relief. Improve body alignment, flexibility and balance with this relaxing Pilates practice using a foam roller. It is gentle on the joints, so there is little worry of over stressing the body. Join us for this relaxing hour and reconnect with yourself. Own mat and foam roller required. Monday March 31 - June 9/14, 6:50-7:50 pm. Barcode: 188712

PILATES BY THE LAKE - INTERMEDIATE

Designed for those with a strong Pilates base to further improve posture, increase lung capacity, and sculpt strong, lean muscles. Work on your body and mind, soaking in the serenity of Whonnock Lake. Own mat required.

Monday March 31 - June 9/14, 8:00-9:00 pm Barcode: 188713

Location: Whonnock Lake Centre

Instructor: Iron Mountain Movement

To register visit www.recreg4u.ca or call 604-465-2470 or for more info visit <http://www.ironmountainmovement.com>



WHONNOCK WALKERS

Join us Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:15 for a friendly, one-hour walk. Call Brita at 604 462-9863 for more information.

Location: Whonnock Lake Centre Parking lot.

ONE BOOK WHONNOCK

One Book Whonnock aims to develop community in rural east Maple Ridge while having a good read.

This year, the discussion book was *The Eternal Forest* by George Godwin. While the story is set just before the First World War, the title suggests a dilemma which exists today - is the forest eternal in this area? Fifty-six people signed up to read the book; 31 participated in a gathering to discuss the book. It was held at Ruskin Hall this year (offered by the Hall Association at no charge).

Ruskin Hall was built in the early 1920s in the era in which 'The Eternal Forest' was published, so the discussions were surrounded by an authentic atmosphere.

Julie Young, Moh Thauberger and Jean Davidson have organized this year's One Book Whonnock, with a lot of support from Fred Braches. Speak to any of them if you have suggestions for One Book Whonnock in future. The District of Maple Ridge provided a neighbourhood grant to cover some of the costs of the evening. The Maple Ridge branch of the Fraser Valley Regional Library generously acquired extra copies of the book so it would be easily available to participants."

Advance Notice of the next One Book Whonnock! Open to those who live, work, go to school or go to church in Ruskin, Thornhill and Whonnock. The book will be *The Best Laid Plans* by Terry Fallis which won CBC Radio's 'Canada Reads' in 2011. The author describes the novel as "my love letter to democracy ... intended to illuminate a different path we might take in how we practice politics in this country..." It's time to be reflective, discerning citizens and gear up for the federal election scheduled for October 19, 2015. Start by having some fun as you read this book, then come together and discuss it with your neighbours in early 2015. Register by email to webmaster@whonnock.ca or call Jean at 604-462-7341.



THE AUTHOR GEORGE GODWIN AND HIS WIFE DOROTHY PURDON AT THE TIME THEY LIVED IN WHONNOCK.



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THE LAZY SUSAN RESTAURANT

Many thanks to Margaret Norman, Edwin Landale, Dan Fisk, Ron Knaack, Pierce Carlson, Nancy Webster and Dudley Brooks to take the trouble helping or sharing what they remember about this short-lived landmark.

Dudley Brooks knew that it was green, wood-paneled, rather modern looking building put on land owned by Stirks. The land was at one time part of his property. The building is no longer there.

No pictures so far, but please call Fred at 604-462-8942 if you have anything to add.

CALENDAR 2015

It seems ridiculously early but Fred (604 462 8942) is looking for pictures of the past to put in next year's historical calendar. If you don't want to let your precious pictures out of sight he will gladly come over and scan what you have.

Also a reminder that Sue at the post office has copies of all twenty *Whonnock Notes* in stock. Digital versions are available on the Web. Just Google "whonnock history."



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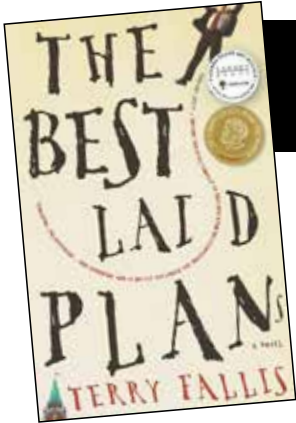
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2015 Selection

The Best Laid Plans by Terry Fallis

Irreverent Humour • Political Satire • Thought-Provoking



**Have a good read
and build community in our neighbourhood!**

It's time to become a reflective, discerning citizen and gear up for the federal election scheduled for October 19, 2015. Start by having some fun as you read this book, then come together and discuss it with your neighbours!

Terry Fallis says this novel is “my love letter to democracy ... intended to illuminate a different path we might take in how we practise politics in this country...”.

We'll meet in early 2015 to discuss the book with your neighbours.

As you read this book, think about:

- Why does politics in this country happen as it does?
- What is your role as an individual citizen?
- Did the author succeed in “illuminating a different path” for politics in Canada?
- Gather stories about your family's political involvements and experiences you've had as a voter.

Check out: onebookwhonnock.blogspot.ca
facebook.com/OneBookWhonnock
www.whonnock.ca



This book is available at *Fraser Valley Regional Library*, new and used book stores and as an eBook.

Let us know you are participating!

You can either send your name and phone number to webmaster@whonnock.ca, or call Jean at 604-462-7341.



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