

Early Spring 2017

Pakenham Branch Expansion

The Pakenham expansion project is soon to really get underway! Thanks to a very generous donation from the Elizabeth Kelly Library Foundation Inc. and our Canada 150 grant with the Municipality, we are almost ready for the shovel! Our fundraising committee is already hard at work thinking of really fantastic community events for us to have fun while also raising money for the furnishings and equip-



ment for the new library branch. Donations are thankfully received at either branch location.

Pakenham Trivia Night

Have fun, win prizes and test your local knowledge!

Friday, March 31st
7-10:30 pm
Stewart Community Centre

\$10/ person
Light lunch included
Cash Bar

Teams of 4 - 8 people, individuals may be paired up with other players

To register or for more information email
kpillsworth @mississippimills.ca
or phone 613-624-5306

The logo for National Canadian Film Day 150. It features the text "National CANADIAN FILM DAY" in white on a red ribbon-like background, with "150" below it.

National Canadian Film Day 150

In celebration of the many fine Canadian films that have been made over the years, REEL CANADA is hosting National Canadian Film Day 150 making it possible for us to present the wonderful film, **Monsieur Lazhar**. Nominated for an Academy Award in 2011 for Best Foreign Language Film it has been called a classic.

Showing will be at 2 pm on Wednesday, April 19 in the meeting room of the Almonte Branch. Space is limited so please register by contacting the library at 613-256-1037. Stay tuned for more details.

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Almonte CORRIDOR GALLERY

Debra Tate-Sears

Showing February 7 to April 4

Debra Tate-Sears is a painter who has exhibited and presented her artwork to the public for over thirty years. For most of those years, her work has focused primarily on watercolour painting, and the development of a unique detailed, "dry on dry" transparent layering technique. This stylistic approach is very similar to the technical aspects employed with egg tempera, and Debra now includes this medium in her portfolio. Egg tempera is an almost forgotten medium that is fascinating in its organic engagement of the artist. The processes involved with preparing panels, making gesso and grinding pigments to create paint with egg yolk as binder hasn't changed in over 1000 years.

Debra also paints on old weathered slate tiles that have been removed from heritage buildings with transparent India ink and watercolour. She creates 19th century styled landscapes that incorporate 19th century structures synonymous with the type of architecture found in this area.

The natural staining and weathering of the stone comes through the transparent mediums, and dictates the composition. The result is very moody and dark, reminiscent of the "Romantic" landscape treatment employed by British artists (1800-1850) during the time that our own "landscape" was created.



PASSES



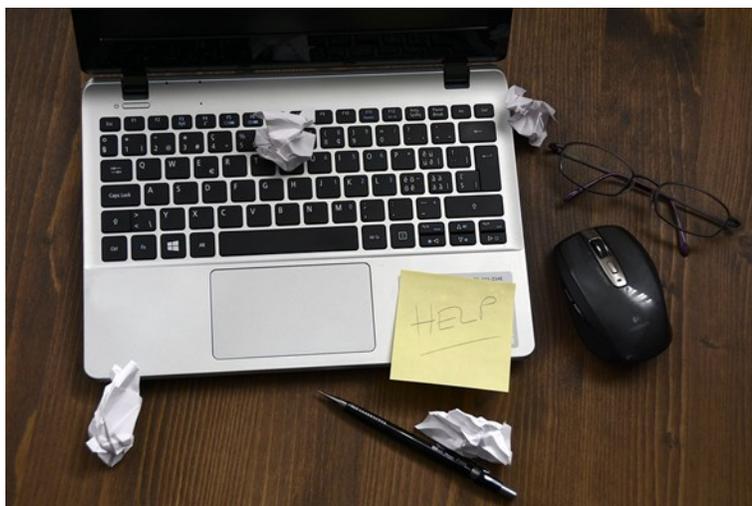
Don't forget!
We have Skating Passes.
Good for free entry for a family (2 adults &
5 children) at the
Almonte and Pakenham Arenas.

All museum passes and skating passes circulate for one week. Because of high demand, circulation is for three days during the March Break.

MMPL TechTutor

You know that really 'techy' family member who does everything on their phone or computer in a flash who you'd love to have teach you a thing or two about all this new fancy technology (but maybe they just don't have time or there's some other issue in the way of making that happen)? Well guess what? We've got one of these people available (FOR FREE) to teach you whatever you want to know about your: cellphone, facebook, chrome, tablet, "the cloud", laptop, twitter, e-mail, firefox and ALL that good stuff! It doesn't matter if it's Mac, Android or Windows you bring it and we'll help you learn to use it better.

You can either visit or call the front desk staff to book a 50 minute session (Wed/Thurs) or if you dare, you can try booking it yourself at



techtutor.acuityscheduling.com (It's actually really easy.) Available until March 23, 2017.



MMPL Seed Library

The MMPL Seed Library has been busy planning another exciting season for 2017.

Seed Stuffing is Happening Now: Thank you to the many gardeners who have been bringing in their vegetable and flower seeds to share. With your help, we should have another bumper crop of seeds to offer when we open the seed library on March 18th. We are busy sorting and stuffing packages for this year's community seed lending library. Each year, library patrons can "check out" seeds from gardeners in Mississippi Mills and across Lanark County, grow them in their home gardens, and then "return" some saved seeds at the end of the season.

Generous Donations from Coast to Coast: This year, our seed donations have been enriched with a splendid array of seed packages donated by our West Coast friend **Dan Jason** of **Salt Spring Seeds** (www.saltspringseeds.com) along with a raft of heirloom seeds from our new East Coast friend **Owen Bridge** of **Annapolis Seeds** (www.annapolisseeds.com) in Middleton, Nova Scotia. The best part: all seeds from both of these seed companies are open-pollinated so that seed library members can save seeds from their harvests. Thank you for your kind and generous support!

Building Capacity for Growing Local Food: On the educational front, we are combining forces with the Neighbourhood Tomato, Mills Community Support, and the new Youth Centre to deliver a range of exciting new community-based gardening workshops and events. Watch as we roll out more details about the following:

- Saturday February 25, Master Gardener & Millstone Gardening Columnist **David Hinks** will present a talk on "**Caring for Fruit Trees**" to be held at the new Youth Centre.
- Seed Library Opening March 18th 12:30 pm: The Seed Library kicks off its 3rd year at the Almonte Library. We begin the day with a follow up to last year's popular workshop from herbalist and wild food forager **Amber Westfall** speaking on **The Healing Garden: Easy to grow plants for the Home Apothecary**.
- April 8th, Organic Master Gardener **Holly Myers** will be presenting "**Small Space Vegetable Gardens: Plan your Space for Maximum Harvests**".

To register for the above workshops contact kkiddey@mississippimills.ca

- April 22, "Garden Day" at the Youth Centre with David Hinks, youth and community volunteers. Start to finish raised box building and filling. Time to be announced.
- May 1st: **Neighbourhood Tomato Great Veggie Grow-Off** begins again for Lanark County. Location Mississippi Mills Youth Centre, Almonte. Time to be announced.

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