

Come to the Show ...

This is a great opportunity for you to find that special gift, whether it is for a Birthday, for a special occasion, for Christmas, or for 'a thank you' - you're likely to find it at our Show. And, you will be helping us to raise the funds for the programs and projects in Presqu'ile.

By the time you receive this, the artisans and crafters will have delivered all of their work to the Christmas at Presqu'ile team. Their selected works are then organized and carefully displayed throughout The Christmas House.

As well, Stonehedge is being converted into The Tea Room where you can relax and enjoy refreshments, and the Lighthouse Art Gallery is being made ready for the intake of the work of artists Doug Comeau, Rose Brown, and Linda Barber. Many of our members are working behind the scenes to make sure we have another successful **Christmas at Presqu'ile Arts and Crafts Show**.

You can win one of 4 one-of-a-kind prizes in our Raffle this year and tickets will be on sale at the entrance to The Christmas House.

No matter where you shop (in the Christmas House, the Tea Room, at the Art Gallery, and in the Gift Shop), you will receive a LUCKY Draw ticket. Fill in your name and phone number and place it in the box at the Lighthouse Art Gallery for a chance to win the prize: a **Bison Print and embedded Silver \$20 Mint Coin** donated by artist **Doug Comeau**, of Trenton.

For information about volunteering at Christmas at Presqu'ile, please contact **Nancy Sutton**, our Volunteer Coordinator, at **613 475 9817**, or ask one of our helpers at the Show.



Board of Directors

Pete Alker
John Cockburn
Bev Cook
— Corporate Secretary
David Crouch — Treasurer
Janine McClintock
Phil McRae
Ian Savill — Vice-Chair
Steve Sinclair — Chair

The Friends of Presqu'ile Park

PO Box 1442
Brighton ON
K0K 1H0

Telephone:
613 475 1688

E-mail:
info@friendsofpresquile.on.ca

Website:
www.friendsofpresquile.on.ca

In the next issue:
Winner of
Kawartha Canoe Raffle
Report from
Kids 'n Nature 2014

The Friends of Presqu'ile Park is a non-profit charitable association of volunteers dedicated to enhancing the educational, interpretive, and scientific research programs at Presqu'ile Provincial Park.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

2015

March 14 and 15: Waterfowl Weekend, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

World-class waterfowl viewing during the spring migration. Volunteer naturalists will help you view and identify over 25 different species of ducks, geese, and swans. Also check out the children's activities. Join The Friends for their fund-raising BBQ lunch at the Lighthouse, on Saturday and Sunday, from 11:00 am. The Lighthouse Interpretive Centre and The Friends' Gift Shop will be open (10:00 am to 4:00 pm).

May 16 and 17: Warblers and Whimbrels Weekend, starting at 6:30 am

View the elusive Whimbrel and many colourful Warblers as they migrate to their northern nesting grounds. Enjoy guided nature walks, bird-banding, and evening programs. Join The Friends for their fund-raising BBQ lunch at the Lighthouse, on Saturday and Sunday, from 11:00 am. The Lighthouse Interpretive Centre and The Friends' Gift Shop will be open (10:00 am to 4:00 pm).

June 13, 20, and 27: Spring Interpretive Program

Guided nature walks each weekend. The Lighthouse Interpretive Centre and The Friends' Gift Shop will be open weekends (10:00 am to 4:00 pm).

July 1 to September 6: Summer Interpretive Program

Programs will be posted on our website, www.friendsofpresquile.on.ca, and throughout the Park, every week. Daily family programs (except Wednesdays) - guided walks, children's programs, evening talks, and campfire sing-alongs. Every Saturday lunchtime, The Friends will hold their fund-raising BBQs, near the amphitheatre, from 11:00 am. The Nature Centre, Lighthouse Interpretive Centre, and The Friends' Gift Shop will be open daily (10:00 am to 5:00 pm).

July/August (2015 dates to be confirmed): Kids 'n Nature Summer Day Camps, 8- to 14-year-old boys and girls

July 31, August 1 and 2: History Weekend - War of 1812-1814, 10:00 am to 10:00 pm

Relive Presqu'ile's storied past and take part in events. See 1812 re-enactments. Participate in old-fashioned field games, children's boat-building bee and regatta, ghost walks, a history play, and more.

September 4, 5 and 6: Monarchs and Migrants Weekend, starting at 8:00 am

Bird-banding, Monarch tagging and guided nature walks celebrate this weekend of fall migration.

September 7 to 27: Fall Interpretive Program

Friday video presentations and guided hikes on select weekends. The Lighthouse Interpretive Centre and The Friends' Gift Shop will be open weekends.

November 7 and 8, 11, 14 and 15: 24th Christmas at Presqu'ile Juried Arts and Crafts Show

Fine arts and crafts on sale, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm daily, at the Nature Centre. Visit the Tea Room at Stonehedge and enjoy our famous rum cake and hot drinks. Featured artists Doug Comeau, Rose Brown, and Linda Barber at the Lighthouse Interpretive Centre, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Friends' Gift Shop will be open. Free entry to the Park and free admission to the Show. Free parking.

(Calendar is subject to change — please check our website to confirm dates and information.)

Unless otherwise noted all events are FREE.

A valid park permit is required to enter the Park.

For more information on events, visit **The Friends of Presqu'ile Park's website** at www.friendsofpresquile.on.ca or contact **Presqu'ile Provincial Park** at **613 475 4324, ext 225.**

Views expressed in *The Beacon* are not necessarily those of The Friends of Presqu'ile Park or the Editor. Some articles are published to give a viewpoint and to encourage discussion. We welcome suggestions and constructive criticisms, and also your articles and photographs, for inclusion in the newsletter.

Mail copy to **The Friends of Presqu'ile Park** at: **PO Box 1442, Brighton ON, K0K 1H0**
or e-mail: info@friendsofpresquile.on.ca

Edited by Jenny Alker.

The Friends' Gift Shop will be open during Christmas at Presqu'ile Arts and Crafts Show (10:00 am to 5:00 pm) and it will be open for Waterfowl Weekend and Warblers and Whimbrels Weekend (10:00 am to 4:00 pm).

We are open otherwise by appointment.

For more information, please call **Joyce Boucher** at **613 475 1428.**