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As we enter our next quarter century, I thought a brief look to the past might be of interest. Last August at the Authors in the Hills of Mulmur event I had the chance to catch up with Hugh Russel. In 1995 Hugh was the second president of the Shelburne Arts Council. Hugh told me something of the early hopes for the group, and then went on to say that there was some disappointment as they saw their goal of raising \$100,000 in support of local artists remain beyond their reach.

And yet when we look at Bob Mitchell's annual financial statements we see that today the Dufferin Arts Council has a scholarship fund worth \$202,000 and the Cooper bursary has a value of \$42,000. Over the years DAC has raised a great deal of money and spent more \$100,000 in support of the students and artists of Dufferin County. I would tell Hugh that his initial group of about 150 people started something very special that today is a legacy they can be very proud of.

As we embark on the next 25 years we must not lose sight of these accomplishments—now we must explore ways to build on them. To do this we need your help!

The new board of directors is developing a plan in response to the questions posed at the September luncheon. We have decided that our primary focus must be the addition of new members. Today we number approximately 260 active members. DAC would be able to do much more if we numbered at least 325 active supporters of the arts in Dufferin. And, for us to be a truly healthy organization working to promote arts and culture, we do need a vice-president. An organization that does not have a vice-president could be perceived as an organization that is not terribly concerned about its future.

In addition, those of you who enjoy our luncheons should be aware that we still do not have a co-ordinator for our luncheon speakers. If no one steps forward—possibly even as a member of a small team—we will not have any speakers as of February 2018. (Rest assured we do have a list of interesting names for you to work from.)

As president of the board of directors for the year 2017/18 I look forward to our exploration of DAC's future. I do hope you will join the journey and help create an exciting, dynamic future for the Dufferin Arts Council. Please contact me at shelagh.mj@sympatico.ca if you have any questions or suggestions about how you can help.



Shelagh

On the Cover

Luke Zuliani on the Opera House stage.
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The membership year runs from July to June, with renewals due July 2nd each year. To sign up, change your address, or make a query please email f_nadafi@hotmail.com.



Let's do Lunch

The DAC Luncheon Series

Speakers Series Luncheons

Please note the space seats only 75 people.

Reserving a seat in advance is crucial.

\$30.00 per person - CASH ONLY

Persons with accessibility challenges can be accommodated with advance notice.

Reserve with Agnes Donaldson at
abdean5555@gmail.com or
519-939-7492 by the Friday
preceding the luncheon.

Meetings for the Autumn

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Arthur Needles on William Needles, Actor

Let's try this again! William Needles was a well-known Shakespearean actor. His son, Arthur, speaks of him as his best friend. Arthur will share with us a lifetime of stories from his father's student days, wartime experiences and of course an acting career that spanned 80 years. Come out to hear stories from a family with strong connections to the Rosemount and Dufferin community.

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Ken Weber

Writer, educator, historian

Many of you know Ken through his regular column, Historic Hills, in In the Hills. He is also the author of more than 50 books as well as the Five Minute Mystery series, some of which you may also have encountered over the months on the final page of In the Hills. What you may not be aware of is Ken's love of hiking the Bruce Trail or the fact that he received the 2016 Caledon Walk of Fame Award. Join us to learn more about Ken and why he feels that "local history is more important and more fun."

**Luncheon Dates
for the 2017 / 2018 Year**

November 7, 2017
December 12, 2017
February 6, 2018
March 6, 2018

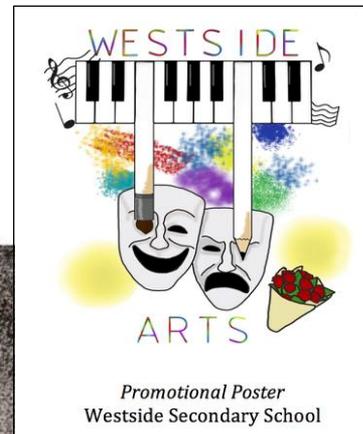
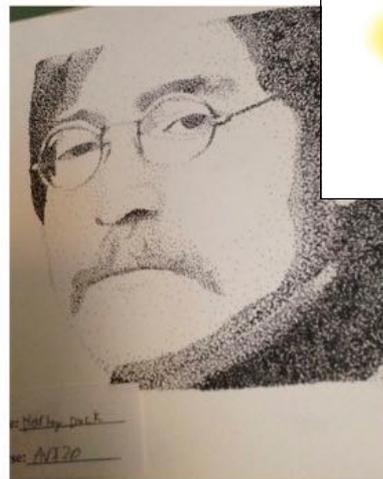
April 3, 2018
May 1, 2018
June 5, 2018

Scholarship News

DAC Scholarships for Excellence in the Arts

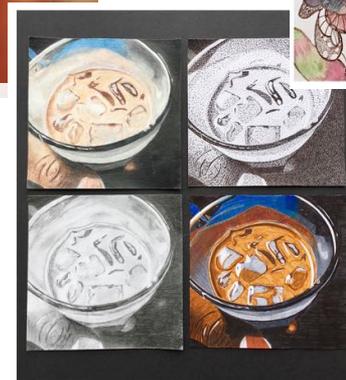
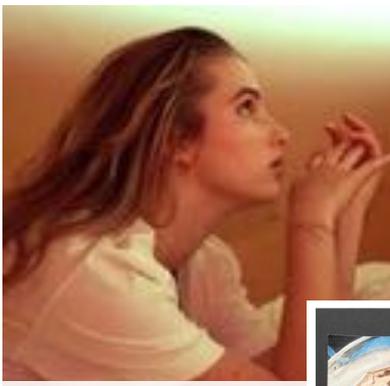
Harley Duck (Westside Secondary School) has been accepted to the Bachelor of Arts Honours Major Studio Art program at the University of Guelph.

One of his referees speaks of Harley as "...a deeply reflective and creative person...who demonstrates the qualities of fearlessness, hard work and humour... he's a joy to have in class and well on his way to a successful career in the arts."



Jacqueline Vandervaart (Westside) has been accepted into the Bachelor of Arts, Architectural Studies at the University of Toronto.

Her art teacher describes her as "thoughtful, intuitive and unafraid of hard work." Another teacher spoke of her tireless leadership in Westside's renowned Pink Day fundraising campaign as well as her vision and organizational skills as head of the prom committee. Some DAC members may remember Jacqueline in an earlier production of A Christmas Story at Theatre Orangeville.



Victoria Laughlin (Robert F. Hall Catholic S.S.) has been accepted into the Triple Threat™ training program in singing, dancing, and acting for stage, film, and television at the Randolph Academy for The Performing Arts in Toronto.

Victoria has a stellar portfolio and glowing references, having performed with Theatre Orangeville's Young Company, the Orangeville Music Theatre, Marquees Theatrical Productions and Wavestage Theatre Company in Newmarket, the Brampton Music Theatre, and Drayton Entertainment in St. Jacobs. She was a member of the TOYS choir for three years, is a seasoned music festival competitor and has performed at several charity events.

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Sing out Loud

A catch up with the Achill Choral Society...

In 1982, a German-Canadian businessman by the name of Martin Mayer founded a community choir, with a membership comprised from the surrounding communities. The name of the choir was chosen primarily because they practiced and performed near the hamlet of Achill in the Hockley Valley (located between Orangeville and Tottenham). Interestingly, some of the first settlers in this hamlet hailed from Achill Island in Ireland, hence the name for this wonderful choir.

Sadly, Martin Mayer passed away in 1996, but his legacy lives on while his wife, Luitgard, (an alto member until a few years ago) still attends Achill concerts, when she can.

While the first 25 years of the choir saw great success under its founding director, A. Dale Wood, time evolves and the choir is delighted to showcase Shawn Grenke this

year as the new choir director. Shawn has been a favourite accompanist of the choir for many years.

Shawn is an accompanist to several of Canada's leading professional choirs, the Elmer Iseler Singers, and the Amadeus Choir, where he is also the Associate Conductor. He is the Director of Music for Eglinton St. George's United Church in Toronto, in addition to the Woodstock Fanshawe Singers.

The upcoming holiday concert is titled Christmas Fanfare. The choir is very excited to be teaming up with The Trillium Brass, organist Chris Dawes, and tympanist Roger Flock. The Trillium Brass is one of Canada's leading brass ensembles, and will most certainly add a flourish to our joyful sounds of celebration as we sing Christmas favourites, modern and old.

Today, in Achill's 35th year, the choir



stands at 80 members, and has presented exceptional choral music, including traditional, classical and contemporary, to thousands of area patrons.

The choir gathers each Wednesday evening at St. John's Anglican Church (Highway 9, 6km east of Orangeville) to rehearse our repertoire for the coming season's concerts. It is a mixed, auditioned adult choir.

Please see page 10, Upcoming Events for more information on our concerts.

Scholarship News Patrick James Clark

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Since receiving the **Continuing Education Scholarship** from the Dufferin Arts Council in 2013, many new and exciting things have happened in my music career. After graduating from the online songwriting program through Berklee College of Music, I signed a development deal in Nashville with an artist development company/record label called Artist Accelerator [through which] I released my debut E.P. "Letters to Beatrice" (2014).

Following its release, the title track made it into the top 6% of songs in CBC's Searchlight competition, putting it in the top 200 out of 3,000 contestants across Canada. In the summer of 2015, I released my follow-up single "Dashboard Drummer" to internet, college and mainstream radio, where it was added to over a dozen stations in Ontario.

In the fall of 2015, I enrolled in the University of Western Ontario as a vocal major in the Popular

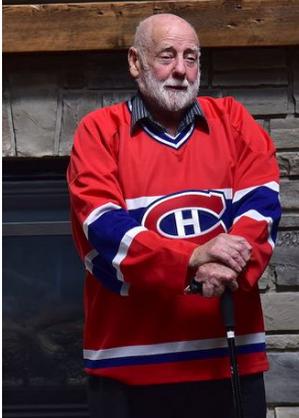
Music Studies Program. I have been performing across Southern Ontario to help pay my way through school, and played just over 200 shows during that time. As a student at UWO, I have helped organize coffee houses, concerts and a songwriting circle with many of the students from my program. I have also been co-hosting a radio show at the campus station for the past year, the primary focus being local and up-and-coming artists. This past spring, a track from my upcoming album also made the top 6% of the CBC Searchlight competition.

In the upcoming months, I plan to release my follow-up E.P. to "Letters to Beatrice" and set up a small-scale tour across Southern Ontario to fit in between my classes.

Please visit www.patrickjamesclark.com, to hear samples of my music.

Celebrate the Arts

Sometimes saying just a little is just enough. This is not one of those occasions. There is no way that we can ever say enough about the wonderful people and businesses of this community who helped DAC make **Celebrate the Arts** a success. The level of talent and commitment within our community both humbles and inspires us. Thank you everyone for such a special day!





Specific thanks to the following people!

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- Sproule's Emporium

Artists

in the

Schools



In 1996, the Dufferin Arts Council began the Artists in the School program which brings local artists, who are also DAC members, to conduct workshops within Dufferin County schools. To date this program has enriched the lives of more than 20,000 children in our local schools, and is one of the cornerstones in the foundation of Dufferin Arts Council.

The Artists in the Schools program provides the opportunity for Dufferin County students to learn and benefit from enriched art workshops taught by local artists.

Tailored to work within the expectations of the Ontario Arts curriculum, these workshops offer a focused experience from a variety of media in the visual, performance, and literary arts, as well as dance and music.

This program promotes the arts in both public and private elementary and secondary schools. Thanks program's success, many participating schools go on to create full Art Days utilizing DAC's funding as well as funding from their respective parent councils. These school wide



Art Days will provide a more thorough arts education to all students.

The Artists in the Schools is available to schools within Dufferin County, and the Dufferin Arts Council is confident that with the continued funding of an enriched arts education, our community will inspire future generations of artists.

Classroom teachers are invited to select workshops in the fields of visual, performance and literary arts as well as music and dance from our list of talented artists.

Check out our website for further details.



Remembering Isabel Wheelwright

At the celebration of Isabel's life that took place in the summer, we smiled as we learned that her grandchildren called her "Grammar." What better qualification for someone who wrote synopses of the presentations of DAC luncheon speakers for the last two or three years!

Before she penned the luncheon notes, Isabel also worked on excursions and the luncheon committee. We thank Isabel for all the contributions she made and we shall miss her. The Wheelwrights have been long-standing and generous members of DAC and it was a pleasure to have John back with us at the October luncheon.



Is your Membership Up to Date?

We are staffed by some amazing volunteers but we still need your fees. This money covers the hard costs associated with running this organization so please don't let us down. Membership fees for the 2017/2018 DAC year are now due.

Please look for your name on the members' list and if you don't see it, please send in your membership! Healthy membership numbers are crucial to this organization.

Any additional donations you choose to make can be applied against our specific programs: The Reid T. Cooper Bursary, Artists in the Schools, Artist Support, and scholarships for our local youth. Your fees are essential, but it is your donations that support these amazing programs.

For those of you who might be reading this but are not a member of DAC, please consider joining!

Annual membership is \$35.00 Cdn. for individuals, and \$45.00 for a couples membership. All memberships include a subscription to ArtsLetter.

Go to www.dufferinartscouncil.com and download the membership form today. We look forward to seeing you at some of our fabulous DAC events.

List of Members (accurate at time of printing)

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Let's ^{get} Together

Upcoming Cultural Events in Dufferin and Area

Oct. 19 to Nov. 5 Sugar Road at Theatre Orangeville. World Premeir of this Romantic Comedy.

October 24, 7pm Doug Gilmour will be signing copies of his new book at the Alder Street Rec. Centre. Doug's new book, *Killer: My Life in Hockey*, will be available a week before this event. Copies available at BookLore.

October 25 Authors on Stage. A Literary Passport to the Hottest New Titles in Canadian Literarture. Hosted at Theatre Orangeville with thanks to BookLore. Linden MacIntyre, author of *The Only Café*, Alison Pick, author of *Strangers with the Same Dream*, and Linda Spalding, author of *A Reckoning*.

October 27 Dufferin Circle of Storytellers at the Corbetton Church, DCMA. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Tickets \$10.

October 28 & 29 Brushfire Artists Annual Fall Show and Sale. Manora Park, Mono

October 28 "Witches Ladder" Workshop with CJ Shelton. Alton Mill, Alton. Morning and afternoon sessions available, \$55.

October 28 Haunted History Tour of

Orangeville. 3pm and 5pm tours, \$15. Not recommended for kids under 12.

October 28 Take me Back to Texas at Centruy Church Theatre, 72 Trafalgar Road \$25

November 4, 1pm. Gathering the Harvest. Seasonal Still Life in Watercolour Workshop with CJ Shelton. \$75.

November 4, 4pm Guy Fawkes Night in Headwaters. OAS Event Centre, 5 Side Road, Mono. Childrens' crafts, food, craft beer, bonfire and fireworks. Join in this fabulous British traditional holiday.

November 4, 7pm Dead Things 2017 Art Show and Auction. Citrus City Tattoo Shop, 155 Broadway, Orangeville. Custom art by Tattoosers across Canada using turtle shells. All proceeds donated to Hospic Dufferin.

Nov. 5 to Jan. 27 Georgian Bay Primordial: An Immersive Installation by Sue Miller. DCMA.

November 16 Authors on Stage. A Literary Passport to the Hottest New Titles in Canadian Literarture. Hosted at Theatre Orangeville with thanks to BookLore. Bianca Marais, author of *Hum If You Don't*

Know the Words, Dan Needles, author of *True Confessions From the Ninth Concession*, and Cecily Ross, author of *The Lost Diaries of Susanna Moodie* will talk with Bernadette Hardaker about their books.

November 17 Window Wonderland and Tree Lighting in Erin. 6:30pm

November 24 Aladdin at Century Church Theatre. 8:00 pm. 72 Trafalgar Road. \$13 for tickets.

November 27 Christmas in the Valley Craft Sale. 10 am to 4 pm. Grand Valley Community Centre, 90 Main Street. Local Artisans and Crafters.

Nov. 30 to Dec. 23 The Last Christmas Turkey, The Musical at Theatre Orangeville. By Dan Needles with music and lyrics by Clive VanderBurgh. World Premier.

Dec. 2 to Dec. 17 Holiday Treasures Arts & Crafts Juried Show & Sale. DCMA.

December 3, 7:30 pm The Achill Choral Society presents Christmas Fanfare. Featuring Trillium Brass, organist Chris Dawes, and tympanist Roger Flock. St. James RC Church, 2118 Adjala-Tecumseth Townline, Colgan. Adult tickets \$25. Youth \$10. Children under 12 \$5.

December 9, 2pm. The Achill Choral Society presents Christmas Fanfare. Westminster United Church, 247 Broadway, Orangeville. Adult tickets \$25. Youth \$10. Children under 12 \$5.

December 16, 2pm. Christmas Concert in the Church with Special Readings by Ken Weber. Corbetton Church, DCMA. Tickets \$10.



Budding Artist at Citrus City Tattoo!

Help
Wanted



The Classifieds

Like every other volunteer organization, DAC relies on its members to do the work of keeping the organization vibrant and growing. Without you, we cannot do what we do and as you know from our previous newsletter we have serious shortage of staff. Please read the following position outlines and think carefully about where and how you can contribute.

Vice-president

You are a committed supporter of the arts in Dufferin with a strong interest in the workings of the Dufferin Arts Council – its programs, its priorities and the issues confronting us as we begin our second quarter-century. The vice-president provides back-up for the president and is able to take on special projects as the need arises. Must be able to attend monthly board meetings and be prepared to move into the role of president after a term of two years.

Volunteer Co-ordinator

You must enjoy people. Getting to know

the members, their interests and their skills will help you identify members interested in special projects, new programs and roles they are interested in fulfilling.

Luncheon Co-ordinator

For many members our luncheons are the highlight of their membership and we therefore do need to find someone for this job—or the speaker program will die out. However, this position may be better described as work for a committee of two or three people who can share the work of developing a list of speakers who will challenge our thinking. The committee will have to provide a brief introduction for the speaker and invite a DAC member to say a word of thanks. Currently we do have a list of eight or nine names as a place for you to start.

Social Media Co-ordinator

The need for up-to-date technical skills goes without saying! We are putting the finishing touches to a new website and have an email list of members to

whom we sent brief notices two or three times a month. This list is derived from the membership database and will require periodic updates. We have yet to consider what other social media tools, in addition to our general email address, info@dufferinartscouncil.com, are best suited to the image and message we want to present.

Time commitments for these positions may vary depending on the time you have available and on the needs of DAC. If you are interested in becoming a part of this vital organization please reach out to Shelagh Roberts at (519) 942-9164, or email shelagh.mj.@sympatico.ca.

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Celebrate

The Arts on Broadway

A huge THANK YOU to the wonderful people of Dufferin County for your support of Celebrate the Arts on Broadway.

You came, you bought tickets, you shopped locally, you supported our merchants, and you both appreciated and applauded the talent showcased that day. Please see inside for pictures and specific mention of our volunteers and supporters.



A Note of Farewell and Sincere Appreciation

Special thanks go to the following members who have stepped down from their roles as essential members of the board over the past few years.

Lynda Bechard organized our excursions for some years and then moved on to co-ordinating our volunteers. After seven years on the board her voice, and her laugh, will be missed.

Deanna Mircheff also took a turn as excursions co-ordinator arranging outings to the ROM, the Shaw Festival and the Aga Khan Museum before she became chair of the Community Grants committee. Five years later she and her husband have left us to live closer to their grandchildren.

Dan St Pierre organized our speaker program for the last four years until last spring when he and his wife decided that closer proximity to their grandchildren was also what they wanted from life.

Ken Topping who has been a presence on the board for the past seven or eight years, and finished as president this year, has also decided that it was time to explore other interests. To Ken and the others who gave of their energy, time and talents our heartfelt thanks.

And a special thank you and congratulations to Harvey Kolodny who served the DAC board as vice-president, president and past-president for over ten years. On 28 September Harvey was named Community Arts Volunteer Advocate for 2017 by the Town of Orangeville. A well-deserved recognition for all the work Harvey has done on behalf of the arts in Dufferin.

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