

Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre 7th annual silent auction fundraiser in Potton

Bidding, Biscuits and Bryan Adams tickets!



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MABLE HASTINGS

Tonight the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CAB) in Mansonville will hold its seventh annual Silent Auction fundraiser with profits benefiting the many programs sponsored by the Volunteer Centre. Again this year the event is being held at the Mansonville Elementary School.

The Missisquoi North Volunteer Cen-

tre (formerly Citizen Advocacy) was incorporated in April 1982. Today it is a registered charity, accredited as a volunteer centre, *maintien-à-domicile* organization and boasts a very active youth program. Serving the western sector of the Memphremagog regional county municipality, it is governed by a volunteer board of directors to represent the community-at-large.

Tonight's event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a chicken and biscuit supper (chicken and biscuits with mashed potatoes, salad and dessert) prepared and served by Shannon Derby and the Derby Brothers Crew. Tickets are \$16 per adult and must be purchased by calling the CAB main office at 450-292-3114 or the Youth Centre at 450-292-4886.

A portion of the ticket sales is going to the CAB. The silent auction portion of the evening will start at 7 p.m., although those attending the supper will have the opportunity to bid throughout.

The live auction portion will take place in between the Silent Auction portions starting after 7 p.m.

The Live Auction boasts a variety of items up for bid including two tickets to see Bryan Adams in concert at the Bell Centre in Montreal, donated by CHOM 97.7 FM; two tickets to see the Montreal Canadiens furnished by a generous donor with great seats to watch the game; ski tickets; a basket featuring a Louise Penny autographed novel with memorabilia; wine baskets with wine donated by the Bresee Vineyard in Sutton as well as wine donated by other kind donors and pottery from Down to Earth Pottery located on Bailey Road near Knowlton.

There are beautiful works of art up for live auction by artists including Marie-Andree Leblond, who has a gallery in Knowlton (in the former Shack Dawes Jewellers building). She has donated a 24 x 36 work on canvas (a beautiful Iris) as

well as one of her horses painted on wood.

There will also be a painting by artist/photographer, Edith Dora Rey who is donating 12x12x1 oil on wood panel painting entitled, *Meet the Suffolks*. This is a painting from her *Between a Lake & Two Mountains* series chronicling the flora, fauna and natural beauty of Vale Perkins, Potton area which will be on exhibit at the Mansonville Library, located in the Town Hall building, in April.

See more of Edith's work at: doreyme.blogs.com/doreyme/

The evening is sure to be a lot of fun and offers a great opportunity for bargains in every category.

The silent auction has over 80 items including leisure outings, art and craft work, local produce, household goods, books, and much more, all donated through the kindness of people from the community and beyond. This is an evening NOT to miss.

Good Reads

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"I think it will show how isolated a person feels when he is suffering a breakdown.... I've tried to picture my world and the people in it as seen through the distorting lens of a bell jar")

3) *It's Kind Of A Funny Story*, by Ned Vizzini (2007, available via inter-library loan), follows a teen committed to a

mental health institution after a suicide attempt

4) *Wintergirls* by Laurie Halse Anderson (2009, in the Lennoxville Library under Young Adult) is a novel about anorexia, and is described as "harrowing and eye-opening"

5) Stephen Chbosky's *The Perks Of Being A Wallflower* (2012, available via inter-library loan), the "endearing" tale

of a "neuro-atypical" guy

6) *The Curious Incident Of The Dog In Night-time*, by Mark Haddon (2002, in the Lennoxville Library under Adult Fiction) is "written from the perspective of a 10-year-old boy on the autism spectrum as he tries to unravel a neighbourhood mystery."

Mckenney acknowledges that autism is not a mental illness, but *Dog In Night-time* was included "to help shed some light on the inner workings of autistic minds. Many people in mainstream society struggle to understand the complex nature of minds different from their own, and those with autism-spectrum disorder are often wildly misunderstood. The inclusion of autism in the list was not to imply that people with autism can be 'fixed' - more to bring awareness to the gross injustices often suffered by those who are not neuro-typical."

She hasn't read *Flowers For Algernon*, she adds, although it's now on her to-do list. That book came highly recommended by a colleague.

Her list is published in the current

issue of *The Campus*, the student newspaper at Bishop's University, where she is arts editor. (In her spare time, she is in her second year of an Honours International Studies degree.)

Says Mckenney: "I would just like to highlight the importance of creating awareness of mental health, and how the Bishop's University Mental Health And Wellness Week was conceptualized to combat this hard-hitting stigma. In the spirit of ending prejudice against those suffering from mental illness, the article was created, which will (hopefully!) make understanding these illnesses easier."

Book Ends

Last week I wrote that Wayson's Choy's good read, *The Jade Peony*, was non-fiction; it is, of course, filed on the Adult Fiction shelves. My apologies.

Last chance! The North Hatley Hookers Hooked Rug Show is up until Feb. 21 at the Lennoxville Library.

The work of Mélissa Tardif goes up Feb. 26.

Every Saturday, children aged 5 to 11 are invited to a reading and crafts workshop. It's bilingual, and scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

For adults, Books & Brown Bags will be held Wednesday, Feb. 25 and March 11, from noon to 1 p.m. Bring your lunch and a book to chat about. All are welcome.

If you're housebound, we can bring books and audio books to you through Books on Wheels.

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