

# Fifth anniversary of Potton's C'est Chouette Christmas Market



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Can you believe that Christmas is only a month away? No panic as Potton's "C'est Chouette" Christmas Market features quality handmade artisan and gourmet gift items made locally and regionally to help you with your shopping needs for a fifth year! There is likely something for everyone

on your list as well as tasty treats to aid with holiday parties and gatherings.

"We have an exciting line-up of artisans this year," shared Renee Morris (artisan and one of the organisers of the event). "We are bringing back many of your favourites, like artist and caricaturist Trevor McKinven as well as Theresa Goyette of Perfectly Prim, upcycled home décor items, and Sonia Perron from Finesse Alpaga with her luxurious alpaca fashion."

Always looking to offer new products, the market will welcome some very exciting new artisans as well among which are exceptional minimalist jeweler Julie Mineau, baby clothes designer Catherine Russel (with the most adorable 'grow with me pants' for babies!), and Cécile Lacroze of Les ânes en culotte with her donkey milk soap and quality body care products.

If you have not yet had the pleasure of attending this market that boasts a festive and joyous atmosphere, you are encouraged to do so. The incredible handmade decorations made by volunteer, Catherine Morris including the cutest Christmas gnomes made from Balsam branches that will be situated in front of the town hall only add to the spirit of the event. Inside you will be greeted by the market's resident mischievous elf, Hiro Gagnon of Productions Super Hiro, a real treat for young and young at heart.

"We rely on volunteers to pull off this amazing community event and are so lucky to have a dedicated team of loyal and local volunteers, said Morris. "We will also be benefitting this year from the help of the CAB Missisquoi North and their volunteer services; big thank

you to them!"

The organizing committee for the market is headed up by Julie-Anne Bellefleur of Poterie Ya'ta' and Renée Morris of The Hobo Train, two residents of Potton, and both artists. Julie-Anne makes beautiful and functional pottery, and Renée likes to keep things colourful with her funky bags, scarves, and other textile fashion items. The two have developed quite a following in Potton and their talented creations are on the list of many this year.

The market takes place on December 7th from 9am to 5pm and December 8th from 10am to 4pm on the second floor of the Town Hall (with elevator access for those with mobility challenges) at 2 rue Vale Perkins, Mansonville. There will be artist kiosks in the main room as well as in the library. Throughout the village, on the same day, other sales are taking place: The Reilly House Christmas Sale and the CABMN Youth Centre is holding a Second-hand Jewellery Sale. All sales are within walking distance of one and other so, this is a perfect opportunity to stop by all three and see what is available.

The Chouette Market will offer its usual hot coffee, tea, and snack items available on-site at the market café run by Josée Lévesque. Josée is an excellent cook and a creative maker who will also be showcasing her adorable and amusing needle-felted sculptures at the market.

Everyone is invited to follow the all the exciting Christmas market news on



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Returning exhibitor Les babineries (unique wood kitchen items).

our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/cestchouettepotton> To contact the organizing committee, here is our email: [noelcestchouette@gmail.com](mailto:noelcestchouette@gmail.com). For information about the Reilly House Sale call 450-292-3019 and for info on the jewellery sale, contact the Youth Centre at 450-292-4886.



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Original paintings by artist and caricaturist Trevor McKinven.

## Ayer's Cliff spaghetti lunch

Submitted by Jennifer MacKinnon

Members of the Ayer's Cliff Home and School Association and the breakfast program volunteers have been busy planning their annual fundraiser.

This year the spaghetti lunch will be held on Sunday, Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in conjunction with the Ayer's

cliff Christmas village!

All proceeds will go to support the Home and School Association and the breakfast program. This year, we have been feeding close to 100 hungry students every morning with smiles on everyone's faces!

Please join us on Sunday for a wonderful cause with delicious food!



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