

# Potton's First Edition "Play on Words" Literary Festival



## THE SCOOP

### MABLE HASTINGS

Potton resident Marie-Paule Villeneuve has an exciting invitation for all book enthusiasts. Journalist, author and founder of the Alinéa Literary Agency Marie-Paule has organized Potton's first edition literary festival entitled, "Play on Words" to take place on July 16 and 17 in Mansonville. With her long time friend, Yves Beauchemin, a seasonal resident of Potton as the spokesman, the event offers bilingual sessions both days starting at 10am.

The first conference on Saturday morning, July 16 at 10am will be held in English and features "Portrait of a Scandal" author, Elaine Kalman. The conference will take place at the Municipal Library located in the Town Hall at 2 Vale Perkins Rd. and admission is \$5.00. Coffee and croissants will be served.

On Saturday, July 16 at 11:30am in the Parc Manson the official opening of the event will take place with President of honour, Yves Beauchemin. In case of rain, the event will be held at the church home of M-P Villeneuve, Main Street in Mansonville.

Saturday at 10:00am there will be a children's story time as well animated by authors, Pierre Labrie and Nadyne Dechesneaux, held at the Round Barn on Main Street and is free admission. In case of rain, again, this will be relocated to the home of M-P Villeneuve. From 11am to 1pm on Saturday, Nathalie Cooke will be at the Public Market. She is a professor and author specializing in the history of Canadian food. The presentation will be bilingual and admission is free. As well, on Saturday from 9am to 1pm, there will be a table of Potton authors and members of the Heritage Association at the Round Barn site. This will be bilingual and again, admission is free. There will be food tastings at the Public Market as well from 9am to 1pm. 1.00 to 2.00 each. Saturday, from 9am to 3pm

the Catholic Church holds its weekly Flea Market in the Catholic Church basement on Main Street with bargains for all.

From 1 to 4pm, more than twenty authors will be at the Church for a meet and greet hosted by author, Benoît Bouthillette at the home of M-P Villeneuve (307 Main Street), Mansonville. Free admission.

Authors, Guy Marchamps and France Bergeron will also be there.

At the same time on Saturday from 1-4pm, a presentation of Potton as seen by visual artists will be on display. The theme of the display is, "This corner of the earth smiled at me more than any other." Stansje Plantenga: Artwork inspired by the theme: In the footsteps of Louise Penny, Françoise Orvoine: cycling in Potton, mini watercolors and cards. Saturday July 16th, 3 pm to 7 pm Guided tour of the church bell tower-house M-P Villeneuve admission: 5\$. Continuing Saturday, July 16 at 7:30pm guest author, Yves Beauchemin presents, "The Alley Cat from book to movie." This will be in French but a translator will be on-site. The event will be held at the Municipal Library and admission is free.

Sunday, July 17 kicks off at 10am with Super Hiro and a creative workshop based on a novel by Yves Beauchemin. For children 5-10 and a maximum of 20 participants, for information : Hiro Gagnon info@superhiro.net At 11:30am a concert will be held at Park Manson with Les Voisines (in case of rain relocated to the home of M-P Villeneuve).

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Sunday continues with authors to meet and greet at the Church as well as guided tours of the bell tower in the Church with funds raised being given to the program of authors in residence. Tours are \$5.00 each. There will be a presentation by Eric Perron Editor of Ciné-Bulles. The challenges related to the adaptation of a literary cinema from Quebec held at the Municipal Library in French with translator on-site, free admission; contribution of Cinema Potton. On Sunday at 6:30pm

cocktails, dinner and live music with excerpts from the books by Yves Beauchemin and Anaïs Barbeau-Lavalette in French and in English and music by Hiro Olivier trio. Hors d'oeuvres crafted by Marie Paule Villeneuve and served by our wonderful artists and volunteers wine and refreshments will be offered compliments of the event organizer: The literary agency Alinéa 307, rue Principale Prix d'entrée/admission: 25 \$

The Play on Words/Festival is organized by the literary agency Alinéa based in Mansonville and is supported financially by the Cultural and Heritage Committee of Potton, Cinéma Potton and the Municipal library. It is achieved thanks to the participation of Tour des arts, the Round Barn, the Public Market, volunteers and literary lovers. For information about or to reserve for an event, contact: aline06@videotron.ca or call 514-346-5683.



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Elaine Kalman (Portrait of a Scandal author)