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Weather



TODAY:
CLOUDY

HIGH OF 0
LOW OF -6



TUESDAY:
PERIODS OF
SNOW

HIGH OF -1
LOW OF -16



WEDNESDAY:
PERIODS OF
SNOW

HIGH OF -2
LOW OF -3



THURSDAY:
SNOW

HIGH OF 0
LOW OF -13



FRIDAY:
A MIX OF SUN
AND CLOUD

HIGH OF -4
LOW OF -8

From Then to Now

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produced both a professional exhibition and a beautiful book in French and English containing the photos and write-ups on the seniors who participated in the project.

The opening day of the exhibition was attended by over 100 invited guests including many of those who participated in the project and their families as well as guests who had contributed in some way. The set-up of the room was both impeccable and inviting with a lovely array of refreshments served including delicious cheeses donated by La fromagerie Saint-Benoit-du-Lac in support of the exhibit and project.

Amongst Friday's guests was 91-year-old, Paul-Emile Fiola who was interviewed for the project by Madeleine Langlois and photographed by John Patterson. A small portion of the text about his life reads, "Paul-Emile was born in Verdun, a Montreal suburb and like many Montrealers, since the 1960's spent his family vacations in the Eastern Townships. For Mr.Fiola and his family this was at the Camping Havre des Iles in Potton."

Madeleine Langlois summed up her heartfelt words about her friend, Paul-Emile by saying:

"When you get to know Paul-Emile, you immediately see that he has had a full life, surrounded by his wife and family who have always been the center of his world. He has enjoyed his work life and he has built lasting relationships by being involved in his community. This is what we call "a life well lived."

Saturday, Jan. 21, the second day of the exhibit was open to the public from morning to late afternoon. Saturday saw approximately 70 visitors in attendance including people from out of town. Potton Mayor, Bruno Cote attended the event both days and enthusiastically said the following regarding the exhibit

"Positive activities like this one initiated by volunteer, Danielle Poitras and supported by so many others are always refreshing and a joy to attend," he said. "This project celebrates people who contribute and have contributed to our community. Attending the exhibit reminds us of the pride we feel as Potton residents,

our history, heritage and in our rich community spirit, he continued. "We need to emphasize, encourage and celebrate our community pillars in this way."

The twenty plus Potton residents interviewed whether born and raised in the township or who choose to make Potton their home combined to make a diverse and interesting exhibit of stories, faces and experiences. The exhibition will move from the Senior Centre on Monday, January 24th and will be on display at the Potton Municipal library until March 24 where visitors will be welcome during regular library hours.

This will likely not be the last community project for Danielle Poitras who resides in the Owls Head area of Potton. Poitras has many ideas and she also has the energy and enthusiasm to motivate, initiate and involve others. Regardless of what her next project is, she and Monique Gilbert who partnered in bringing this idea to life have

every reason to feel pride and joy as the opening weekend was truly "picture perfect" in Potton.



ETHAN BALL

Some of the familiar faces in the display included wrestler, Paul Vachon as well as Murielle Parkes, Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre co-founder.

Ben by Daniel Shelton

