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Our Book Club

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You probably all remember when Oprah started her famous Book Club. She would choose a book and everyone would read it. EVERYONE! Because Oprah said! They would then discuss it, analyze it and scrutinize it. The author would be interviewed. They would dig deep into hidden meanings and messages. Well ... The Black River Book Club is NOTHING like that!

We meet monthly on the 3rd Monday evening of the month at 7:00. We read whatever book or books we would normally read. When we meet we tell each other about the book or books we have read since we last met. We give a general overview of the book and whether we enjoyed it or not. Some members of the group may have also read that book at some time. We make recommendations to each other based on our likes and dislikes.

The conversation about the book often leads to other topics. We chat, we laugh, we swap books and make lists to take to the library and we sometimes snack! We always enjoy ourselves!

We'd love to have you join our group. It doesn't matter if you read one book or a dozen. If you like to share your love of a good story please join us!

- Mary Tanner Long



Love reading? Interested in discussing authors and plots? Late last November, while reading this very newsletter, I discovered

there's a Black River Book Club. As a voracious reader, I just had to find out more so I immediately sent an e-mail to Mary Tanner Long who was listed as the club contact. She got back to me in something like twenty minutes with a very welcoming note. So, I dropped in to the club's next get-together just before Christmas. Am I ever glad I did! It turns out the book club is a great way to get to know some of my neighbours a little bit better and enjoy an evening out once a month, especially during the doldrums of Winter - when COVID protocols allowed, that is.

As Mary had advised me, the club members have not all been reading the same book at the same time. Rather, when we get together we each chat about what we've read since the last meeting or are currently reading. What a wonderful way to discover new books and even new authors. Our conversation is casual as there are just five of us so far, books are reviewed and recommended (or not!) and books are often swapped or, in the case of library books, we make note of the titles and authors we plan to request. Of course we don't all have the same taste in books and that's at least half the fun. The books club meets at the Black River Community Hall from 7'til 8ish on the third Monday evening of each month.

Why not drop by and see if it suits you? I bet you'll be glad you did!

- Nancy Saul-Demers

Hello, Neighbour!

The Gaspereau Valley Fibres Farm Wool Shop

The Gaspereau Valley Fibres Farm Wool Shop, which is owned and operated by Brenda Gilmour, opened in the Spring of 2003. Specializing in natural fibres and equipment for knitters, spinners, weavers, felters and dyers, the shop carries a large selection of Canadian, organic, and local hand painted yarns and fibres.

Located in the Gaspereau Valley in the heart of our wine producing area, they are neighbours to the province's first organic vineyard and winery and just 1 km from the Gaspereau Winery. Open year round, Gaspereau Valley Fibres is a full service yarn store offering classes in knitting, spinning, weaving, felting, weekly knitters' group and many special events. They supply yarn, natural fibres and equipment to knitters, spinners, weavers, felters and dyers. The

extensive yarn and fibre collection includes many Canadian, organic and local natural and hand painted yarns as well as their own yarn and fibre from their flock of Cotswold sheep.

The Cotswold is a heritage breed of sheep originating in the Cotswold hills of the southern midlands of England. It is a dual-use breed providing both meat and wool. [1] As at 2009, this long-woolled breed is relatively rare, and is categorised in the UK as "minority" by the Rare Breeds Survival Trust. [2]. Cotswold fleece hangs in locks, and the fibres have a lustrous, silky sheen and a slightly golden coloured wool. This trait gave them the nickname of the "Golden Fleece Breed", and the luster of Cotswold wool has also caused it to be called "poor man's mohair".

Cotswold sheep are usually calm and friendly. They mostly have white faces, but their faces can be occasionally mottled with some light grey or tan hairs. Small black spots may occur on the "points" (non-woolly portions of legs, ears, and face), but the wool itself is white. Kemps (coarse hairs) are normally absent from the wool.

NEW FROM GASPHEREAU VALLEY FIBRES:

Gaspereau Fibres are happy to be able to hold some workshops again. They are keeping them as short and as small as possible and adhering to COVID-19 health guidelines. All participants and instructors must wear a mask and practice physical distancing. Registration will be done by phone.

SOME PRODUCTS AVAILABLE:

- Natural Grey Semi-worsted Spun Single Ply
- Hand-dyed solids and variegated -assorted colours dyed wool
- Natural White Semi-worsted Spun Single Ply
- River Road Wool.
- Natural Grey Semi-worsted Spun Single Ply
- Natural Dark Grey Semi-worsted Spun Single Ply
- Hand-dyed Cotswold locks and more...

Drop in to visit the farm and wool shop or call or email with orders. They ship worldwide and if you don't see what you're looking for, just ask. They may be able to order it for you.

For more information contact:

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... from the Wolfville Acadian

This column was originally printed in the Wolfville Acadian and was printed without the wife's name, as was the practice of the time. Where it is known we have included it in brackets.

July 8, 1948

Mr. and Mrs. Frank (?) Devarin, of Sackville, NB were recent visitors of the latter's brother, Mr. Ben Stultz and Mrs. (?) Stultz.

Mrs. Martha Lloyd, of Prospect, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Edward (?) McInnis.

Mrs. Kenneth (Ida May) Smith and son, of White Rock spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley (Elsie) Levy. Sunday visitors at the same home were Mr. and Mrs. Frank (?) Conrad and family of Wolfville.

Mrs. Byron (Verna) Long and baby have returned home after spending the past month her mother, Mrs. Clem, of Victoria Harbour.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett (?) Hiltz of West Brooklyn, are visiting with their daughter Mrs. Wesley (Roxie) Levy and Mr. Levy.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert (Inez) Long were Mr. and Mrs. Waldo (Dorothy) Long and Miss Isabel Atwell, Kentville. Earle Duncanson, Gaspereau and Fred Kinsman, Canaan.

A group of Cubs from Wolfville are enjoying camping at Sunken Lake this week. Mr. and Mrs. Jack (?) Burgess, Kentville and Mrs. and Mrs. Eaton, Wolfville are spending some time at their cabins.

The Community Club held its meeting with Mrs. Wesley (Roxie) Levy on Thursday evening. A good number were present and the evening was spent on sewing quilts, after which dainty refreshments were served. The next meeting will be with Mrs. L. W. (Mabel) Long.

Several of Ora Scott's family and Gail Nowlin are sick with mumps. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Stanley (Elsie) Levy returned home from E.K.M. Hospital on Thursday evening after spending a few days there following a tonsil operation.

Mrs. Clyde (Florence) McInnis and two children spent a couple of days last week with her mother, Mrs. Alice Greenlun, Windsor.

The Sunday School and Church picnic was held at the Experimental Farm on Thursday. It was enjoyed by young and old. Races and ball games were the special features of the afternoon, and a bountiful table at supper time.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 Seniors' Connect 1-3pm	2	3	4
5	6 Ways & Means 7:00-9 pm	7 Card Games 7:00-9 pm \$4 drop in fee lunch, 50/50 Draw	8 Seniors' Connect 1-3pm	9	10	11
12 Director's Meeting 7:00-8 pm	13 Election Advance Polling Station NO SEWING	14 Card Games 7:00-9 pm \$4 drop in fee lunch, 50/50 Draw	15 Seniors' Connect 1-3pm	16	17	18
19 Monthly Meeting 7:00-8 pm	20 Election Polling Station NO SEWING NO BOOK CLUB	21 Card Games 7:00-9 pm \$4 drop in fee lunch, 50/50 Draw	22 Seniors' Connect 1-3pm	23	24	25
26	27 Sewing & Crafts 11-3 pm Heritage Meeting 7-8 pm	28 Card Games 7:00-9 pm \$4 drop in fee lunch, 50/50 Draw	29 Seniors' Connect 1-3pm	30		

Annual General Meeting OCTOBER ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REMINDER: Our yearly election of the executive and board of directors takes place **October 17**. Members and the community at large are encouraged to attend. At this time there will be only the election of the new executive and board of directors on the agenda.

NEW THIS YEAR: Any one who is 18 years of age and older and would like to put their name forward to run in the election for a position on the executive or a seat on the board of directors is welcome - being already a member is not necessary. Just let one of the contact people (on the back of the newsletter) know of your intentions. We hope that you will feel moved to do so.

Quilting /Crafts

Quilting and Crafts will start up on the last Monday of September (27th). The Hall will be open from 11:00 am-3 pm. We will spend the last Monday of September catching up, showing and sharing items made during the pandemic and planning what we would like to do during upcoming sessions. Please feel free to drop in to participate, observe or just visit. Coffee and tea will be available.

The Black River Community Craft Fair will be held on **Saturday, November 13 9:00 am until 3 pm**. We will have lots of wonderful local crafts, a canteen and there is No Admission Charge. If you are interested in having table, please contact Judy Levy at 902 542 5182 or levy.judy3@gmail.com.

- small table 36"x36" is \$5.00
- large table approx. 36" x72" is \$10.00

NEWSLETTER *The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month.*

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LIVE LINKS TO OUR FACEBOOK, NEWSLETTER & PODCASTS
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JACK SPINNEY BRAIDED RUGS - local and handmade, 85 Upper Sunken Lake Road, Sunken Lake B4P 2R2 Tel: 902.542.1552 **DROP INTO THE HOUSE AT 85 UPPPER SUNKEN LAKE RD.**

Looking for KINDLING for the winter season? Look no further. **Jack Spinney is offering QUALITY, DRY KINDLING** at the great price of \$5 for a full feed bag. **DROP INTO THE HOUSE AT 85 UPPPER SUNKEN LAKE RD.**

Birthdays

Jay Harris	Sept 2
Kenny Ells	Sept 3
Morgan Gertridge	Sept 3 (27)
Hunter Milligan	Sept 8 (3)
Owen Milligan	Sept 14
Cookie Spinney	Sept 17 (86)
Blake Spinney	Sept 17 (79)
Julie Hawkesworth	Sept 18
Gertie Ells	Sept 19 (86)
Eamon Clancey	Sept 21
Brian Levy	Sept 24
Eric Hoyt	Sept 25
Jeff Long	Sept 29

Anniversaries

Stephen & Valerie Harris	Sept 3 (44)
Darren & Tina Gertridge	Sept 19
Ed & Nellie Schofield	Sept 24 (33)
Jay & Laura Harris	Sept 25

Congratulations

To Nadia and Keigan Levy on the birth of their son, Aiden Darren on April 21

To Bevan Coldwell and Keifer Levy on the birth of their daughter, Kinsey Irene, August 3.

Seniors Connect

Please join us at the Hall on Wednesdays 1-3 pm. to meet with friends and neighbours to play cards, board games or just socialize. A light lunch provided. Must wear mask.

45's Card Games

45's Every Tuesday 7-9pm at Community Hall. Drop-in fee \$4.00 which includes cards and a lunch. 50/50 Draw Available. Must wear masks. For more information please email Zelma Long: sunkenhaven@gmail.com

Condolences

We extend our sympathy to the friends and family of **Grant Leslie** who passed away in August. Grant was a former resident of Sunken Lake.

www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/155740

Ashley Smith who was a former resident of White Rock with family ties to Black River, passed away in August. Our condolences are extended to his family and friends.

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Sunken Lake and Area Journal of Wildlife Observations recorded by Clara Spinney

Lazy days of Summer, not much happening.

Aug 1 - Robin Armitage reports four kingfishers diving off shore in front of her place.

Aug 4 - have lots of ducks-enjoy watching all the babies grow up over the summer, each one has its own personality. They will soon be leaving, sad end to summer.



kingfisher



mallard ducks with ducklings

Aug 7 - Robin Armitage phoned this morning with the direction to look out on lake. It was almost unbelievable - seven loons swimming along so peaceful. I haven't seen that many at one time.



loons

Many reports of a female deer with two fawns - one of which cleaned my row of swiss chard and some tops of my beets.

Aug 10 - The hummingbirds are so busy consuming extra food right now. I am putting out 8 cups of sugar water each day, sometimes more. Hard to believe in about 2 weeks they will be gone.

Ten geese on the lake today. They are so beautiful. Hope they don't plan to stay but they are so nice to watch.

I can't complain about the beaver this time. It has been a month since they have been here. That said - watch out.

Telephone Clara 902.542.3180 with any of your wildlife observations and she will add them to her own or email: claraspinnney123@gmail.com