



Chair Chat May 2015

Well, here it is – the end of April and I would normally be mentioning the warm spring days, April showers, May flowers...

Things are revving up again with Friends of Roselawn! Our full composite of Board of Directors are back from the sunny south. We missed their expertise and hard work for sure.

Port Colborne ArtsWeek 2015

The ArtsWeek committee continues to work feverishly on the preparations for ArtsWeek (August 17-21, 2015). We now have approximately 50 workshops booked, to be held at PCHS and offered for all ages! This project is so exciting for our city! We are bringing together so many components of our community, from Friends of Roselawn Centre, Community Artists Niagara (Can), the Municipality, District School Board of Niagara, South Niagara Artists, - truly a grassroots endeavour to celebrate our very talented artists - (all the instructors are connected to Niagara!), welcome visitors to our lovely locale where relaxation and arts and culture fit together like a hand in a glove, and have some good ole Port Colborne FUN! Watch for more to come, and spread the news to family and friends alike. Course, instructor, and registration information will be available in the next few weeks.

Many projects are “in the works”. We will announce them as the details are worked out.

One project, which we are very proud of, is the community developing into an Art and Cultural locale for destination seeking art and cultural tourists. Friends of Roselawn Centre first proposed this concept to our city Council and staff in April of 2014 and we are thrilled to see that it is on the strategic plan for our fine city!

ArtsWeek is just one phase of this plan. More and more initiatives will unfold as we create a place to come to enjoy the ambiance – the shops, the shops and the eateries, the beaches, the events, AND the arts!

Chat later my friends
Nancy



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Garden Notes by Pat Bowman

Spring has finally arrived at the Roselawn Centre. This season we hope to begin the refurbishment of the rose garden concrete pond. Speaking with some members of the Port Colborne Horticultural Club, the pond was unearthed when they were renovating the gardens a number of years ago. They didn't realize that it was there, almost like finding buried treasure. It had been covered in soil for a number of years. It is thought to be part of the gardenesque design that was created by a Pelham landscaper contracted by the Steele family back in the thirties. This type of garden incorporates geometric planting beds and the rectangular pond would compliment this design. In order to begin this project we are waiting to receive quotes from local landscape companies. Keep your fingers crossed that the quotes come back at a reasonable cost. Hopefully we can reignite this gardens enchanting effects.



Films at Roselawn - FAR

We have contacted the Toronto International Film Festival's (TIFF) Film Circuit department to organize the showing of films at Roselawn. If all goes well we will have a series of internationally acclaimed films shown in the theatre this Fall. Anyone interested in joining the committee please contact Shoshana Tyson at artsyshosh@gmail.com.

Your Board of Directors have developed a set of By-laws, which is required, and an electronic copy is available by contacting our hard working secretary, Arlene Lessard at: arlessard2225@gmail.com . Chair Chat will be a regular segment in our newsletter where you will be able to find updates from your Board Chair Nancy Misener.

Membership Drive

FoRC is starting a membership drive. Please join!! The annual fee (prices below) entitles members in good standing to:

- Receive minutes from any general members meetings
- Agendas in advance of meetings
- An invitation to and voting rights at the AGM
- The ability to put forth your name for election onto the board when vacancies arise
- A membership list
- Any other rights of general members as expressed in the by-laws

The membership funds will go toward the expenses incurred running the corporation. A membership form has been emailed to our existing data base, however if you know someone who would like to join, share your form!

The current Board of Directors includes: Nancy Misener (Chair); Kevin Rawlings (Vice Chair, Grants); Arlene Lessard (Secretary); Pat Bowman (Treasurer, Donations, Garden Restorations); Donna Abbott (Fundraising); Carole Black-Brisley (Historian, Newsletter); Pam Koudijs; Judith Boroniec; Dr. Paul Tyson (Healing through The Arts, Film Series); Harry Hakim (Municipal representative). If you want to assist in a specific area contact the board member who is heading up the committee, in parenthesis. These folks are a hard working Board. Thank you to all of them! Contact FoRC – friendsofroselawn@gmail.com

Membership fees are as follow:

Adults - \$15
Seniors over 65 - \$8
Youth under 19 - \$3

Membership form can be found on the last page of this newsletter. Please send/bring cash/cheques to:
Attn: Nancy Misener
The Roselawn Centre,
296 Fielden Avenue, Port Colborne
Cheques made payable to Friends of Roselawn, by April 30th please.
Membership cards will be mailed out to members.



Upcoming Events

• American Bandstand Revisited

A Rockin' 1950's Dance Party!
Dick Clark, Connie Francis, Dion, Paul Anka, Ricky Nelson, Del Shannon & Bobby Darin

Two Great Shows: Saturday July 25th -8pm and Sunday July 26th -3pm

Tickets \$29 - Call the Box Office 905-834-7572

• Country Classics Live!

The Ultimate Country Tribute Show!
Johnny Cash, Glen Campbell, Tammy Wynette, John Denver & Loretta Lynn
Saturday August 29th - 8:00PM
Sunday August 30th -3:00PM
Tickets \$29.00 Each - Call the Box Office 905-834-7572

• Showboat Festival Theatre presents the 2015 Playbill...

Showboat will be bringing you another outstanding series of plays this summer. The Box Office will be selling tickets only after March 23, but you can book subscriptions now.

Subscriptions are \$105 (includes tax and handling)

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Upcoming Events (cont'd)

Corpse! (A whodunit comedy by Gerald Moon) - June 17th - 21st

Stag and Doe (A comedy by Gerald Moon) - July 8th - 12th

One Moment (A comedy musical by Norm Foster and Steve Thomas) - August 5th - 9th

Same Time, Next Year (A romantic comedy by Bernard Slade) - August 19th to 23rd

For more information about the plays see the website at www.showboattheatre.ca and for tickets call 905-834-0833, email info@showboattheatre.ca or mail 296 Fielden Avenue Port Colborne L3K 4T6.

Call The Box Office 905-834-7572



FORGED IN THE HAMMER
Doug Carter
35 years of art from Cultural Debris
May 16 - July 5
reception May 30, 2pm
Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant
20 Ava Rd, Brantford, ON
Tuesday to Friday: 10 – 5 pm
Saturday and Sunday: 12 – 5 pm
Closed Mondays and Statutory Holidays
forgedinhammer.com - glenhyrst.ca

You Can Help.....

Roselawn has undoubtedly been an architectural landmark over the years, but more importantly, it was a family home, armoury, club and cultural centre. It is also associated with some prominent local families. I am hoping to collect your personal experiences and memories of Roselawn to share with the readers of our newsletter.

If you have special stories or pictures to help bring our mansion to life, please contact me.
Carole Black Brisley 905-834-4028 paul@brisley.ca

FRIENDS OF ROSELAWN CENTRE MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

POSTAL CODE _____

E-MAIL _____

Please indicate the number of memberships desired:

\$15 adult _____ \$8 senior 65+ _____

\$3 Youth _____ (memberships will run Apr 1st to Mar 31st annually)

Would you like to volunteer? What area would you like to help? _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

