



# Newsletter

## TEMAGAMI FRIENDS CELEBRATE A SPECIAL PLACE



*Ian Bird, Joanne and Walter Ross*



*David MacFarlane*



*Victoria Calverley, Stephen LeDrew and Cathy Dwyer*

With the long-awaited summer season fast approaching, some 100 friends and supporters of that very special place we call Lake Temagami gathered together for an evening of good friends, wonderful memories and hopes for the future.

The evening at the George Restaurant in Downtown Toronto, included a delicious meal and a silent auction, which ultimately raised \$25,000. This total amount will support the Temagami Community Foundation's operations and community outreach to determine where the TCF can support initiatives that meet the organization's vision.

The featured speakers Ian Bird, chair of the Community Foundations of Canada, and award-winning Toronto author and magazine writer David MacFarlane touched on varying yet similar messages.

For Ian Bird, the message was inspiring as he noted some facts about what Community Foundations are.

There are 188 Community Foundations in Canada serving 89 percent of all Canadians. They have been inspiring Canadians since the first community foundation was established in Winnipeg in 1921. He also pointed out that only the TCF and another BC organization share the distinction of having representation from 3 separate groups, permanent residents, seasonal residents and First Nation members. Furthermore, he encouraged the TCF to reach out to Canada's Governor General David Johnson to visit Temagami to support his vision that "by caring and building upon our unique experience in helping each other, we can foster a more caring nation."

Caring was also on David MacFarlane's mind as he recalled his "rules of visiting Temagami" (an obligation to "fit in," even for 3 AM cribbage, blueberry picking or listening for 20 minutes on how to make a compost toilet).

On a more philosophical note, he reminded the audience, that we are all "visitors" in this wonderful place.

Many ways to being a good guest apply in the broader sense – respect for and generosity to each other together with a responsibility for the stewardship of the land, the experience of the sky, the big majestic pine trees and the rocks as well.

During dinner the guests were indeed generous, resulting in a successful live auction, led by Chief of the Temagami First Nation Roxane Ayotte, and David MacFarlane. These last two items that were live auctioned included a "Red Canoe" stained glass creation donated by Victoria Grant that went for \$800, and a Steve Snake painting, donated by Sandra Hartman, that raised \$1,800.

Special thanks are due to Master of Ceremonies Stephen LeDrew who kept the evening going at an entertaining and lively pace. As well as the TCF's Executive Director Cathy Dwyer and the chair of the fundraising committee, Debbie Nixon. Furthermore, a special thank you to the many volunteers for their tireless efforts in creating a simply wonderful evening: good friends, a warm atmosphere and excellent cuisine.

## PLANS FOR THE SECOND DECADE

By Vince Hovanec

From its start a decade ago, TCF's mandate has been to promote environmental stewardship, support community arts and culture, honour First Nations heritage and foster sustainable community economic development. Grants of some \$220,000 to more than 20 community groups and projects have already made a difference in each of these categories throughout the greater Temagami region.

As we now enter our second decade, we intend to build on our accomplishments in the following four principle activities...

**Our Environment:** A healthy ecosystem and pristine water quality are a primary concern to everyone in the greater Temagami community. For that reason, TCF has made grants, for example, to community groups such as the Temagami Area Fish Involvement Project and Nastawgan Trails. Now we're looking to move up to a higher plateau, ideally working, in some form or another, with other stakeholders with a similar concern for the health and welfare of the Lake Temagami watershed. We applaud the work of the Temagami Lakes Association, for

example, in gathering scientific data on water quality in many locales and we want to see this programme expanded, analyzed and put into a platform for all parties to access, understand and identify next steps. Educational forums, additional testing, watershed planning and fundraising could be undertaken to ensure that the water in Temagami and surrounding lakes remains pure. We're open to any and all cooperative projects!

### **Another Time – Our Rich History:**

Temagami has a history that is rich, extraordinary and well documented. We have all the elements of a great story. With people like Craig McDonald and his historical map, Jack Humphrey and his thousands of pictures, and stories and legends in everyone's heart, and the Temagami Elders Portraits of photographer Gerry Gooderham, our story needs to be told! We would like to delve into ways of sharing our story and using it to galvanize our roots and heritage, our families and our community. TCF grants to the Red Sky performance, the Women's Narrative and the well-attended Angele project have helped celebrate the multifaceted Temagami heritage and to showcase local talent.

### **The Next Decade – Building on the Success of the Art Camp:**

For ten years the TCF Art Camp has brought 40+ kids from different worlds to interact and understand one another. The camp has been funded by the TCF with support from the same donors for the past 5 years. The camp is an investment in our future. As we have passed our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary we want to explore ways of entrenching financial support for the camp by creating an



*Marvin Morrison and Victoria Calverley accepting a donation*

endowment fund and to leverage opportunities in our community based on the positive experience of the Art Camp.

**The Prosperity Project** – Our community prosperity is vital for everyone future; our youth, seniors and elders, visitors, and residents all have a vested interest in ensuring our community thrives and succeeds. Our population is small and community capacity is limited. How do we prosper and remain true to our values? Many seasonal residents come to Temagami to recharge and relish in an environment that in many cases is the only thing in their lives that hasn't changed. How does the local population maintain a livelihood in a vibrant community – for lake cottagers, TFN and TAA members and Township residents -- without changing the nature of one of its fundamental assets? In other words, Change without Change. Our Future - Our Past. In the past the TCF held a number of roundtable discussions between the Municipal and Aboriginal communities. Collaboration between these two communities is the key to a successful future. We will be exploring ways with all our stakeholders to develop a prosperous future.

**TCF Vision:** Shared responsibility and recognition of our common ground.

**Mission:** Cooperatively and actively nurture and care for the place we know as Temagami – the water, the land and its inhabitants – for today and the future.



## TCF Sign Now Greets Mine Road Travelers

There's a new sign on the Mine Road that lets travelers know the TCF and what it's trying to do in the greater Temagami community. The sign is another effort to build the TCF brand, to use a marketing term, as the organization enters its second decade. The 8 x 8 sign gives Mine Road travelers all the basic information – what the TCF is, what it's doing and where -- online or a local telephone number -- anyone can obtain more information. So the next time you on the road, slow down and take a look and follow up with a call, or check the website for an update of what's happening in TCF's world.

## TCF WANTS TO DO MORE WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS

Here's a memo to community groups and/or folks with an idea and desire to make something good happen in their communities: The TCF may be able to help.

That's TCF as in the Temagami Community Foundation, which a decade ago was created to serve the Temagami region – permanent residents, seasonal cottagers and the First Nation.

And over the years, it's done just that, giving grants totaling some \$220,000 to scores of groups, organizations and projects around the Township. Projects such as the summer Art Camp, the Angele Project of a few years ago, the Temagami Area Fish Involvement Programme, the Temagami Elders Portrait project, the local history initiative at the Temagami Public School, and many more. In fact, there's hardly a community project or organization that hasn't been helped in some way by a TCF grant, usually in the \$500 to \$2,500 range.

So much for the good news.

The even better news, however, is that it's time for new grant applications to be received and – this is a totally new wrinkle – the TCF is now searching for organizations, formal or informal, with which it might collaborate or partner. Organizations that will draw upon the skills and dedication of volunteers to generate both enthusiasm and commitment to their communities.

“The TCF wants to support, encourage and facilitate community initiatives that support an organization's goal while also collaborating with other groups, people or charities,” said Cathy Dwyer, the TCF's executive director. “The grant process starts with a one or two-page proposal, and we'll work with a requesting organization to further develop the concept.”

In other words, what's important is that the proposed project or initiative meets a real community need, promotes discussion and dialogue, fosters shared responsibility, involves volunteers and creates excitement.

As in the past, the TCF will not fund individuals for personal support, capital campaigns, operating deficits, political or religious activities or fundraising dinners or event sponsorship. TCF's areas of concern are environmental awareness and stewardship, community arts and culture, First Nations and sustainable community economic development programmes. Proposals should be sent to the Temagami Community Foundation, P.O. Box 338, Temagami P0H 2H0 or by email to... [info@temagamicommunityfoundation.com](mailto:info@temagamicommunityfoundation.com) Further information is available by phone at 705-569-3737.

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# 2013 ART CAMP HAS A NEW DIRECTOR



**Patsy Turner – Art Camp Director**

This summer the Annual Art Camp will have a new face as the camp's coordinator. Patsy Turner from Bear Island will be organizing the camp this year. Patsy has lived on Lake Temagami for the past 18 years. Her family is originally from Nipissing First Nation and she grew up in Sturgeon Falls. She is married to John Turner and they have two daughters, Sophia and Julia. After graduating with an Honours Degree in Native Studies and History at Trent University, Patsy furthered her studies by going on to complete a Bachelor of Education degree and a Masters of Education degree, both at Nipissing University.

She has lived on Bear Island full time since she married John in 1998. At that time she was also hired to teach at the Laura McKenzie Learning Centre, the school on Bear Island. Patsy's first class was a JK to Gr. 3 class with six students, with only one other teacher teaching grades 4 through 8. Today, she continues to work at the school teaching a variety of different grade levels and subjects.

Patsy has a strong interest in learning Anishnaabemowin and has proven a personal commitment to learning the language, and passing it on to the next generation. She incorporates the use of the language into her work and family life in creative and innovative ways.

Patsy's interests include spending time working in the yard, staying healthy through regularly walking and running, and spending time with her family.

She understands what Bettina Schuller brought to the Art Camp in the past 10 years and will strive to make participants, volunteers, the Temagami First Nation, and Bettina, proud this summer. She is excited for this opportunity and looks forward to working with everyone involved to have a wonderful camp experience.



Art Camp over the years

## 2013 Art Camp

*July 8 to 12, 2013 for ages 6 to 12@ the Bear Island Rec Centre*

*10 am to 3 pm - to register your child/children*

*Email...Patsy.Turner@temagamifirstnation.ca*

*Or call 705-569-3737 for more info*

## THE ART CAMP AT YEAR 11 ONCE A DREAM STILL MAKING A DIFFERENCE

For the past 10 years Art Camp has been a place where 50 children from Bear Island, summer lake residents and Temagami come together to have FUN. The volunteers and kids come together to get to know one another and tap into their creative sides. They engage in activities such as drama, painting, drawing, singing and dancing. This summer the Temagami Community Foundation, Temagami First Nation and the town of Temagami will work together to hold the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Camp. It will take place on Bear Island at the Recreation Centre. This year's coordinator is Patsy Turner of Bear Island. It will be held during the week of July 8 – 12, each day from 10am – 3pm. For those of you interested in registering your children that are between the ages of 6 -12, please contact Patsy Turner [patsy.turner@temagamifirstnation.ca](mailto:patsy.turner@temagamifirstnation.ca).

You can also contact Patsy, if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about the art camp.



Sample of Art Work

### History of the Art Camp

Ten years ago, Bettina Schuller, a Lake Temagami cottager, and Holly Charyna, then Health Services Manager at the Doreen Potts Health Centre on Bear Island waited for the summer Art Camp to welcome its first students.

Once more, on that morning of July 7, 2003, they asked themselves: Was it possible to bring youngsters from the greater Temagami community – the lake, Bear Island and the Municipality – together for a week of creativity, exploration and just plain fun?

Sure, they knew it would indeed be possible, and so also believed the Temagami Community Foundation (TCF) which had decided to contribute funds under its newly-established grants program to launch the camp. After all, why wouldn't an experience of doing fun things together -- games, drama, art projects and even bucket drumming and photography appeal to youngsters?

Moreover, over the years, a number of other contributors and volunteers from the TCF, the Temagami First Nation and the township have kept the program going. (Donations to the Art Camp channeled through the TCF qualify for favourable tax treatment by the Canada Revenue Agency and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.)

Any why not? Because as the Art Camp prepares to enter its second decade of "making a difference" -- the goal of the TCF's initial grant -- the answer is as clear as the Temagami sky on a summer day. Youngsters who, in the words of an early *Canadian Living* magazine article, "started the week as wary strangers separated by labels: 'natives' from Bear Island, 'tourists' from the lake cottages and 'townies' from the town of Temagami ...." invariably went on to



Bettina Schuller

discover pals and friends they had never known before.

Moreover, the 50 or so campers, almost equally representing the Municipality, Bear Island or summer residents, are not the only beneficiaries of the what can only be called the "something special" that Art Camp provides. The volunteers too share a special bond, noted Bettina Schuller of last years' experience. Each day included time for the volunteers to share "what was on our hearts before we talked about specific details and concerns," she explains. "In years before everyone stayed within their own comfort zone and socialized with people of their own cultural background."

So it was also with the Art Camp's youth councilors where the teenagers "realized that they have a lot in common and that their days look very similar ... For the first year the youth from Bear Island, the Lake community and the municipality socialized with each other during Art Camp and went swimming on Thursday afternoon."

Yes, "making a difference" comes in different forms and at varying times, but there's no denying that it happens every summer at Art Camp. And that's why the TCF hopes to explore ways to further develop the camp concept by creating an endowment fund to continue making a difference for the greater Temagami community.



## Save the Date: August 4

### TCF Benefit at Camp Wabun

*TCF is hosting a  
Concert Benefit and  
Fish Fry  
@ Camp Wabun,  
Dinner is  
\$25/person  
Sunday August 4  
4:30pm with  
Concert to follow at  
7pm  
For Tickets contact  
info@temagamicommunity  
foundation.com  
or call 705-569-3737  
50/50 Draw  
Cash Bar*

Music lovers in the Temagami community are in for a treat on the late afternoon of August 4 when the Temagami Community Foundation (TCF) will sponsor a concert of choral music at Camp Wabun. And for good measure, the event will include a fried fish dinner with a cash bar!

Veteran choral director Marty Banghart of Island 1088, who has sang for many summers at the non-denominational services at St Ursula's Church on Bear Island, has invited the Deer Creek Chamber Choir. They are a group of 13 singer's, Marty leads this group out of Maryland where she has been active in musical and community organizations for many years. The chamber choir, whose members range from 24-65 years, sing without accompanying instruments except for some vocal percussion, and also perform in various community outreach venues and private parties.

It's also an important part of its parent organization, the Deer Creek Chorale, an intergenerational community choir with a dual mission of bringing quality and eclectic choral repertoire to the greater community as well as giving back to local and global communities. The Chorale has worked with such clinicians as Simon Carrington, founder of the internationally known King's Singers Z. Randall Stroepe, a top composer of

contemporary modern choral works; and John Rutter and Tom Hall.

The August 4<sup>th</sup> Concert and Fish Fry dinner tickets will be on sale around the lake in the coming weeks and also through the TCF office, Telephone Cathy Dwyer at 705-569-3737. Cocktails will begin at 4:30pm followed by dinner and the concert. The event, will benefit the TCF's outreach activities and grants throughout the greater Temagami community.

Chamber choir selections will range from folk songs, pop songs, spirituals and novelty pieces. As examples, Marty cites "Good Old A Cappella," "Shenandoah," "Loch Lomond," "Ride the Chariot," "Teddy Bear's Picnic," "Can't Buy me Love," "Crazy Little Thing Called Love" and "Lonesome Road."



Deer Creek Chorale



## Message from TCF Chair

Temagami Community Foundation members and supporters, residents of and visitors to Temagami:

I am pleased to be writing to you as the recently appointed Chair of TCF. As a summer resident of Temagami since 1959 and a TCF Board member since 2006, I have enjoyed so much of what our community has to offer and I am delighted to have the opportunity to give back.

As you will no doubt read in this Newsletter, we are in the midst of an active year. We hosted our second Gala event in Toronto this past May, supported by many friends of TCF from inside and outside the community, and are planning some special community gatherings on the Lake this summer. It continues to be necessary, given our limited resources, to gear some of our events to operational fund-raising, but the bigger conversations we have at TCF revolve around the role we can play to identify, advocate and secure resources for quality of life community initiatives. Sometimes we take a supportive role as when we make grants to individuals or organizations that are pursuing these activities; sometimes our role is more active such as running our own Summer Art Camp program; and sometimes we look to take a partnership role with other community organizations to help generate ideas and synchronize community activities.

Wherever and however we engage, our goal is to serve you, our

community stakeholders, to build long-term community assets that perpetuate the essence of Temagami.

To that end, the most important thing the Foundation will be doing is connecting with the community to bring these conversations to life and find ways to get broader engagement. This Spring, we put a billboard up on the Access Road to do what the marketers call “build awareness” of the Foundation. Initially, the sign was to read, “Support The Temagami Community Foundation”. But then we changed it and the change, while small, is an exceedingly important one. If you have driven by it, you will see that it says, “Support Your Temagami Community Foundation”.

The Foundation is indeed yours to make the most of. TCF’s success will be driven by each and every one of us asking ourselves what role we play in actively nurturing the land, water and inhabitants of Temagami. The roles we can take are diverse – idea-generator, project manager, convener, spokesperson, volunteer, donor. And how we engage is even broader – sharing thoughts over a morning coffee, exchanging ideas at community gatherings, starting grassroots projects, sharing your talents, teaching a new skill, writing a cheque. That’s how we become, in the words of the Community Foundations of Canada, a Smart and Caring Community. Mother Teresa once said, “It’s not how much we give, but how much love we put into the giving”. To the many community “activists” who find their own way of



TCF Chair Victoria Calverley

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expressing their commitment to this land and its people, and in so doing their love, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

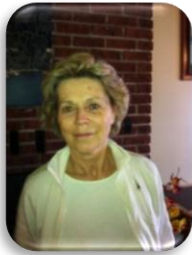
We want to hear what you are doing, what you want to do and how we can work together to build our community assets. Our dedicated Executive Director, our Board of Directors and our many volunteers are rallied around the next step forward for the Foundation, and we’d love you to be part of it.

Victoria Calverley  
Chair

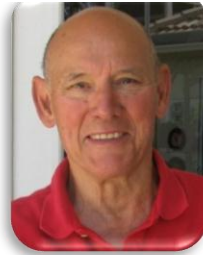
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- 1) *Walter Ross FCA (Walter is still active with the TCF as Co-Chair)*
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annual instalments over the next \_\_\_\_ (maximum 5) years.

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☐ First Nation Heritage ☐ Environmental awareness and stewardship  
☐ Sustainable community economic development ☐ Community arts and culture

Other purpose \_\_\_\_\_

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