

# Hubbards Barn & Community Park

Fall, 2006

## Another Great Season in the Heart of Hubbards

With the end of another harvest season, activities at the Barn are drawing to a close. The Farmers' Market has had another banner year. The property and gardens look great. Best of all, the Barn continues to grow as a place for people to meet and share.

Thanks to all those who have helped me along in my first year as Chair of the Hubbards Barn Association. We have a tremendous Board and family of volunteers who will be working throughout the winter to make sure that next year at the Barn is as good as ever!



Peter Labor

## Property Update

This year has given us a chance to catch our breath after two years of substantial renovations and improvements made to the Barn property.

The Hubbards Barn and Community Park continues to expand with several additions to the property made during the past year. These improvements include the construction of outdoor market stalls, the installation of wooden gutters to the barn, the installation of horseshoe pits behind the outdoor market stalls and the continued installation of park benches. We have also added a storage room within the Barn and a garden shed.



Special thanks to John Publicover and Graham Brundige, who did a fantastic job caring for the property and the buildings this

year. Their great energy and good humour was greatly appreciated.

If you have suggestions about the Barn property, or want to lend a hand, please contact Bruce Scallion by emailing [property@hubbardsbarn.org](mailto:property@hubbardsbarn.org).

## Rentals

With the completion of renovations over the past years, Hubbards Barn and Community Park is proving to be an outstanding rental venue for a range of events, from meetings and trade shows to weddings and film and music festivals.

In a natural setting of woods, fields and walking paths, the fully accessible facility now has modern washrooms, three large well-lit indoor spaces, a small stage and an outdoor patio. Rentals can also include use of the modern projection and sound systems and an adequate supply of high quality tables and chairs.

For more information on affordable rental opportunities, call Tanya Grant at 820-2270 or email [rentals@hubbardsbarn.org](mailto:rentals@hubbardsbarn.org).

# Farmers' Market

## 11th Season

Thanks to our many visitors and over thirty dedicated vendors and musicians, this year's Market was a great success.



The Market attracted nine new vendors this year, and during the season there were over thirty vendors each week. Interest in the Market has spread, and visitor numbers are increasing. Volunteers have constructed two outdoor vendor stalls, which really add to the vibrant market feeling outside the Barn. We plan to build two more in the spring. The patio and picnic tables were well used this year, as was the sand "box", which is a great attraction for our many smaller customers!

We continue as active members in the Farmers' Markets of NS Cooperative. In conjunction with other markets, we celebrated July as Fresh Local Food month. Cooks were on hand sampling great foods made with products found at our Market. Each week we provide one free table to local community groups, to assist in their fund raising efforts. We have a loyal roster of musicians who liven the Market and have young and old dancing on our new floors.

The Harvest Festival was attended by over 2,000 visitors. The local 4-H Club displayed their prize-winning chickens, ducks, lambs

and rabbits, and talked to vendors about their animals and their work with 4-H. There was also pumpkin carving for the kids, and the beautiful weather allowed lots of picnic table and sandbox time with friends.

The 2006 Christmas Farmers' Market is December 2, from 8 to 12. Hope to see you there! We'll be back Saturday May 12, Mothers' Day weekend, in 2007.

For more information on the Farmers' Market, please contact Linda Cahill at 857-1667, or email [market@hubbardsbarn.org](mailto:market@hubbardsbarn.org).

## Gardens and Grounds

After the planting frenzy of last year, 2006 saw the slower pace of continuing maintenance of the flower beds at the Barn, in the form of weeding, deadheading and pruning. The Barn Yardeners continued as a vibrant group. Working sometimes in a group and sometimes alone, each person contributed valuable hours to maintain the overall ambience of the perennial gardens.

The identification of the various native bushes and several unique perennials was completed this summer. Metal labels were placed in the appropriate places, in the hopes of encouraging visitors to learn more about the plants. Some annuals were planted to add vibrant colour in high traffic areas, most notably the red geraniums in the large black cauldron in front of the Barn.

Besides meeting to work in the gardens, the group also enjoyed one evening of shared information and gardening stories. The session was led by Deborah Fleming who arrived with a table full of gardening books. Participants had been urged ahead of time to bring questions regarding plants, especially invasive ones, or to bring in plants that required identification. The session proved to be informative and fun. It was agreed that more of these sessions would be planned for 2007.



Other plans for next year include the possibility of a junior gardeners club, which will use an area of the meadow for a vegetable and herb garden. We encourage anyone with an idea, or a proposal for further use of the site, to speak to anyone on the Board of the Hubbards Barn Association or to send an email to [gardens@hubbardsbarn.org](mailto:gardens@hubbardsbarn.org).

If you wish to be a Barn Yardener yourself, please contact Anne Watling at the above email address.

## Special Events and Programs

Hubbards Barn and Community Park continues to be a hub for community activity. The venue hosted several weddings and receptions this year, and even welcomed students from Sir John A. High School for a weekend retreat.

The season kicked off with the Hubbards Area Business Association hosting their annual Business Expo at the Barn. This popular event launched with a gala reception, and was attended by people from around the Bay.

In July, in association with a group of local artists, the Barn was transformed into an art gallery for the 2nd Annual Hub-Arts

event. With contributions from more than 50 local artists this outstanding event drew high praise from a wide range of visitors. Most recently, in October, the Barn featured the works of many local crafts people for a Christmas Festival of Arts and Crafts.

This year also saw the beginnings of a new tradition - Movies at the Barn. With the addition of state-of-the-art movie screen, big sound, and digital projection system the Barn Theatre hosted eight movies. This year's films included big-screen blockbuster *The Chronicles of Narnia*, Hollywood classics *Grease*, *Singin' in the Rain*, and *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, and film festival favourites *Into the Void*, *Neil Young's Heart of Gold*, and *The End of Suburbia*. With a friendly, unique atmosphere, fresh organic popcorn, low price, and a range of films, we think that Movies at the Barn is destined to become a Hubbards tradition. We are planning next year's movie line-up now, so this is the time to let know what you would like to see.

If you want to host a special event, have ideas for new programs, or need more information, call Peter Labor at 857-1196, or email [info@hubbardsbarn.org](mailto:info@hubbardsbarn.org).



# Association Members and Volunteers

Hubbards Barn and Community Park continues to play a part in improving the quality of life for Hubbards area residents.

As a community-run facility, the volunteer Board of Directors puts in many hours and relies on all the volunteers who generously help host events, weed gardens, and build and maintain the facility. We also count on the contributions made by all those who support Hubbards Barn and Community Park through their annual membership in the Hubbards Barn Association and their contributions to fund-raising efforts.

Thanks to all those who volunteered at the Barn, offered financial support through donations and memberships, and attended the weekly market or other events .

We hope you will continue your support in 2007 by joining the Association (only\$10/year), and offering to volunteer. Sign-up opportunities will be available on the website soon, and at the first Spring market.

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## News Update

### In Memoriam

We are sad to announce the passing of two friends of the Barn: Beverly Cutts, an artist and summer resident of Fox Point; and Beth Rees, a popular vendor of emu products at the Farmers' Market.



We are in discussion with Shatford Elementary School to hold *Movies at the Barn* at the school during the winter. Stay tuned to the Hubbards Barn website for details and listings.

The current Board of Directors  
Peter Labor - Chair/Special Events Coordinator  
Linda Cahill - Vice-chair / Farmers' Market Coordinator  
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Wayne Carlon - Secretary  
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