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Celebrate The Season **CHRISTMAS IN ANNAPOLIS ROYAL**

EXPLORER GUIDE - YOUR 24/7 HOLIDAY HEADQUARTERS!

More holiday fun, festivities, contests and great shopping tips will be added soon.

For ARTsPLACE events, please refer to pages 14-17.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

4pm, 5pm, 6pm & 7pm

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

7:30 pm

ANNAPOLIS INNOVATION LAB OR ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP

RESCUE PURRSDAY - with Cats for Keeps

COMMUNITY CAROL SING - CAROLS, COOKIES & CIDER

Toy/Food Drive - Wear your "best" Christmas Sweater

Donations for food bank or unwrapped toy gratefully accepted.

AR Library

Lunn's Mill Beer Co.

St. Luke's Anglican

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

2:30 pm

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

7:00 pm

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm or later!

8:00 pm

NAPOLEON (\$10.95 Adults, \$6.95 Youth)

HAPPY HOUR

NAPOLEON (\$10.95 Adults, \$6.95 Youth)

WEEKLY MUSIC - CHARLIE LANGMEAD (No Cover Charge)

CHASE THE ACE DRAW

King's Theatre

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

10am, 11am, 12pm & 1pm

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

5:00 pm

7:30 pm

FARMERS & TRADERS LAST CHANCE CHRISTMAS MARKET

ANNAPOLIS INNOVATION LAB OR ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP

LEGION KITCHEN PARTY with THERESA PORTER & FRIENDS (Free)

WEEKLY TOONIE DRAW

NATHANIEL RANKIN: THE CANADIAN CHAMPION OF MAGIC

(Adult \$30, Youth \$10)

AR Legion

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King's Theatre

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00 am - 1:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE BRUNCH (\$25 per person)	Garrison House Inn
10:00 am	ADVENT 4 - HOLY EUCHARIST	St. Luke's Anglican
4:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE MASS	St. Louis Catholic
6:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE	Parkers Cove Baptist
6:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE	1st United Baptist
6:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE	Hillsburn Baptist
7:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE	AR United Church
7:30 pm	FAMILY & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY EUCHARIST	St. Luke's Anglican
6:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE MASS IN WEYMOUTH	St. Joseph's Catholic
8:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE MASS IN WEYMOUTH	St. Patrick's Catholic

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00 am	CHRISTMAS DAY SAID BCP HOLY EUCHARIST	St. Luke's Anglican
10:00 am	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS IN WEYMOUTH	St. Joseph's Catholic

MERRY CHRISTMAS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:00 pm	WAITRESS: THE MUSICAL - Stage to Screen from Broadway Adult: \$15.98, Youth: \$6.95	King's Theatre
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

4pm, 5pm, 6pm & 7pm	ANNAPOLIS INNOVATION LAB OR ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP	AR Library
6:00 pm	DISNEY ~ WISH (\$10.95 Adults, \$6.95 Youth)	King's Theatre

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

HAPPY HOUR

AR Legion

7:00 pm

THE HOLDOVERS (\$10.95 Adults, \$6.95 Youth)

King's Theatre

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm or later!

WEEKLY MUSIC - THE PHIL & CLARKE EXPEDITION (No Cover Charge)

AR Legion

8:00 pm

CHASE THE ACE DRAW

AR Legion

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

FARMERS & TRADERS WINTER MARKET

AR Legion

10am, 11am, 12pm & 1pm

ANNAPOLIS INNOVATION LAB OR ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP

AR Library

2:00 pm

DUFFLEBAG THEATRE'S SNOW WHITE (\$15 Adults, \$10 Youth)

King's Theatre

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:00 am

EPIPHANY - HOLY EUCHARIST Followed by **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

POTLUCK KITCHEN PARTY & GUEST FIDDLERS

St. Luke's Anglican

10:00 am - 1:30 pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE BRUNCH

Founders House

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE COURTYARD BONFIRE

Historic Gardens

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER (Three Course \$99, Six Course \$125)

Founders House

8:00 pm - 12:01 am

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Hillsburn Baptist

Doors open at 8:00 pm

MASQUERADE - Live DJ, Cash Bar, Prizes, Hor d'oeuvres, Champagne (\$30)

Hillsdale House

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVEE

AR Legion

Free Buffet including chowder, soups, sandwiches & sweets. Everyone welcome

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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December 21, 2023 - 7:30 pm

St. Luke's Anglican Church

Christmas
COMMUNITY CAROL SING

Sing the first & last verses of
50 carols!

Carolling will be followed by
cookies & cider in the Parish
Hall.

Wear your "favourite"
Christmas sweater.

Please, if you can, bring a
new, unwrapped toy or non-
perishable food item to be
donated to those in need in
our community.



342 ST. GEORGE ST., ANNAPOLIS

St. Luke's Anglican Church

CHRIST-MITT TREE - Hats, Scarves & Mittens

Take what you need. Please donate if you can.

DEC. 21, 7:30 pm

Carols, Cookies & Cider

Donations for the food bank or a new unwrapped toy gratefully accepted. Wear your "best Christmas sweater."

DEC. 24, 10 am

Advent 4 - Holy Eucharist

DEC. 24, 7:30 pm

Family & Friends

Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

DEC. 25, 9 am

Christmas Day Said BCP Holy Eucharist

DEC. 31, 10 am

**Epiphany Holy Eucharist followed by
New Year's Eve Potluck & Kitchen Party**

First United Baptist Church

DEC. 18

**Last day to Pre-register for
Free Christmas Dinner (902-844-8360)**

DEC. 24, 6 pm

Christmas Eve Service

DEC. 25, 1 pm

**Free Christmas Dinner
Must Pre-Register (902-844-8360)**

Merry Christmas

St. George and St. Andrew United Church

DEC. 17, 3 pm

A Royal Consort Choir "Comfort & Joy"

Tickets: \$15, No charge for Children 12 & under
Available from Choir Members or at the door

DEC. 24, 7 pm

Christmas Eve Service

St. Louis Catholic Church

DEC. 24, 4 pm

Christmas Eve Mass

Fr. Raymond's other Christmas Masses

DEC. 24:

St. Joseph's Catholic in Weymouth, 6 pm

St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Digby, 8 pm

DEC. 25: St. Joseph's in Weymouth, 10 am

Parkers Cove Baptist Church

DEC. 3, 11 am

Youth Christmas Program

DEC. 17, 7 pm

Traditional Christmas Carol Sing

Refreshments. Free will collection will go to
missions.

DEC. 24, 6 pm

Christmas Eve Service

Hillsburn Baptist Church

DEC. 24, 6 pm

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

DEC. 31, 8 pm - 12:01 am

New Year's Eve Celebration



ON STAGE

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KING'S SHORTS ~ Call for Scripts

The fifteenth **King's Shorts** Festival of Ten Minute Plays, will be hosted by King's Theatre in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia on June 21, 22 and 23, 2024.

Deadline for scripts is January 15, 2024.

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 30th @ 2:00 PM



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ON SCREEN

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NAPOLEON

Ridley Scott directs an epic that details the checkered rise and fall of Napoleon Bonaparte (Joaquin Pheonix).
FRIDAY, DEC 22nd @ 2:30 pm & 7:00 pm



WAITRESS: THE MUSICAL

Celebrate friendship, dreams, the family we choose and the beauty of a well-baked pie. STAGE TO SCREEN
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27th @ 7:00pm



WISH

Asha's wish gets a more direct answer than she bargained for, from a trouble-making star.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28th @ 6:00pm

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2023 "LIKE & SHARE" CONTESTS

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**MORE
WINNERS
DEC. 24
& JAN. 1**



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Congratulations ~ **AMY DEWHIRST**

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30 Years!

**"LIKE &
SHARE"
WINNER**

on Dec. 3
Next Draws are
17, 24 & Jan. 1
Good Luck!

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Congratulations ~ **SHIRLEY LECLERC - HOLMES**

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30 Years!

**"LIKE &
SHARE"
WINNER**

on Dec. 10
Next Draws are
Dec. 17, 24 & Jan. 1
Good Luck!

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Congratulations ~ **DORIS MILLETT**

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30 Years!

**"LIKE &
SHARE"
WINNER**

\$30 Explorer
Gift Certificate

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"LIKE & SHARE"

Explorer Guide's
Posts for
YOUR Chances
to WIN
on Christmas Eve
& New Year's Day!

Good Luck!

Please Join Us This Christmas



Lessons & Carols, Saturday, Dec. 2nd

St Mark's, Perotte, 3:00 pm

Storm Date - December 9th

Sing-A-Long Messiah, Sunday, Dec. 3rd

St Luke's, 342 St. George St, Annapolis Royal, 3:00 pm

Classical Piano Recital, Sunday, Dec. 10th

St Luke's, 342 St. George St, Annapolis Royal, 4:30 pm

Dr. Heidi Fewster will play Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 21 in C Major Opus 53 "Waldstein"

Carols, Cookies & Cider, Thursday, Dec. 21st

Carols at St Luke's at 7:30 pm, followed by Cookies and Cider in the Church Hall. Donations for the food bank or a new unwrapped toy gratefully received. Wear your "best" Christmas sweater!

Christmas Services at St. Luke's

Sunday, Dec. 24th

10:00 am: Advent 4 - Holy Eucharist

7:30 pm: Family & Friends Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

Monday, Dec. 25th

9:00 am: Christmas Day said BCP Holy Eucharist

Sunday, Dec. 31st

10:00 am: Epiphany - Holy Eucharist. Followed by New Year's Eve Potluck Lunch Kitchen Party in the Church Hall. Come enjoy fellowship and our guest fiddlers.

May Christ Be in Your Christmas!

The Anglican Parish of Annapolis



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Exhibition / Impressed

Wed Nov 1st - Sat 25th

Impressed /Elephant Grass Printmakers Society November 1 - 25 Opening, Saturday, November 4, 11 - 2 Group exhibition of members from the Elephant Grass Printmakers Society.



Exhibition / Two Scenes, Two Artists, Two Mediums

Wed Nov 1st - Sat 25th

Two Scenes, Two Artists, Two Mediums / Bette Young & Joan McLean November 1 - 25 Opening November 4, 11 - 2 A show of paintings depicting rural structures from the local area. Joan McLean works in wat ...



Exhibition / Altered Vision/Altered Sound

Sat Nov 4th - Fri Dec 22nd

Altered Vision/Altered Sound Susan Tooke w/ Dillon Tonkin November 4 - December 22 Altered Vision/Altered Sound is an interactive exploration between the visual and the audible within the human experi ...



Exhibition / My Story Photo Project

Sat Nov 4th - Fri Dec 22nd

My Story Photo Project November 4 / December 22 Opening reception, Saturday, November 4, 11 - 2. My Story Photo Project Association provides educational workshops in photography skills to Burmese refu ...



Fall 2023 - Life Drawing Sessions

Mon Nov 20th 1:00pm - 4:00pm

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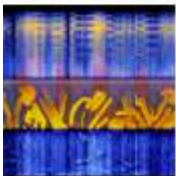
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tiff / Short Films w/discussion

Mon Nov 20th 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Monday, November 20, 7 pm \$10 suggested donation Contemporary short films from the Toronto International Film Festival. With a follow-up discussion. Films: Violet Gave Willingly - This film, by Claire ...



Workshop / Altered Vision

Thu Nov 23rd 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Use software to convert images to sound. Hear your drawing. See your voice.



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Exhibition / Pulp Fiction: works on paper

Fri Dec 1st - Fri 22nd

Pulp Fiction: Works on Paper Wayne Boucher, Brad Hall, Sharon Irving-Kennedy, Ted Lind, Susan Tooke Dec 1 - 22, reception Saturday, December 2, 11 - 2. (image: The Muse, detail, sharon Irving-Kennedy) ...



Exhibition / Surfacing

Fri Dec 1st - Fri 22nd

Surfacing / Sarah Reesor & Ray Mackie Dec 1 - 22 Reception, Saturday, December 2, 11 - 2. (image: Sarah Reesor) A selection of mixed media works from Sarah Reesor & Ray Mackie.

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Workshop / Intro to Stained Glass with Yolanda Marsolais

Sat Dec 2nd 12:00pm - 5:00pm

Learn the basics of the age-old art of stained glass. Build a stained glass ornament to hang at home. Treat yourself to a charming decoration or make a gift to surprise a loved one. Invite a companion ...



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Screening / Paths of Glory / Stanley Kubrick

Mon Dec 4th 7:00pm - 9:30pm

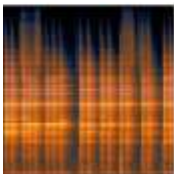
Paths of Glory / Stanley Kubrick 1957 88m B/W Join Concordia film graduate (Mel Hoppenheim School of Cinema), Christopher Ward, as he introduces the work of Stanley Kubrick. Christopher will be screen ...



Fall 2023 - Life Drawing Sessions

Mon Dec 11th 1:00pm - 4:00pm

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Workshop / Altered Sound

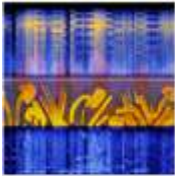
Thu Dec 14th 2:00pm - 5:00pm

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Altered Jam Session

Sun Dec 17th 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Invited musicians improvise with altered soundscapes. Part of the Altered Vision Altered Sound Main Gallery exhibition by Susan Tooke with Dillon Tooke. This performance will be presented upstairs at



Fall 2023 - Life Drawing Sessions

Mon Dec 18th 1:00pm - 4:00pm

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New Date Noontime Art Talks / Still Life

Wed Dec 20th 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Noontime Art Talks Still Life (*New Date* Wed Dec 20, noon - 1pm) Free admission, donations welcome. Enjoy informal, illustrated talks presented by artist Elaine Bergen. Conversation will be encourage ...

Wishing you a
Merry ARTfeft Christmas
and a colourful and
Happy New Year!

For workshops, art talks, seminars, life drawing sessions,
exhibitions & more in the coming year, check the web.



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Seasons Greetings



Please support our community by showing up at the many planned events this year and shopping locally as much as you can. Every dollar spent in our community has the potential to stay in our community and support the viability of one of Canada's smallest towns. Have a safe and happy season!



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HILLSBURN BAPTIST CHURCH

Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

6:00pm

No Offering Will be taken
Everyone Welcome

From Our Home to Yours

Merry Christmas and all the best
for a Healthy and Happy New Year!
Thank you for being an important part
of our Christmas for 30 years.

Explorer Guide ~ Alan & Durline Melanson

Friday Night Music Series

All Acts are 7pm-9pm or later

Happy Hour from 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
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December 22nd – Charlie Langmead

December 29th – The Phil & Clarke Expedition

Saturday Kitchen Party – December 9th & December 23rd 3-5pm

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SANTA'S RIDDLES



1. What is the best Christmas present in the world?
2. When is a boat just like snow?
3. Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing?
4. What did the sea say to Santa?
5. What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?
6. What is the best thing to put into a Christmas cake?

See Santa's Elf
for answers p. 38

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On behalf of the Municipality of the County of Annapolis, we wish you and your loved ones a happy, healthy and memorable holiday season, and all the best in the coming new year.

*Warden Alex Morrison,
Council and Staff*

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WORKS ON PAPER
Pulp Fiction
December 1-22, 2023

Sarah Reesor / Ray Mackie
Surfacing
December 1-22, 2023

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December 1 - 22

Winter Music Series
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BRANCH no. 21

Cocktail Specials
Friday & Saturday Nights

Happy Hour
Fridays From:
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Charlie Langmead

Friday December 22nd: 7 - 9pm (or later)



Chase the Ace Draw at 8pm!

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"ON THE EDGE"
CTV

"MIND BLOWING"
AIR CANADA CENTRE

"IMPRESSIVE"
NBC

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CBS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 23rd 7:30 PM

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Youth: \$10

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SATURDAY KITCHEN PARTY:

Theresa Porter

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Saturday December 23rd
3 - 5pm (or later)



Weekly "Toonie" Draw at 5pm

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- Eggs Your Way Hash – Two Eggs done the way you like them on top of a fresh vegetable mix (Peppers, Tomato, Onion and Zucchini) & Home Fries topped with cheese
- Banana Chocolate French Toast served with maple syrup
- French Toast served with maple syrup
- Omelet – spinach, ham, caramelized onion, roasted red peppers, three cheese blend, includes croissant
- Seafood Omelet – lobster, shrimp, scallops, three cheese blend, includes croissant
- Seafood Crepe – lobster, shrimp, scallops in a white wine, dill, bechamel sauce

* (add \$5 for Eggs Benedict, Eggs Your Way Hash, Seafood Omelet, Seafood Crepe, Banana Chocolate French Toast)

All meals also include:

Bacon, Sausage, Home fries, Yogurt with Fruit and House made Granola or Treat of the day, Fruit, Brie and Cheddar Cheese, and Crackers.

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Christmas Eve Brunch

9am - 1pm

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St. Louis Catholic Church, Annapolis Royal	902-245-2115
Annapolis Royal United Baptist Church	902-532-2134
Parker's Cove Baptist Church	902-532-5706
Hillsburn United Baptist Church	902-532-5177
Habitation Baptist Church, Port Royal	902-532-5678
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	902-532-5109
Full Gospel Tabernacle	902-532-0442
St. Mark's Anglican, Perotte	902-532-0913
All Saints Anglican, Gibson Lake	902-532-0913
Christ Church Anglican, Karsdale	902-532-0913
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Merry Christmas

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28th @ 6:00 PM

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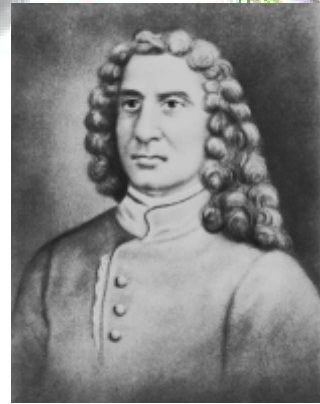
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History of The Levee

The first recorded levee in Canada was held on January 1, 1646, in the Chateau St. Louis by **Charles Huault de Montmagny**, Governor of New France from 1636 to 1648.

In addition to wishing a happy new year to the citizens the governor informed guests of significant events in France as well as the state of affairs within the colony.



Charles Huault de Montmagny

In turn, the settlers were expected to renew their pledges of allegiance to the Crown. The levee tradition was continued by British colonial governors in Canada and subsequently by both the governor general and lieutenant governors.

Today the levée has evolved from the earlier, more boisterous party of years past into a more sedate and informal one. It is an occasion to call upon representatives of the monarch, military and municipal governments and to exchange New Year's greetings and best wishes for the new year, to renew old acquaintances and to meet new friends. It is also an opportunity to reflect upon the events of the past year and to welcome the opportunities of the New Year.

You're Invited ~ January 1, 2024

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2 Cups Butter **Makes 80 cookies**
1 Cup Icing Sugar
3 Cups Flour
1/4 Cup Corn Starch

Mix butter and sugar at high speed until light and creamy
Gradually mix in flour and corn starch until well blended

Roll into balls, place on cookie sheet and flatten

Bake 15 minutes at 300F or until lightly golden brown around the edges

Decorate with red and green cherries to make them look like a holly and berries

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BILL GOUCHER'S SCOTCH COOKIES

This is Bill Goucher from Round Hill's special recipe. They're called Scotch cookies, and they melt in your mouth. We HAVE to make a batch each Christmas. We also decorate them with red and green cherries on the top to make them look like a holly berry and leaves.

Mix well
 1 Cup White Sugar
 1 Cup Shortening

Add and beat well
 1 Cup Molasses
 1 Egg

Add and mix well
 1/2 Cup Milk

Dry Ingredients
 5 Cups Flour
 2 Teaspoon Baking Soda
 2 Teaspoon Ginger
 Pinch Salt

Chill and bake at 350F

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ALICE DOREY'S GINGERBREAD COOKIES

Here's a family favourite of ours. It's a Gingerbread recipe that my mother got from a neighbour, Alice Dorey, in Parkers Cove. (Her son, Dean, works at Frasers.) She passed away many years ago. She was very close to our family as she babysat me and my sisters when we were very young. As a tribute, we make her cookies every Christmas.

TRIVIA TIME



1. Who invented electric Christmas lights?
2. Which was the first country to issue a Christmas postage stamp?
3. On the 10th day of Christmas, what does my true love give to me?
4. What is the best-selling Christmas song of all time?
5. Which American president banned Christmas trees in the White House?
6. How many points does a snowflake have?
7. Which company made Santa Claus famous worldwide?

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HO! HO! HO! Cross out the words on the list.
 The remaining letters spell a Christmas message.

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I	R	I	O	O	E	C	K	T	H	C
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AUNT EZMERELDY'S BROWNIES

- 1 Cup Sugar
- 2 Eggs (Whole)
- 1/4 Cup Shortening
- 1/2 Cup Flour
- 2 Tablespoons Cocoa
- Pinch of Salt
- 1 Teaspoon Vanilla

Bake in moderate oven (350F) about 20 - 25 minutes until done.

This delicious old-fashioned Texas recipe of mom's is our favourite dessert. We always enjoy them on Christmas Eve after our chili and again at midnight on New Year's Eve after our black-eyed peas for good luck. They are also our Super Bowl tradition. These brownies are really easy to make and are especially delicious hot out of the oven with a cold glass of milk. You may also add vanilla ice cream and drizzle with chocolate syrup, but we like them best plain. They don't last long!

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ELF'S ANSWERS SANTA'S RIDDLES

1. A broken drum ...
You can't beat it!
2. When it's adrift
3. They always drop
their needles.
4. Nothing
It just waved.
5. Claustrophobia
6. Your teeth

See Santa's Riddles
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TRIVIA TIME ANSWERS

1. Thomas Edison
(in 1880)
2. Canada
3. 10 Lords-a-Leaping
4. "White Christmas"
Bing Crosby
5. Theodore
Roosevelt
6. 6
7. Coca Cola

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TEXADIAN COOKIES



Mix thoroughly in a large bowl:

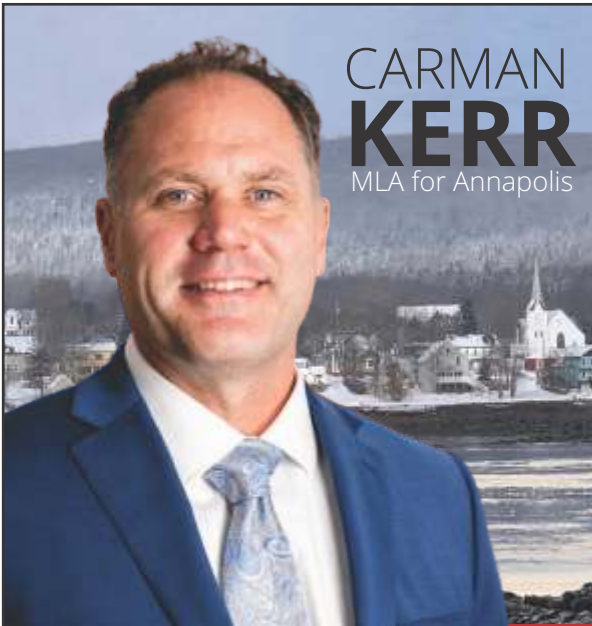
- 1 ½ Cups Brown Sugar
- 2 Cups Whole Oats
- 2 Cups Flour
- 2 Teaspoons Baking Powder
- 2 Tablespoons Cinnamon
- 1 Pinch Salt
- 1 ½ Cups Pitted Prunes chopped in small pieces

Add the following wet ingredients to the bowl:

- 1 Teaspoon Vanilla
- ½ Cup Milk
- 2/3 Cup Vegetable Oil
- 2 Large Eggs (beaten)

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Mix all the wet and dry ingredients, then spoon the mixture as individual cookies on a lightly greased baking sheet at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 12-15 minutes. Enjoy hot with cold milk.



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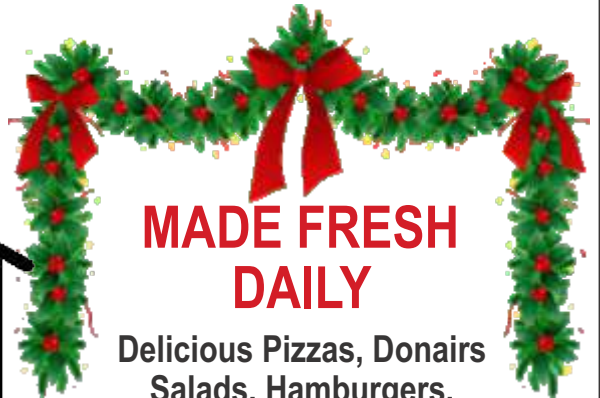
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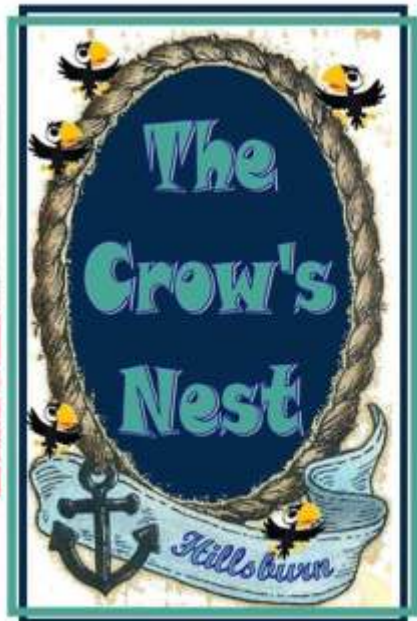
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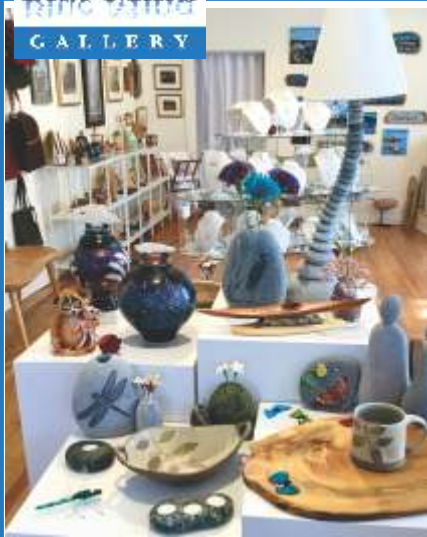
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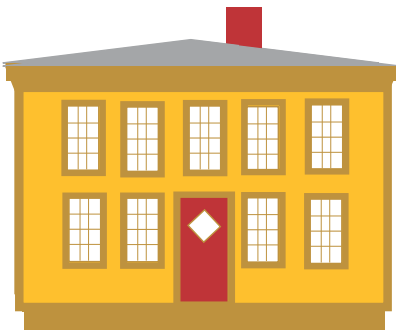
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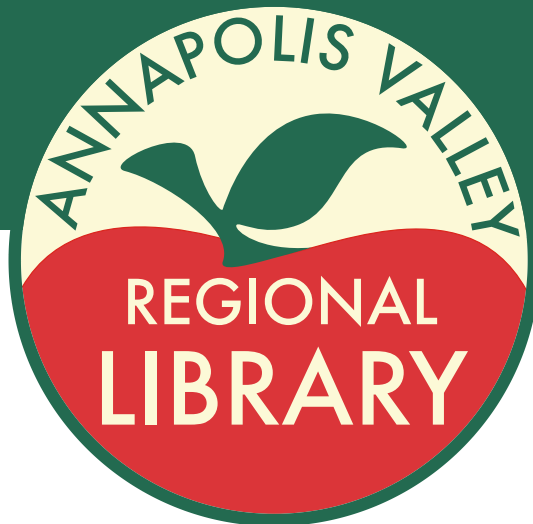
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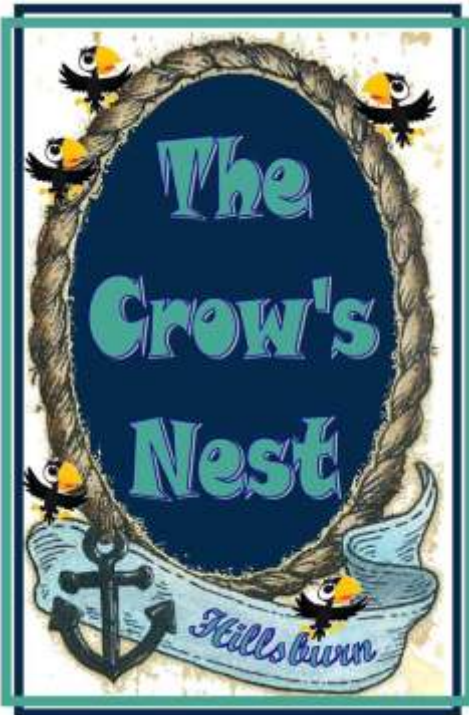
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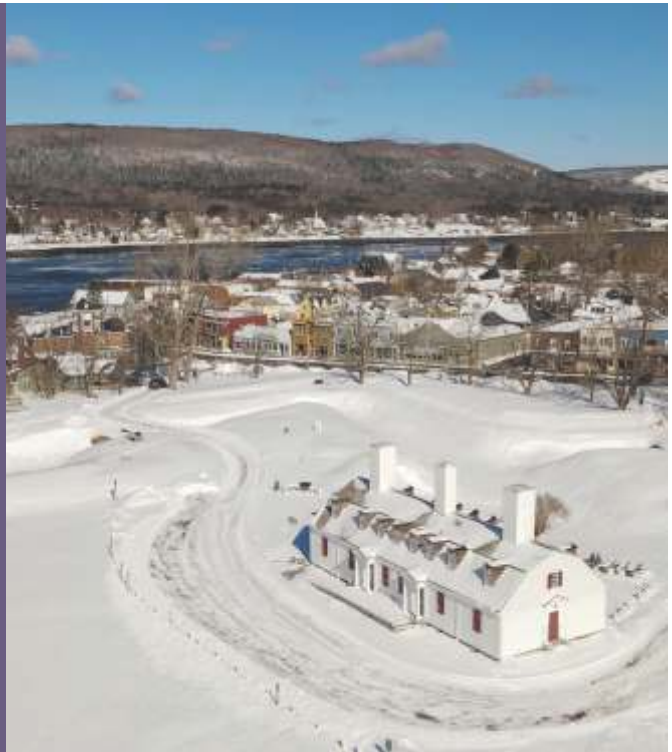
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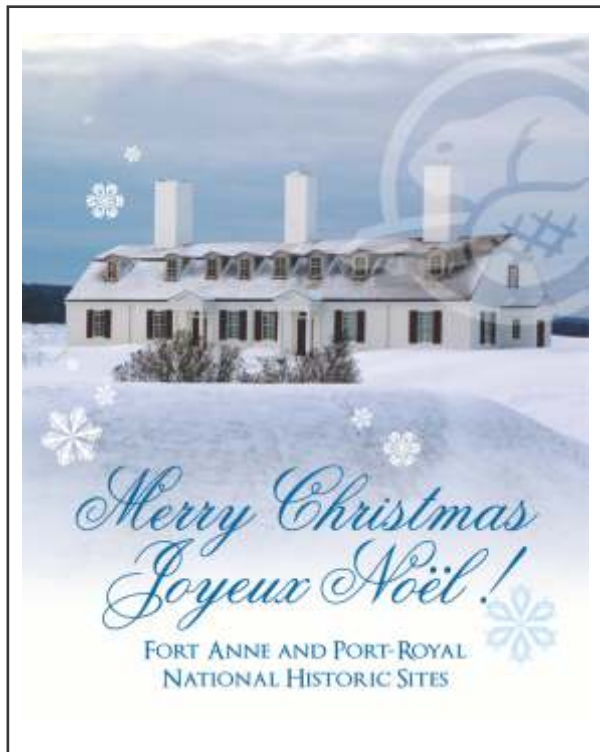
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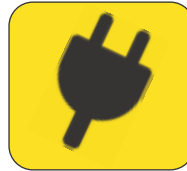
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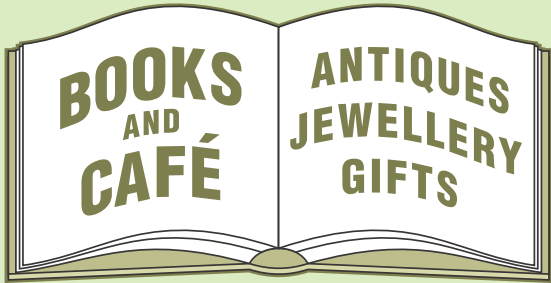


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