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FROM MY DESK

Did you notice? This issue of the OwenSounder/MOSAIC is the biggest yet! We've added another eight pages highlighting our remarkable community. And we've moved the printing home, right here to Owen Sound: our friends and neighbours at Transcontinental RBW Owen Sound put these stories and images onto paper.

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Later, the company was acquired by Transcontinental Printing. Today they employ about 450 people and primarily print retail sales flyers and magazines. And now they print the publication you are holding!

- maryann

PHILOSOPHY OF VOLUME BY ALLAN WALKER

We're delighted to host our latest book launch — *Philosophy of Volume* by Allan Walker — at The Rumpus Room (235 9th Street East) in downtown Owen Sound at 7:00pm on Wednesday March 26.

And we're trying something new and different: buy a book (\$30) and you get a free ticket to the live concert featuring Allan and the Brooke Trio. Or buy a ticket (\$30) and you get a free copy of Allan's book *Philosophy of Volume*. Either way you end up with a great deal! Tickets and books are available now instore and online at The Ginger Press (848 2nd Avenue East).

WORDSHOP 2025

Once again, the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library and The Ginger Press are collaborating to produce WordShop 2025 — a one-day opportunity for beginning and experienced writers to learn new skills from local experts, and network with other local writers. On Sunday April 13, from 9:30 to 4:00, the Library will be closed to the public and open to a remarkable variety of sessions on everything from writing song lyrics to writing plays, to creating believable fantasy worlds, and writing cookbooks. Registrants can learn about grants for writers, and writing for money. There will even be a session on making your own book!

For more information and to register, go to www.thegingerpress.com.

am the first female Mayor of the amalgamated townships of Derby, Keppel, and Sarawak that form Georgian Bluffs, but I humbly follow Lois Urstadt who was Reeve of Sarawak Township and served as the first female Warden of Grey County when she was the only woman with 37 men on County Council. Carol Barfoot served for 27 years on Council, starting on the former Keppel Township as the only woman; she was joined by Judy Gay on the amalgamated Georgian Bluffs Council. These women created an amazing legacy for myself, and Councilors Coburn and Day to follow; they enabled us to make this path smoother and easier for others to follow.

I am reminded every time I need to wear my chain of office that it was designed for someone taller, more broad-shouldered than I am — a constant reminder that the past is not that long ago, and we still have work to do. In Ontario, women hold just 22% of mayoral positions, and 33% of council positions.

IWD is a reminder of the strides we have made, and of the journey ahead. It's a call to action for us to engage, participate, and lead. As we reflect on the achievements of women here at home and globally, let's also look forward to fostering an environment where the next generation of women leaders feels empowered to contribute, innovate, and lead us toward a brighter, more inclusive future.



Our impact extends beyond our homes, our businesses, or even the Council Chambers. It's about inspiring more women to step into roles of leadership and governance, ensuring our voices are heard, and our ideas are valued. Our communities are richer for it.

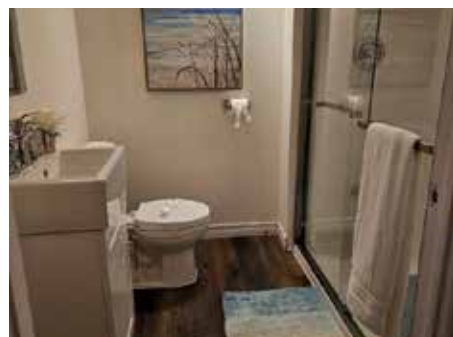
Let's not just celebrate International Women's Day today — let's live it every day, in every action we take, and in every word we speak. Let's build a legacy that generations to come will look back on with pride, knowing we were the ones who dared to dream, who dared to act, who dared to make equality a reality. Happy International Women's Day!

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THE ROXY OWEN SOUND LITTLE THEATRE

EMMA MCCONACHIE-ANDERSON

With spring finally here, Owen Sound Little Theatre/The Roxy is thrilled to bid farewell to the gloomy winter and welcome the season with some fantastic shows!

Up next for OSLT is the hilarious farce **The Play That Goes Wrong**, directed by John Flynn. This show follows the misadventures of an amateur theatre group that is attempting to stage the mystery play *Murder at Haversham Manor*. As the play progresses things go from bad to worse — from forgotten lines to fires and collapsing sets — as the cast desperately tries to salvage the performance. Don't miss this uproariously funny night out at the theatre!

The Roxy Young Company is getting ready to fall down the rabbit hole as their production of Disney's



Alice in Wonderland JR gets ready to open late April. This talented group of youngsters will take audiences on a magical journey through Wonderland, complete with all of the iconic characters you've come to love.

It may seem far away but summer will be here before you know it! Sign

up now for RYC's Musical Theatre Summer Camps, four one-week camps starting June 30 and a two-week camp beginning July 28. Campers will learn to sing, act and dance while preparing a show to perform for family and friends on the final day. Ages and prices are available online.

Tickets are available for these great upcoming events on the Roxy website, www.roxytheatre.ca, or by calling (519) 371-2833.



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NEW BOOK: CHERRI BAR, DESPAIR AND HOPE IN THAILAND

BY JON RADOJKOVIC • • • • •

Local author Jon Radojkovic has written his first book of fiction called *Cherri Bar, Despair and Hope in Thailand*, available only on Amazon, Kindle Edition (\$5.40). Radojkovic is also the author of two books of non-fiction, *Barns of the Queen's Bush* and *Barn Building: The Golden Age of Barn Construction*.

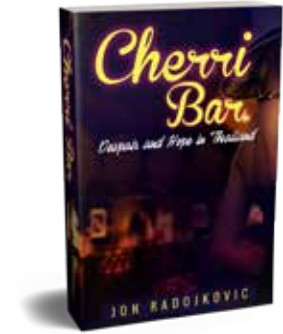
Cherri Bar centres on Timothy, a small time journalist who has a nice house with his wife in Mastic, Quebec with a circle of friends. Even though he has stumbled through most of his life, he now feels that he has missed something important which he tries to search out while travelling as a

freelancer in Thailand.

With his photographer friend Petre, from Holland, they encounter the politics of the country, food, and women. Timothy writes stories of this complex country for his newspaper back home about life in Thailand but when politics begin to explode, he is sent to Bangkok to cover the huge protests there.

The sex workers he meets at the Cherri Bar begin to be real people — daughters, mothers with children, and family back in the farm villages which they support financially from their work.

Set mostly in Chiang Mai, Bangkok



and Pai, Jon tells a story of a man struggling with why western society is so bland to him, why life should be lived fully, but how? Could it be in Thailand with his wife, a social worker, with their fragile marriage or is there another way?

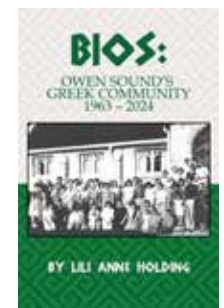
MY GREAT BIG GREEK VIDEO AND BOOKS!

Local author Lili Anne Holding has completed her trilogy of the history of the Greek community in Owen Sound, as well as a half hour video which offers a fascinating glimpse into the contributions of local Greek emigrants and their descendants. The three books were published by The Ginger Press, and the video received funding from the Grey County Community Cultural Initiatives Fund.

Mythos (1912-1932), *Oykos* (1933-1962), and *Bios* (1964-2024) combine to provide a comprehensive three-volume history of the remarkable Georgas family and their significant impact on Owen Sound during the last century. From their arrival in 1912, they have built a legacy which survives to this day in their chosen home town.

The video, *Alpha to Omega*, offers a fascinating glimpse into the history, challenges, and contributions of local Greek emigrants and their descendants. Several second- and third-generation Greek-Owen Sounders were interviewed to give their perspectives on their lives here.

Lili Anne Holding will host a Greek Evening at 7:00pm



on Thursday April 17 at The Ginger Press in downtown Owen Sound. There will be a showing of *Alpha to Omega*, as well as a book talk featuring the research and development of the books and movie. And there will be *baclava*!

Tickets (\$10) are available now at The Ginger Press store, as well as online at www.gingerpress.com. All ticket proceeds will go to support Grey Roots. Copies of *Mythos*, *Oykos*, and *Bios* (\$30 each) are available now instore and online.



DISCOVER ENCAUSTIC ART IN OWEN SOUND!

AMELIA KRAEMER • • • • •

The Canadian Encaustic Conference is coming to Owen Sound in September 2025, bringing together artists, enthusiasts, and curious minds for an unforgettable celebration of this ancient yet dynamic art form. Encaustic painting, also known as hot wax painting, dates back to ancient Greece. Using a blend of beeswax, damar resin, and pigments, artists create luminous, layered, and textured works of art.

The Canadian Encaustic Conference will provide an opportunity to witness the versatility of this medium firsthand, whether you are an artist, an art lover, or simply looking for a unique cultural experience in Owen Sound.

Engaging presentations from renowned encaustic artists from Canada and around the world will provide live demonstrations and thought-provoking discussions. Hands-on workshops are available for both seasoned artists and complete beginners at various locations, including Upwards Art Studio, Grey Bruce Makerspace, Georgian Bay School of the Arts, and more, offering a chance to explore encaustic painting techniques firsthand. Keynote speaker, Dr. David Gauntlett, will inspire attendees with insights into creativity and the creative process. Stunning encaustic art exhibitions will take place throughout Owen Sound, including juried exhibitions at Grey Gallery and the Gathering Table, with select works displayed along the Owen Sound harbour as part of the Urban Easel project.

A dedicated vendor marketplace will showcase high-quality encaustic tools, paints, and supplies, making it a perfect space for artists looking to expand their practice. A banquet and networking event at the Best Western Inn



on the Bay will provide an evening of fine dining, inspiring conversations, and celebration.

Owen Sound has long been a hub for artistic expression, and the conference is a testament to the city's thriving creative community. Local artists, galleries, and cultural spaces have played a key role in making this event possible, highlighting the deep-rooted passion for the arts that defines our region. Mark your calendar for September 5-7, 2025, and take this opportunity to explore encaustic art in a way you have never imagined. Workshops begin as early as September 1 and continue through September 14, allowing ample time to dive into creativity.

Join in celebrating the art of wax, fire, and creativity. Registration is now open! Visit encausticconference.ca for details. Discover, create, and connect at the Canadian Encaustic Conference 2025.

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GOING OUT IN STYLE: FUNERAL CUSTOMS AT GREY ROOTS

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Grey Roots Museum & Archives is excited to announce the opening of **Going Out in Style**, an original exhibit exploring funerary customs across diverse cultures, with a special focus on the Victorian era.

Featuring over 130 artefacts paired with engaging text panels and archival images, the exhibit highlights historical funeral rituals and traditions, from Egyptian mummification and Viking funerals to sky burials, *Dia de los Muertos*, and an in-depth study of Victorian era customs. Visitors will discover how death rituals throughout history reflect societal values, beliefs, and traditions.

“Death is an inevitable part of life, yet the ways we respond to it vary widely across time and cultures,” says Sim Salata, Curator at Grey Roots Museum & Archives. “After the death of her beloved husband Albert, Queen Victoria elevated mourning to an elaborate art form, with strict rules, fashion, and ceremonies. This exhibit not only examines this Victorian obsession with funerary traditions but also explores customs from other periods and cultures, offering a broader perspective on how humanity commemorates life and loss.”

In *Going Out in Style*, death and grief are approached

with thoughtful respect and sensitivity. The exhibit, like the funeral customs it explores, is a commemoration of life, affirming the shared sense of community that unites these traditions, regardless of era or culture.

Going Out in Style is on now through Wednesday, May 7, 2025. For more information, visit greyroots.com/going-out-in-style.



Grey Roots Curator Sim Salata with 1930s horse-drawn hearse



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We invite you to visit Grey Gallery when you are next downtown.

This spring begins with a solo exhibition of paintings and ceramics by Raquell Yang, followed by a dual exhibition featuring photographers Eric Busch and Andrew Mielzynski curated by Nicholas XBent.

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Watercolour painting by Raquell Yang

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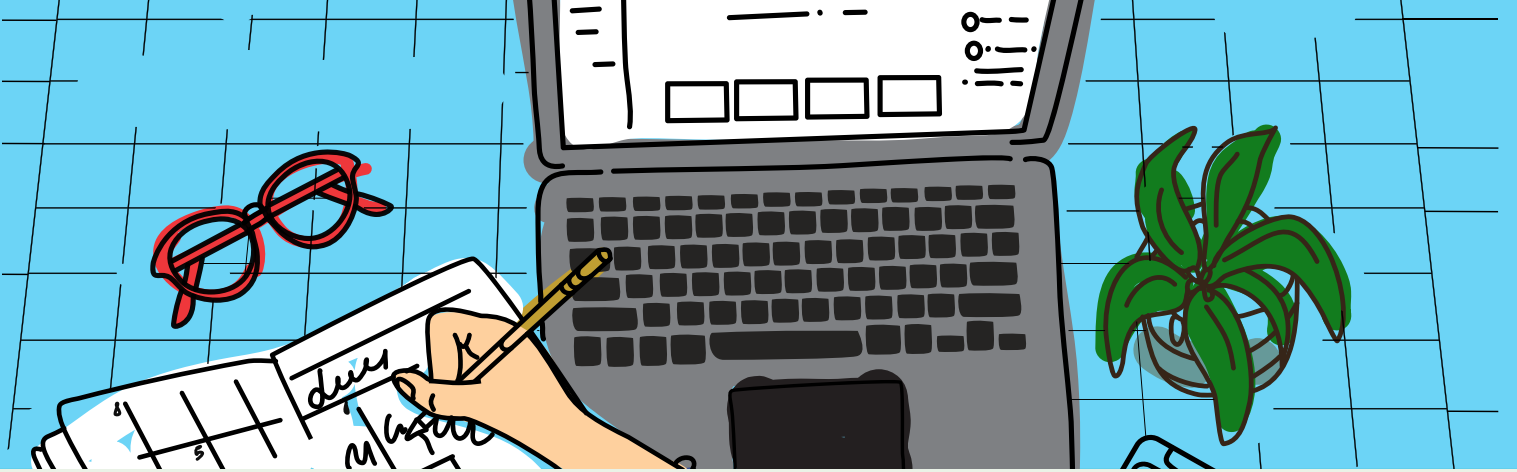
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IN BRUCE COUNTY, KIDS SAY THE DARNDDEST THINGS

ROBIN HILBORN, BRUCE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

You wouldn't usually turn to a history book for some funny one-liners. Yet here they are, in Norman Robertson's *History of the County of Bruce*, published by the Bruce County Historical Society.

While writing the book in 1906, Robertson called on a schoolteacher friend for help with the section "Humour in the School-Room." The teacher, with "a deep appreciation of humour, who has taught many years in the county," recalled many of the amusing answers given by the school boys and girls of Bruce, some of them culled from examination papers, others given orally.

Time for a glimpse at what pupils learned from their lessons in the 19th century classroom. (Idea: try some of these questions on your own kids, or grandkids.) "From what animal do we get beef?" asked the teacher of a primary class. "The butcher," was the ready answer from one of the little ones.

"Into how many parts is the day divided?" "Three: breakfast, dinner, and supper." A teacher giving a lesson on the proper use of the words "bring" and "fetch" asked this question: "If the cows were in a field and I wanted the dog to go after them, what would I be likely to say to the dog?" "Sic 'em!" said the boy.

Here are some answers to the question: "How do you know that the earth is round?" "The earth is round, because if it wasn't you'd fall off when you came to the end." Another one, still more original was, "The earth rolls round the sun; a square thing can't roll, therefore the earth must be round." Another answer about the shape of the earth: "The earth is round like an orange, flat at both ends. When it was first made, it was round like a ball, but it has been spinning so fast for such a long time that it has wore flat at the two ends."

"What is the capital of a country?" "Where the jail is." "What is a republic?" "A place where they all elect themselves."

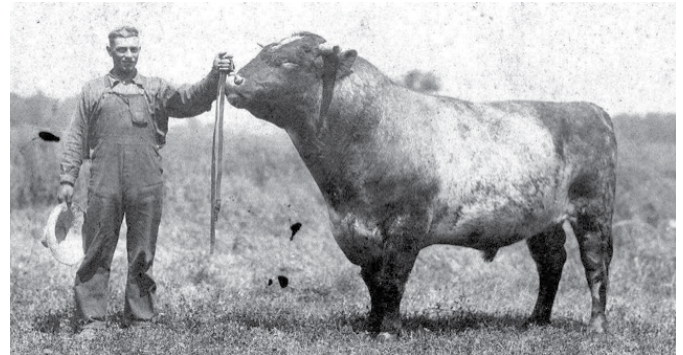
Turning to history, perhaps you didn't know these rather astonishing facts:

"Mary Queen of Scots married the Dolphin of France before she was beheaded."

"John did not want to sign the Charta, but the barns said he had to, all the same."

"Charles I met his doom without a flinch."

"Who appoints the Governor of Canada?" "The Pope," said one. "Mr. Cargill," said another.



"This is not where beef comes from," suggested one student.

"It was very difficult for William Lyon MacKenzie to escape to the United States, because 1,000 lbs. was put on his head." "The British searched American ships for deserters. The Americans looked so like themselves that they could not tell which to arrest." "The foe was sullenly firing." "Why sullenly?" "Because they'd just been licked," said a boy, who doubtless could easily imagine their feelings.

"What is a mummy?" asked the teacher. "A cured man," replied a boy. "Cured of what?" queried the teacher. "Not that kind of cured, cured so he'd keep," was the answer. Another answer: "A stuffed man."

The request, "Give in your own words this quotation from 'The Brook'; 'I linger by my shingly bars,'" elicited the following from one of the girls, "I stay about the old frame hotel."

"What is the difference between 'discover' and 'invent?'" "Discover is to find something that was there all the time. Invent is to find something that never was there before."

"What is the masculine gender of witch?" "Bachelor." "What is the feminine gender of bachelor?" "Widow." "The masculine of duchess?" "Dutchman." "The feminine of monk?" "Monkey."

"For what do these letters stand: 'B.A.?' "Before Adam," "Begin Again," "Bachelor of Adversity."

In a school in Kinloss was a little boy who would persist in saying "have went." The teacher kept him in one night and said, "Now, while I am out of the room you may write 'have gone' fifty times." When the teacher came back he looked at the boy's paper, and there was, "Have gone fifty times." On the other side was written, "I have went home."

COMMISSIONED POEM (BECAUSE I FEAR FOR YOU)

RICHARD-YVES SITOSKI

This is the birth of something big.

A continent becomes countries, barbed wire squeezes around a vague idea.

This is the birth of midnight passage, of muleback and blistered foot and the windblown dust in the open wound.

The birth of flame, of the ashes of passports and garment factories.

The birth of the sleeping bag on the steps of city hall.

The birth of economies of scale, which is the mark of the end times.

The birth of panic at the daycare, which is the mark of the end times.

This is the birth of the roof torn off in the storm.

Of machines that have no sense of humour.

Of career paths no human should follow.

Of zero sympathy for plastic whales.

This is the birth of a profane geometry.

This is the birth of servitude on cruise ships.

Of passing over that about which we can speak.

The birth of clothing that your body must be made to fit.

This is the birth of seeing the back of your head when you look in the mirror.

Of having all the knowledge and none of the power, which has been our problem all along.

The birth of investing heavily in collateral damage.

Of the first bear to die of heat stroke.

Of the last drop of honey, which is the mark of the end times.

This is the birth of what comes after popular music.

This is the birth of world-famous teenagers.

This is the birth of the paranoia that attends unlimited options.

This is the birth of sex with machines that have no sense of humour, which is the mark of the end times.

Of no more spice smells in the hallway.

Of having no time to pack in the icy dawn, just running and running until your lungs give out.

This is the birth of the pharmaceutical apocalypse, of the oil-powered whatever, of the mother tongue you no longer speak, of the expensive baked potato, of what comes after postmodernism, of the dropped hourglass, of practice without theory.

This is the birth of shouting and shouting into a canyon and thinking the echo to be someone else, which is the mark of the end times.

COMMISSIONED POEM (BECAUSE I HOPE FOR YOU)

MOSSY

This is the birth of something strong.

A continent becomes community, bridges rise where borders fell.

This is the birth of lanterns in the night, of hands that lift, of voices raised in songs that shake the walls.

The birth of open doors, of passports burned because they are no longer needed.

The birth of blankets offered on the steps of city hall.

The birth of economies of care, which mark the new beginning.

The birth of laughter at the daycare, which marks the new beginning.

This is the birth of the roof rebuilt after the storm.

Of machines that tell jokes in many tongues.

Of careers no longer bound to survival alone.

Of oceans teeming again with life.

This is the birth of sacred geometry.

This is the birth of freedom on open waters.

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This is the birth of the courage that attends true freedom.

This is the birth of love unshackled from fear, which marks the new beginning.

Of spice smells rich in every hallway.

Of having time to pack, to plan, to walk forward in warmth and light.

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STEVEN MOREL, PROGRAM COORDINATOR, SGB YOUTH LITERACY COUNCIL ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

I hail from that other ‘Soundtown’ on the Bay, Parry Sound. So does acclaimed, Indigenous author, Waubgeshig Rice, who grew up in Wausauksing First Nation, just outside of town. I brought Waub to West Grey many years ago to read from his first novel, *Moon of the Crusted Snow*. The event was very successful, being enjoyed by over 150 book lovers!



of the *Turning Leaves*, as a fundraising event on May 24, at the Hanover Civic Theatre, generously sponsored by Bruce Power. Waub will be reading from his book, sharing writing insights and discussing his work with Tracy Primeau, a retired Bruce Power engineer and member of the Nipissing First Nation. Save the date of Saturday, May 24 from 2-4pm. Check our website, www.sgbbyouthliteracy.org for tickets in the near future, or email us at info@sgbyouthliteracy.org.

Currently, I work as the Program Coordinator with South Grey Bruce (SGB) Youth Literacy Council, a charitable organization that works to provide local youth in need with free literacy and numeracy tutoring. I have invited Waub back to read from his follow-up sequel, *Moon*

And SGB Youth Literacy Council is resurrecting our popular Adult Spelling Bee on Wednesday, April 2 at the fabulous Neustadt Springs Brewery. Sponsored by Ryan Enright and Cooperators, cost to play is \$100 per team of 4, or \$25 per player. It promises to be an entertaining evening of spelling, numeracy, literary trivia, and more!

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The Emancipation Festival, originally called the Emancipation Day Picnic, commemorates the British Commonwealth Emancipation Act of August 1, 1834. Since 1862, descendants of those who escaped slavery and found freedom and peace in Canada, gather in Owen Sound's beautiful Harrison Park and other places such as the Grey Roots Museum and Archives over the Civic Holiday weekend to celebrate Emancipation Day. This is a time for fellowship and reflection with family and community, to share memories, and keep the tradition alive for future generations.

Join us over the Civic holiday weekend (August 1 to 3, 2025) to celebrate 163 years of the longest continuous festival in North America!

August 1 will be the fifth Emancipation Day since Bill M-36 was unanimously passed in the House of Commons to officially recognize this significant day across Canada. Stay tuned for more program details.

The Emancipation Festival, a not-for-profit organization, is grateful for the support from the government, community organizations, businesses, individuals and volunteers. We couldn't do it without you.

As the public granting landscape becomes more unpredictable, we have launched an annual initiative to help keep our celebration going for many years to come. If you appreciate the Emancipation Festival or share our mission, consider making a donation to help us achieve our fundraising



target. No matter how big or small, it will help a lot.

Learn more about the Emancipation Festival — this special part of Canada's Black history in Owen Sound — and how you can get involved at emancipation.ca.



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- March 26: Fine Woodworking with Pierre Rousseau \$50
- March 30: Power Tools for Women Level 2 with Jennifer Hart \$100
- April 4-April 6: Introduction to Woodturning with Carl Durance \$300
- April 12-13: Fine Woodworking a Hinged-lid Box with Pierre Rousseau \$200
- May 2-May 4: Woodcarving Celtic Love Spoons with Carl Durance \$300
- May 10: Sharpening your Woodworking Tools with Pierre Rousseau \$100

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