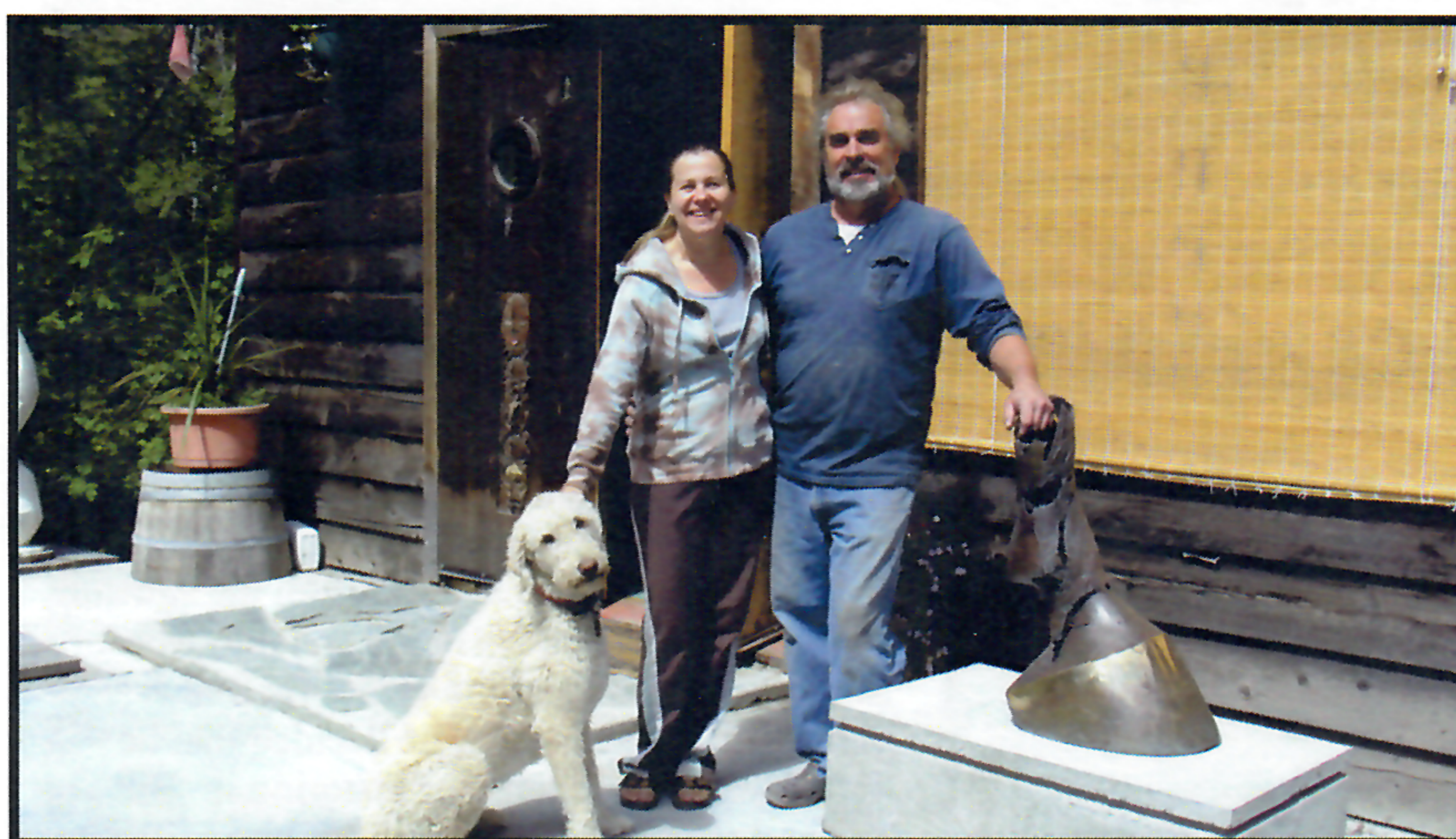
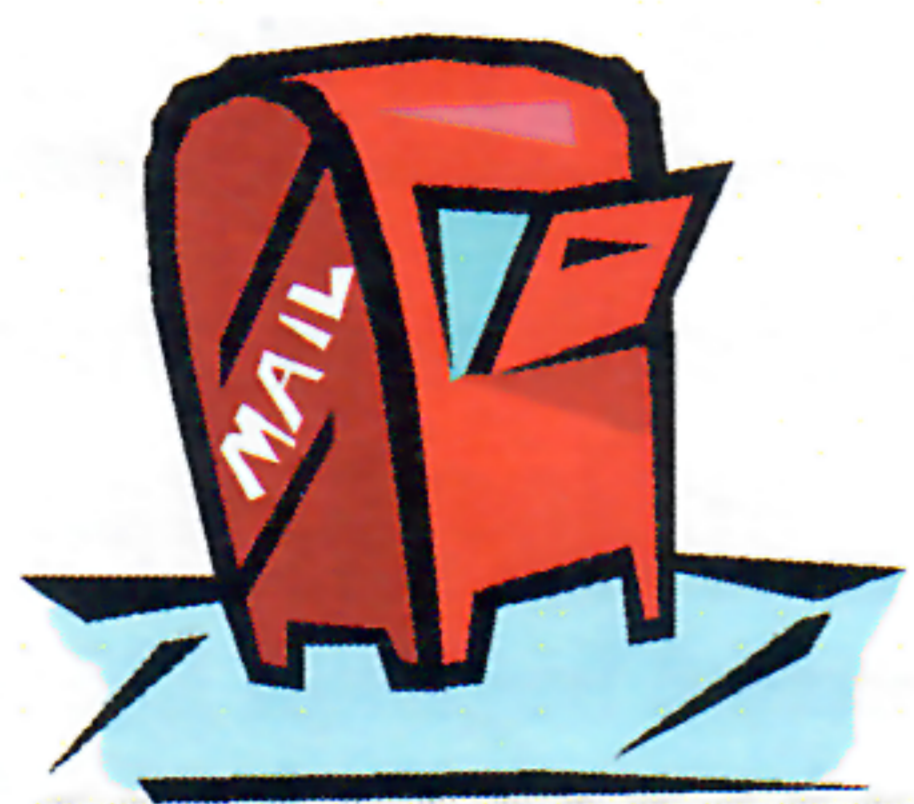


The Westbank Express...



Sculptor Jock Hildebrand, his wife Carmen, and their dog Tashi enjoy the Okanagan sun in front of their Art Gallery in Westbank.

Longtime Sculptor Jock Hildebrand has created a wide selection of sculptures over the years using mediums such as sandstone, marble, granite, limestone and bronze, patiently sculpting his way into the art community of the Okanagan Valley. But his work graces communities in far-away places as well. The sandstone piece, "Not Primitive" that Jock created in 2007 at an annual sculpture symposium sits in the town of Horice in the Czech Republic. "Water," a marble and granite 12 ton marble creation he sculpted in 40 days makes its home in Chau Doc, a river city on the Mekong Delta in Vietnam. Jock has taken part in numerous exhibitions around the world including The Edinburgh International Arts Festival: Scotland; 1st Central American Stone Carving Symposium: Puntarenas, Costa Rica and Changchun International Sculpture Museum: China. Among some of the awards Jock has received are the Helen Pitt Scholarship for Visual Arts, The Tourism Excellence, Chamber of Commerce and the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade(DFAIT). In November of this year Jock and Carmen will be travelling to Belize where they will work with the Belize government and the National Institute of Culture and History to organize a sculpture symposium. Jock will be sculpting pieces as well as assisting six other artists to explore the theme of Belize's national heroes and benefactors. How is Jock inspired? He says; "My sculptures originate from drawings I create in my sketchbook. This is the source of all my sculptural ideation. For me, drawing is fundamental to creation." Jock also has a video available called "A Passion for Form" For further information e-mail info@jockhildebrand.com or visit the website at www.jockhildebrand.com.



A White Tiger smiles for the camera.

But how naive I was! Admiring this majestic-looking animal while juggling my camera in every position possible to capture the tiger's graceful nature seemed exhilarating at the time; but, I have since discovered that White Tigers(from the Bengal Tiger family) are not actually a species and they suffer many cruelties from inbreeding practised by some groups. In nature, only 1 in 10,000 Bengal Tigers are born white; however, through inbreeding more White Tigers can be created. Fortunately the public are becoming aware of these inbreeding practices forcing zoos to revisit their methods. For more info. go to www.bigcatrescue.org

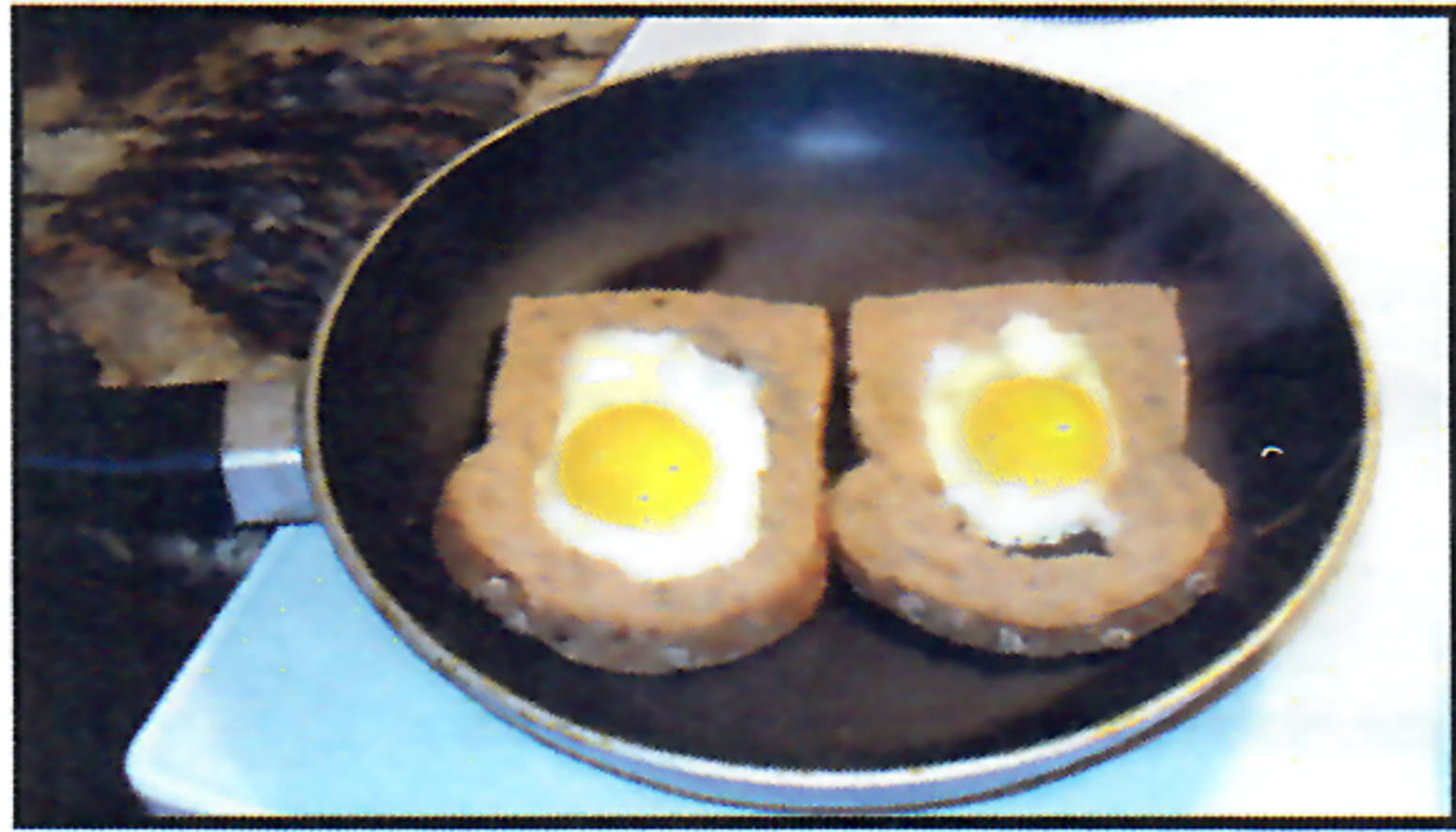
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District of West Kelowna April, 2011 Meetings

Apr. 12 - 11:00 a.m. Official Community Plan Workshop; 1:30 p.m. Council Meeting
Apr. 19 - 1:30 p.m. Comm. of the Whole
Apr. 26 - 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting



From the Kitchen Nook: Toad-in-the-hole

Nothing like toad-in-the-holes with banty eggs to accompany a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner! But what does toad-in-the-hole mean exactly? We have no idea! The egg description has been passed on down the line for many years and perhaps its just a ghoolish, catchy phrase to spice up the kids' dinner menu. Oil or butter frying pan. Place bread with hole big enough to fit an egg into pan; break egg open into hole and cook on both sides until done; over-easy, over-hard, medium hard, etc. Serve with fresh tomatoes, garlic fried potatoes and pancakes with blueberries.

The Manhattan...The Tug Boat that Keeps on Sailing! by Gordon H. Ficke

S.M. Simpson Limited in Kelowna, B.C. needed to replace the aging *Klatawa* tugboat that had been in service since 1930. Local boat builder Art Jones was commissioned to build the replacement tug the *Manhattan*. Construction began in 1937 on the wooden keeled vessel. It measured 38 feet from stem to stern, had a breadth of 10 feet 2 inches and a total depth of 6 feet 4 inches. The tug was launched in September 1939, as pictured below, and provided excellent service hauling logs to the mill. The original 4-cylinder gasoline engine was replaced in 1948 by a six-cylinder 65 horsepower Caterpillar Diesel engine to offer greater efficiency at a reduced cost of operation. The Manhattan spent many years towing logs to the north end sawmill from as far north as Whiteman's Creek by Vernon and as far south as Peachland. In 1965 this tug was engaged in a special assignment. Instead of pulling the usual freight of logs, it towed the former Kelowna to Westbank ferry, the *Pendozi*, to Gellatly Bay in Westbank. This historic piece of floating history was about to begin a new life as the clubhouse for the newly formed Westbank Yacht Club!



The Manhattan tug was finally retired in 1967 after rendering yeoman service and its' fate at the time was uncertain as it sat in the bay by Sutherland Park and the sawmill. Bill Hewlett purchased the abandoned tug from the sawmill but later made the decision to sell it to Ron Smith. After Ron had the vessel for a few years, sitting in his yard, he decided that he didn't want the expense of restoring it. Bill Kennedy purchased the tug from him in 1989. Bill stripped the deck off, worked on the engine and hull as well as extending the cabin, and attaching a diving transom that increased the vessel's length to 42 feet. The interior was totally refurbished from top to bottom. The work took three years to complete.

The big day finally came in 1992 when the tug was loaded onto Don Kennedy's (Bill's brother) lowbed and trucked to the boat launch at Gellatly Bay. From that day forward the Manhattan had a new role to play. It was now a recreational vessel that provided countless hours of relaxing fun. In 1995 Don and Sheila Kennedy bought a 50% share in the Manhattan. Now both families and their friends experienced the boat together, with barbeques, parties and sleepovers. This tug has spawned many wonderful memories for the almost twenty Okanagan summers that this tug has plied the waters of Okanagan Lake with the Kennedy families at the helm.

In 2006 the Caterpillar diesel engine finally packed it in. A 4-cylinder Chrysler Mitsubishi 120 horsepower diesel power plant with transmission was acquired. The floor over the engine compartment and the roof had to be removed in order to make the labour intensive engine swap possible. After making changes to the prop shaft to accommodate the new transmission coupling, the craft now has a faster cruising speed and is more economical than before. Every five years the Manhattan is required to have a marine inspection to ensure that the vessel continues to be safe and sea worthy. What is the future of this floating piece of history? The Manhattan's legacy will continue as the Kennedy's continue to use the Manhattan to create new summer memories each year. Whether it is a day's outing to soak up the sun on the upper deck, swim in the lake, have a barbeque, or relax and go fishing for the day, in their opinion this lifestyle is the best way to enjoy Okanagan Lake.

WHAT'S
HAPPENING IN
APRIL?

WESTBANK

**"Spring into Westbank"
Pancake Breakfast**

Saturday, April 2nd 8:00-11:00 am

Featuring Nunweiller's Pancakes served with scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, juice, tea or coffee and pears. \$5.00 per person. Tickets available at the door. Lions Community Hall, 2466 Main St., Hosted by the Historic Westbank Association.

Westside Jam

The 1st & 3rd FRIDAY of every month.

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Bring your instrument and join in, or come listen. Open-mike jam. C & W, Blue Grass, Old-time, etc. Meets in the Westside Seniors Hall on Old Okanagan Hwy. next to the fire-hall. For more info. contact Carl at 250-707-1030 or Norm at 250-768-9358.

Native Tacos

Wed., Apr. 20th 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Monthly Taco luncheon at Pine Acres, 1902 Pheasant Lane. Meal includes taco, beverage and home-made dessert for \$5.00. Bring a neighbour or friend and join the Seniors for a delicious hot meal.

1. How many gallons of maple sap does it take to make 1 gallon of maple syrup?

**Westbank Legion - RCL Branch
288, 2525 Dobbin Road**

Big Slick Poker - Starts April 5th

Runs for 10 weeks every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm.

Ladies Auxillary Monthly Dinner

Friday, April 8th 5:00 - 7:00 pm

April dinner featuring Schnitzel. \$8.00 per person.

Easter Dinner

April 22nd 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Serving Ham. 6:00 - 7:00 pm line dance demonstration, teaching and lessons followed by live music with the Jam Session Band. \$12.00 per person.

**Federal Election Advanced
Polls - Lions Community Hall**

April 21, 22, 23 & 25, 2011

Contact the Lions Community Hall between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon Monday to Friday for further information: 250-768-2322.

**Miniature Enthusiasts of
Central Okanagan(MECO) 17th
Annual Miniature Show and
Sale**

Saturday, Apr. 30th 10:00 - 4:00 pm

Admission \$3.00. To be held at the Lions Community Centre, 2466 Main St.

PEACHLAND

**16th Annual Business 2
Consumer Expo**

April 9th - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

April 10th - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Showcasing over 60 local businesses. Indoor & outdoor vendors. Hourly draws. Antique & collectable appraisals. For more info. contact the Peachland Chamber at 250-767-2455.

Putting on the Glitz

Saturday, April 16th 6:30 pm

Hosted by the Peachland Wellness Centre. Fundraiser and 10th Anniversary Celebration. Appetizers, entertainment, fashion show, cash bar and raffles. \$25.00 per person. To be held at the Peachland Community Centre, 4450 6th St. For more info. go to www.peachlandwellnesscentre.ca

SUMMERLAND

Kettle Valley Steam Railway Ride

Saturday, April 23rd. Departs 10:00 am and 1:30 pm

Ride the first train of the season this Easter weekend. Treats for the kids, music and an Easter Bunny. Adults \$22.00; Seniors 65+

\$20.00; Teens \$17.00, Children (3-12) \$13.00. Contact the Summerland Chamber for further information.

2. When is
Nunavut Day?

PENTICTON

**Rope's End Comedy by
Canadian Douglas Bowie**

Mar. 31-Apr. 3, 8-10, 15-17, 22, 23
Evenings 8:00 pm; Sunday Matinees
3:00 pm. Cannery Stage Theatre

Rope's End is a bittersweet comedy about the choices we make in life. Seniors \$17.00; Adults \$19.00. Call 250-490-6568.

OLIVER

The Magic of Ireland

Friday, April 8, 2011 - 7:30 pm

Traditional Irish dance & song. Presented by the Oliver Kiwanis Club. \$25.00 per person. Venables SOSS Auditorium. Tickets available at Penticton Visitor Centre & Dragon's Den in Penticton. Call 250-493-4055.

LOOKING
AHEAD!

MENTONE, Indiana

Mentone Egg Festival

June 2 - 4, 2011

At one time considered the egg capital of the midwest, Mentone will again celebrate their annual egg festival with live music, kids activities, 5k run, food, flea market & crafts. Google Mentone Egg Festival for more info.

SUMMERLAND

Summerland Fall Fair

Sept. 11, 12, 2011

101 years and still growing. Join Summerland's tradition in celebrating their bountiful harvest. For more information about table rental or volunteering for the fair go to www.summerlandfallfair.com



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