

DELTA PILOT.

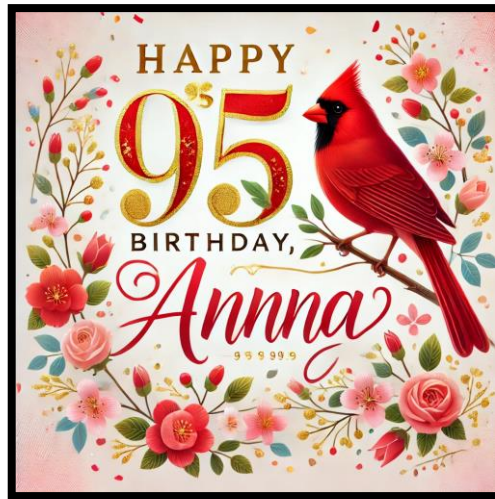


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Anna's dedication and countless contributions to the Delta community are truly inspiring. May this special milestone be filled with love, joy, and all the gratitude so richly deserved.

Friends and family joined together at the Old Town Hall on December 8th to celebrate Anna Greenhorn and her incredible legacy!

Instilling a Passion for Our Heritage"

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The Fall / Winter 2024 edition of the Delta Millers' newsletter, which is now available on the Delta Mill Society's website (www.deltamill.org), highlights many of the accomplishments completed in 2024. Part 3 of the History of the Mill, the George Haskin and Hastings Steele eras (1893-1963), is also contained in the newsletter. The history of the mill is a significant part of the history of Delta and the history in the newsletter details some of that. Receiving the newsletter early (before it is posted to our website) is a reward of membership with the Delta Mill Society. New members are always welcome. Memberships and donations help fund the Society in their efforts to preserve and present the Old Stone Mill, operate the Old Town Hall as a community hall, provide public washrooms during the tourism season, and have the Blacksmith Shop open to the public on special occasions.

The preservation portion is a critical part of the Society's mandate, but with older buildings, it is extremely expensive, particularly if a contractor must be hired to complete the projects. The Society is truly fortunate to have Board Members with maintenance skill sets so projects then simply become a cost of materials with dozens or hundreds of hours of volunteer time put into doing the work.

In the last issue of the Delta Pilot, some of the work completed this past fall was mentioned including re-mortaring a dozen stone sills in the Old Stone Mill. Most evident to those passing through Delta recently is the wonderful heritage carpentry work of Art Shaw. Volunteers took advantage of the "summer in October" weather to install beautiful new heritage windows on the ground floor of the Blacksmith Shop. In terms of the design of the windows, Art explained that it "makes each glass more pleasing in proportion, and keeps to a traditional regency glazing pattern, as in the Hicock House and Denaut Mansion." Additional photos of this project have been posted to the Society's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DeltaMill



Photo
Art Shaw and Rebecca Rothwell working on the new windows

AND WE'RE HIRING!

In preparation for the upcoming summer season, the Society will be hiring four mill interpreters with the job postings being uploaded to the website (www.deltamill.org) in mid-January. Participating youth must be between the ages of 16 and 30 years (requirements of the granting programs), would like to work locally and gain valuable job experience (everything from heritage presentation to mill shop sales). As part of the team, the interpreters will learn money and inventory management skills along with the historical background of the mill and how to convey that information to the visiting public. They will also become ambassadors for this region, pointing out other opportunities for a visitor to this area.

Although the Old Stone Mill is a National Historic Site of Canada, the designation does not provide any funding to the Society. In order to obtain financial support for the summer student positions, applications are submitted to two federal granting programs: the Canada Summer Jobs Program (available to any business, both non-profit and for-profit) and the Young Canada Works Program (available to museums). But even if successful, the government cut back on the value of these programs resulted in a \$10,000 shortfall in summer student funding that was covered by a benefactor. Efforts will continue to obtain sustainable government funding from sources including the Township of Rideau Lakes given the economic and heritage value the Old Stone Mill and the Old Town Hall to Delta and the township in general.

DID YOU KNOW?

In addition to the history of the mill, the Society also has information about the history of Delta in their research files including a 2003 presentation prepared by Dr. Robert Dent regarding many of the houses in Delta and who lived in them. In a 2024 edition of the Delta Pilot, it was noted that the founding of the Temperance Movement in Upper Canada happened on June 10th, 1828, when Dr. Peter Schofield delivered a fiery four-hour sermon in the Old Stone Mill on the evils of drink. At that event, he signed up seventeen people which became the start of the century long Temperance Movement in Ontario. Ironically, if Dr. Schofield were still alive today, he would be looking out his front window at the present-day LCBO building. Schofield's house, one of the oldest in the village, burned down on Christmas day 1990.

MILL ON A POSTAGE STAMP

In 2010, the Old Stone Mill was featured on a Canadian postage stamp, indicating both its heritage value to Canada and the iconic view it provides.

Photo

Anna Greenhorn is shown holding a framed display of the stamp presented to the Delta Mill Society by Canada Post. Anna, who recently celebrated her 95th birthday, has been volunteering with the Delta Mill Society for over 50 years.



PLANNING BEGINS FOR 2025 DELTA FAIR

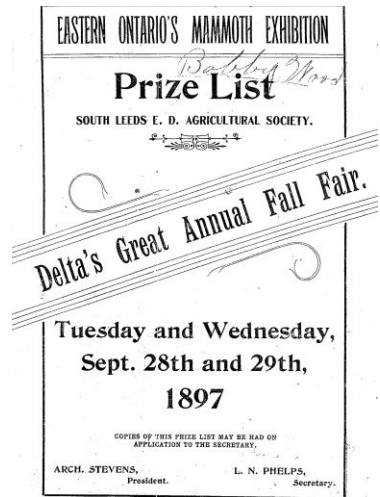
While this year's Delta Fair concluded just four months ago, the Delta Agricultural Society is already making plans for the 195th Anniversary edition.

A Board of 25 Directors, 30 Associate Directors and 7 Junior Directors were recently elected at the Annual General Meeting. Committees are responsible for organizing this year's Maple Syrup Festival and the Fair which will be held on April 19th and 20th (Easter Weekend) and July 24th to the 27th, 2025, respectively.

Officers for the upcoming term include Brent Rathwell as President, Charles Nichols as First Vice-President, Ken Shirley as Second Vice-President, Marg Jackson as Treasurer, William Morris as Secretary and Connie Rathwell as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

The **2025 Advanced Homecraft / Agricultural Produce Prize List** is now available. Should you wish a copy, please contact Fair Office Staff by calling 613-928-2800 or by sending an email to info@deltafair.com.

Special thanks are extended to Director Rob Tracey and his team of volunteers who ensured that Delta Fair was represented in area **Santa Claus Christmas parades**. Claiming a first prize award at the Athens Parade and a second prize award in the Lyndhurst parade, fair volunteers also presented the float in the following communities: Brockville, Westport, Gananoque, Merrickville, and Mallorytown.



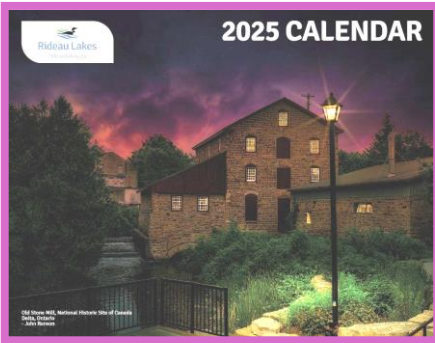
DELTA BEAUTIFICATION



I would just like to take a moment to say what an honour it has been the last number of years having the opportunity of looking after the beautification projects in Delta. I have enjoyed planning to create barrels of beautifully coloured flowers in summer and greenery in winter. I have tried my best to help with flower beds by adding hydrangeas and shrubs, and by planting daffodils (which totally drive the grass cutters crazy, because they need a couple weeks after blooming to regenerate the bulb). Now I have got to the point whereby other community members will take over my position and have the fun I have had over the past number of years. We will continue with the adoption of a barrel initiative during the summer which includes weeding and adding a bit of extra water if there is an extreme drought. Other than that, everything will carry on as normal.

Thank you so much.

Susie Mensen



Due to delays resulting from the Canada Post strike, **Rideau Lakes calendars** will not be mailed to residents as in past years. Instead, calendars will be available for distribution at the Municipal Office in Chantry and at the following locations in Delta:

- Delta Country Market
- LCBO
- Bastard Coffee House
- Rideau Lakes Public Library

An electronic version is available at www.rideaulakes.ca/images/2025_Info_Calendar.pdf

FARMER'S BREAKFAST



Come and enjoy a **morning of fellowship and a delicious breakfast** at the Harmony Lodge Hall in Phillippsville on the 4th Tuesday of each month. The menu includes bacon, sausage, eggs, hash browns, baked beans, pancakes, toast, juice, coffee and tea for \$12.00 per person. There is only one sitting at 8:00 a.m. so be sure to come early and get your seat!

Breakfast dates include **January 28th and February 25th**. For additional information, contact Len Vincent

by calling 613-928-2671 or via email to vlvincent@sympatico.ca.



WINTER ROAD REMINDERS

- ✓ **Drive according to the conditions!**
- ✓ **Pushing snow across roads / streets is not only a safety hazard; it is against the law.**
The Ontario Traffic Act states that "No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road." R.S.O. 1990, c H8, s. 18.
- ✓ **Overnight parking is prohibited on the roadways between 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from November 15th to April 1st.**
Please help the snowplow operators do their job by not parking on the street.



USING THE PARK WHILE IT IS CLOSED?

Residents walking through the park or using the playground equipment are reminded that they are using the facilities at their own risk. The park is not an off-leash dog park; dogs must be kept on a leash and owners must clean up after their dogs. Doggie bags are to be placed in the waste receptacle at the Gate House. Do NOT leave dog waste along the roadside for staff to clean up.



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Happy New Year!

Rideau Lakes Building Department claimed \$558,145 in fees collected up to the end of November 2024 that included building permits for houses, cottages and septic permits. The total construction value was \$31,406,990. Rideau Lakes will continue to be a welcoming and inviting municipality and it's the folks like our Deltonians that make it so enticing.

All 2024 capital road projects have been completed. The 2025 proposed budget includes single surface treatment for both the Daytown Road and Railroad Street. The demolition of the former maple syrup factory has also been proposed for 2025.

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers who continue to give of themselves so others may enjoy the many community programs and events.

Do you want to get involved?

Delta CEC (Community Enhancement Committee)
Please contact Doug Wilson at dwwilson374@gmail.com or
Connie McCullough at McCulloughConnie@yahoo.com

DARS (Delta Athletic and Recreation Society)
Please contact Michelle Miller at smiller0872@aol.com

We would love to have you join us!



TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE BASTARD COFFEE HOUSE

Come out and have some fun! Hoping to see many of the regular players along with some newbies! A warm welcome to all!

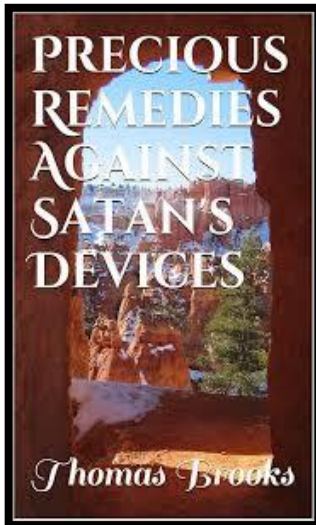
Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with games starting at 5:45 p.m.
Bring your smarty pants and see you there!



January 31st
February 28th



PILGRIM BOOK READERS



The upcoming book of study is a large print / or an e-written book entitled "Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices" which was authored by Thomas Brooks (1608-1680). Everyone is welcome to attend the evening which will include a potluck meal at 6:00 p.m. on February 28th, 2025, at the home of David and Sharon Okum, 60 King Street, Delta.

Thomas Brooks was an English Cambridge educated non-conformist pastor and author. This highly relevant book has been reprinted many times and comes recommended for those who want to successfully navigate the Christian life. In the book, Brooks describes two devices in which Satan uses to draw souls into sin; in each case, a few remedies are given. He writes with a broad-minded insight and a great depth of wisdom. The apostle Paul warned people not to be ignorant of Satan's devices. Lives need to be guided by truth, rather than just what feels right.

Please contact David (613-803-1008) or Sharon (613-928-2228) by phone or via email to apilgrim@myyahoo.com to confirm your attendance.

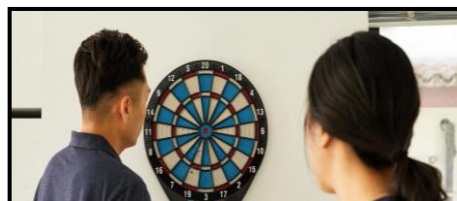


DELTA LEGION HALL IS THE PLACE TO BE!



There is something available for every member of the family!

- ✓ **DART LEAGUE** held every Tuesday evening starting at 6:30 p.m. / \$5 pp
- ✓ **EUCHRE** held every Friday evening starting at 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)
- ✓ **YOUTH CORN HOLE** held every Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m./ \$5 pp
- ✓ **ADULT CORN HOLE** held every Sunday afternoon starting at 12:30 p.m. / \$5 pp
- ✓ **SUPER EUCHRE** held monthly on the second Saturday at 12:00 p.m.



MONDAY MORNING COFFEE



Be sure to stop by the United Church Hall for some coffee, treats, and fellowship every Monday morning between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

There is no charge, but a free will donation is welcomed.



ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY CENTRE



The St. Paul's Anglican Community Committee (SPACC) is an independent, non-profit organization based in Delta that provides a home for the Delta Food Bank and Delta Pride. While the church is available for events and performances, the committee has now shifted their focus to the restoration of the attached hall which will eventually become the primary program space. Fund raising events are held throughout the year with the emphasis on fun and building community spirit.

Additional information regarding SPACC and how to become involved is available via Facebook at [StPaulsAnglicanCommunityCommittee](https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsAnglicanCommunityCommittee), the website at www.spacc.ca, or by emailing st.paulsanglicancomcentre@gmail.com.

The SPACC team had the challenging task judging all the beautifully decorated homes in the area during the Christmas Festival. Each of the six winners received a gift certificate from the Bastard Coffee House. This year's winners included Adam Curtis (Daytown Road), Karen Mustard (King Street, Nancy Penstone and Eric Bull (Railroad Street), Fred and Sharon Olivo (Railroad Street), Patricia Laming (Lake Street), and Ron and Kim Myers-Read (County Road 42). Congratulations one and all!



Photo
Home of Bob & Karen Mustard, King Street.

And last but certainly not least, a vote of thanks is extended to the community for all the support received in 2024. Best wishes for the New Year!



RIDEAU LAKES SWANS SUPPORT DELTA FOOD BANK

District 4 President Barb Bently (left) and Ontario Swans' President Evelyn Ramdhanie (centre) presented a \$400.00 donation to Jana Curtis (right) in support of the Delta Food Bank.

The presentation was made during the "Community Build a Mountain of Food" campaign on December 14th at the Delta Country Market.

Thank you, Rideau Lakes Swans!



Celebrate with us!

FAMILY LITERACY DAY

Friday January 24
5pm
Elgin Hall

sign up through the event calendar at RLPL.CA

Spaghetti supper, children's entertainer, give aways, door prizes, activities, crafts, and more!
GF available



Play, Learn and Storytime



Delta Branch
Mon. Jan. 13
10-11:30am

Holiday Fire Safety Starts at Home

Warm up the holidays with safety. **Clear snow, ice and debris** from chimneys and outdoor vents.



Ice Thickness Guidelines

Safe Ice Depths

Ice Thickness	Safe Activities / Vehicles
2" OR LESS	STAY OFF!
4"	Ice Fishing and Ice Skating
5"-6"	Snowmobiles and ATVs
8"-12"	Cars and small trucks
12"-15"	Medium trucks

Note: These rough guidelines apply only to new, clear ice.



Enjoy Winter



Beverley Senior Citizens' Club #460

- Exercise classes every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Legion Hall (starting January 21st); sponsored by CPHC.
- Meetings on January 22nd and February 26th for a pot-luck luncheon at noon in the United Church Hall.

Delta Agricultural Society

- Meetings at 7:00 p.m. on January 27th and February 24th in the Fair Office.

Delta Food Bank

- Open from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday in St. Paul's Community Centre.

Delta United Church

- Monday morning coffee and treats from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Church Hall.



Good Food Box

- Fresh fruit and vegetables are available at wholesale prices for all community members. Contact Liz at 613-928-2902 for information.

Harmony Lodge

- Farmer's Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on January 28th and February 25th in the Harmony Lodge Hall.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207

- Dart games played every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m.
- Euchre games played every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall; doors open at 6:00 p.m.
- Youth cornhole played every Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Legion Hall.
- Adult cornhole played every Sunday afternoon at 12:30 p.m. in the Legion Hall.

Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary, Branch #207

- Bake sale at the Seeley's Bay Frost Fest on February 8th in the United Church Hall.
- Spaghetti Supper on Family Day in the Legion Hall (watch the Legion's Facebook page for details).



SUBMISSION DEADLINE
for the March / April Edition is February 21st, 2025

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES
United Church at 9:15 a.m. / Baptist Church 9:30 a.m.



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