29th CONSERVATION DINNER



A community event of Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation and Exeter Lions Club



April 12, 2018







WELCOME

n behalf of myself and Co-Chair Jim Beckett, the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation (ABCF) and the Exeter Lions Club, we would like to extend our warmest welcome to you this evening and thank you for your presence.

In our rural area we know too well the importance of partnerships and collaboration for the well-being of our communities and the associated quality of life for all.

Jim and I would like to single out a very heartfelt thanks to the Dinner Committee members from the ABCF, Exeter Lions and the community, as well as the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority staff that are here tonight, for their exceptional efforts.

To our contributors, friends and partners, it is a pleasure to see you all here tonight – for without you we would not have enjoyed the success and support this event has garnered over the past 28 years.

James Beckett

We thank you for your support of such a worthy endeavour.

Please enjoy the evening!

Larry Taylor Jim Beckett

Conservation Dinner Co-Chair Conservation Dinner Co-Chair

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David Loerchner - D. L. Creations

2018 Conservation Dinner Feature Artist

It is an honour to feature the talented woodworking of David Loerchner, owner of D.L. Creations. This local craftsman is a lifelong resident of Bayfield. He started making his wood creations on a mobile home front porch and then the front porch became a workshop. The business continued to grow as neighbours told others about his talent. In 2014, the skilled artist took his longtime interest in woodworking and moved D.L. Creations to 75761 Bluewater Highway in Bayfield and added a showroom and a mill.

Each piece of wood, whether new or re-purposed, has a story to tell and is totally unique. Tonight's feature is a live-edge maple solid slab table measuring 30 inches by 6 feet. As you admire this custom creation and recognize the beauty and quality of the craftsmanship you may envision it within your home or office and remember your evening at the Conservation Dinner in 2018.







Wine sampling compliments of **Dark Horse Estate Winery**



Appetizers compliments of Rotary Club of Grand Bend • Bayfield Lions Club

Dinner Wine featuring Dark Horse Estate Wines

Courtesy of Ailsa Craig & District Lions Club • Arkona Lions Club • Exeter Lions Club • Exeter Lioness Club • Lucan District Lions Club • West Coast Lions Club of Grand Bend

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Dinner Menu

(formerly Stuffed Zucchini, Lucan) Appetizers available at stations

Evening Program

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Cash Bar, Wine Sampling and Appetizers	Broccoli, Greek and Cabbage Salads
Opening remarks, Introductions, O Canada, Grace	Pork Thai Stir Fry with Rice
Buffet Dinner	Vegetable Chow Mein Noodle Stir Fry
Silent Auction Bidding continues until	Carved Roast Beef
items are pulled at pre-determined times	Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
General Raffle Ticket Draw	Mixed Vegetables
Live Auction	Assorted Breads
Door Prizes	Selection of Pies
Special Raffle Draws	Coffee supplied by Coastal Coffee Company
Closing Remarks	Tea
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Terms and Conditions of the Auction

- 1. Payment must be made tonight by cash, debit, credit card (Visa or MasterCard), or cheque (Payable to Conservation Dinner). Pre-payments are accepted at the Treasurer's Table at any time during the evening. Know your auction item # for quicker service.
- 2. A disputed bid will be reopened at the discretion of the auctioneer. The auctioneer's decision is final.
- 3. All silent auction bids will be in increments of \$10 minimum and intentional reverse bidding will not be allowed.
- 4. Bidders in the Live Auction must sign the Final Bid acknowledgment as soon as the article is sold.
- 5. The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation, Exeter Lions Club and the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority take no responsibility for individual bidder's names or photos being published by the press and media.
- 6. All winning bids are non-transferrable unless approved by the Conservation Dinner Committee.

Art Terminology

Original: Only one of its kind; hand-produced by the artist.

Limited Edition (LE): Limited number of copies of original produced, signed and numbered by the artist.

Open Edition / Decorator Print: Unsigned and un-numbered copy of an original print.

Photography: Fine art photography is created in accordance with the vision of the artist as photographer.





Special Raffles

\$1,000 CASH - McNeill Edmundson Professional Corp.; Buffett Taylor & Associates; Bank of Montreal; Scotiabank; Royal Bank of Canada

2 STAY 'N' PLAY...... Value \$1200

Toronto Package

\$500 in Fairmont Resort Gift Cards and Two Tickets to see "Annie" at the Ed Mirvish Theatre April 28, 2018 Courtesy of Ellison Travel & Tours Ltd.

Two Complimentary Passes - Ontario Science Centre

Two Admissions - Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament

Two Admission - CN Tower

Two Guest Passes - Toronto Zoo

\$100 value in Gas Cards - MacEwen Petroleum Inc.

Toronto Maple Leafs Hoodie - Artech Signs

One Night Accommodation – *PineDale Motor Inn* Gift Certificate – Aunt Gussie's Country Dining Two tickets 'Chariots of Fire' - The Grand Theatre Double Heart Pendant Necklace – Fred & Patricia Dobbs Tickets Huron Country Playhouse - Drayton Entertainment Breakfast Buffet for 2 - Bayfield Berry Farm Two tickets - The Livery, Goderich

Two tickets to Main Stage Performance – Blyth Festival Wine Gift Pack & Certificate – Wine at Home Two Wine Goblets - Robert Tetu, Beechwood Pottery Gift Basket - Shoppers Drug Mart, Grand Bend

Harbour Patio Furniture Collection – Frayne's Exeter Toyota; Premium Transportation; McDonald's Restaurant-Exeter; Canadian Tire Ltd.-Exeter Two Butterfly Boxes - Summer Day Camp, 2017 Inukshuk Statue - Arkona Home Hardware

Fire Extinguisher - Forest City Fire Protection Family Portrait Session - *Angela Smith Photography* Bird Feeder, seed, gift certificate – Forest Agri Services Home Decor Sign – Exeter Guardian Spring Planter & Gift Card – Huron Ridge Greenhouses





Special Raffles

Deluxe Sterling Barbecue - Usborne Hibbert Mutual Fire Insurance; MacLean's Home Hardware Outdoor Dining Gazebo - Bruce & Deb Hodge Pork chops & Striploin Steak - Metzger Meat Products

Broil King Steak Knives – Woodward's Service Centre Two Bench Ends - Exi-plast Custom Moulding Ltd Windshield Washer Fluid - Dudman Fuels Fire Extinguisher - Forest City Fire Protection

Men's & Ladies' '700C Mid Town' Bicycles - MacLean's Home Hardware Two Bike Helmets – Casey's Lawn Care Bowling Party for five – Fleetway Fun Gift Certificate – Marineland, Niagara Falls Flashlight/Radio - Friend of Conservation Gift Certificate - Crabby Joe's

Inflatable Raft - Brandon's Hardware Gift Certificate - Exeter Cleaning Centre Family Portrait Session – *Angela Smith Photography* Cooler & Gift Card – Hayter's Turkey Products Inc. Two Waterpark Passes – East Park Golf Gardens Guided Snowshoe Hike for 6 with chili lunch - Bayfield River Valley Trail Association

One night deluxe accommodation with two rounds of 18 hole golf - Oakwood Inn Resort Golf Two Rounds of Golf with Carts - Widder Station 12 – 9 hole Golf Passport – Golf North Ironwood Four 18 holes of Golf – Bayview Golf Course

Two Green Fees - Seaforth Golf & Country Club Two 18 holes and cart – Bluewater Golf Course 18 holes with cart for four people – Exeter Golf Club Two 18 hole green fees – Woodlands Links Ltd. Golf Apparel - Forest City Fire Protection

2018 CONSERVATION DINNER COMMITTEE

Gerry Cook, Dave Crockett, Peter Darbishire, Roger Lewington, Dave McClure, **ABCF**

Anne Melady, Robert Norris, Tom Prout, Bob Radtke

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Janet Clarke, Fred Dobbs, Randy Jones, Susann Jones, Mary Ryan-Allen, Don Weigand **Community Volunteers**





Live Auction

- Mario Lemieux #66 2004 Team Canada World Cup Signed Jersey Courtesy of Haugh Tire
- 2. LifeGRO Reverse-Osmosis System (no installation) *Courtesy of Lifetime Water Products Canada Inc.*
- 3. "Jones Pedestrian Bridge on South Huron Trail"
 Original by Randy Jones
 Courtesy of GC Financial Solutions Group, Kate Monk
 & Doug Hocking and Presented by Haskett Funeral
 Homes
- 4. Exeter Times Advocate Tin Printing Plates (c 1964-65)

 Courtesy of Mary Ryan-Allen and Presented by

 George & Lois Godbolt
- 5. **FEATURE ARTIST -** David Loerchner of D. L. Creations Live-edge Maple Solid Slab Table 6' x 30" handcrafted by the craftsman with metal legs *Courtesy of the Artist*
- 6. "Lake Louise" photography by Anita Windsor Courtesy of Creative Inspirations Photography
- 7. Ash Entranceway Hall Tree with live-edge bench handcrafted by Tony Drinkwalter (installation available) *Courtesy of the craftsman*
- 8. Tim McGraw & Faith Hill, Soul2Soul Concert; Two Platinum Seats (Row C) at Budweiser Gardens on June 19, 2018 Courtesy of Forest City Fire Protection
- 9. 'Fenway Stadium' Two Tickets to Red Sox vs. Blue Jays on July 12, 2018 sitting behind home plate in Dugout Box 47, Row A1, Seats 1 & 2. Tour of stadium and your name in lights arranged with donor Courtesy of Dr. Ellen Salurand and Dr. Richard Wilcon
- 10. Live-edge Cherry Table handcrafted by Peter Darbishire with metal base crafted by Murals in Metal *Courtesy of Peter Darbishire and Murals in Metal*

- 11. Manitoulin Island Getaway at Frayne Cottage for ten days June 29 to July 8; two bedrooms with queen bed in each; one room with single bed; futon in living room *Courtesy of Dave Frayne and Cathy Cade*
- 12. "Diamonds in Grey" Quilted Bed Topper or Wall Hanging (63" square); pieced by Heather Stewart and custom machine quilted by Shirley Rutledge *Courtesy of Kalidoscope of Quilts*
- 13. RCA 50 inch 4K Ultra HD Television Courtesy of Hansen's Your Independent Grocer
- 14. VIA Rail Canada Round Trip London to Halifax for two passengers Economy Class to Montreal connecting to a Cabin for 2 between Montreal and Halifax (no upgrades)

 Courtesy of VIA Rail Canada
- 15. "Love of Nature" one-of-a-kind layered mural crafted by Jim Dawe of Murals in Metal Courtesy of Huron Apothecary Ltd
- 16. Johnny Bower #1 Toronto Maple Leafs signed Jersey *Courtesy of United Plastic Components Inc.*
- 17. One Night at Pretty River Valley Inn with full country breakfast and a day at Scandinave Spa for Four Courtesy of Pretty River Valley Inn; Scandinave Spa and Dr. Anna Mayer
- 18. "All Inclusive Best of our Region Dinner for Four" prepared by Chef Eddington at his restaurant with complete beverage pairing on a mutually agreeable night (excluding special occasions)

 Courtesy of James Eddington
- 19. Half a Quarter of Hormone-Free Beef and Processing Courtesy of David Kemp and Zurich Meats
- 20. Keith Urban, GraffitiU Concert; Two Box Seats at Budweiser Gardens on September 15, 2018 Courtesy of Cruise Selloffs





Silent Auction

- 1. Exeter "White Squirrel" Street Sign Courtesy of Exeter BIA
- 2. Exi-Plast 60 Plus Rainbarrel Courtesy of Bob & Sharon Pavkeje
- 3. Two Nights for 2 in a suite at Meladale-on-the-Avon Bed &Breakfast, Stratford *Courtesy of Tom & Joanne Melady*
- 4. "Lighthouse" Beach Stone Original by Susan McAllister *Courtesy of the Artist*
- 5. Basket of Wine Courtesy of Conservation Dinner Committee
- 6. Accent Rug (winner can visit store for your choice of rug) *Courtesy of Custom Covers*
- 7. Arctic Cat T-shirt, Hat & Sunglasses Courtesy of Country Corners
- 8. 22 Tonne A Gravel delivered within 50 km radius of Exeter *Courtesy of McCann Redi-Mix Inc.*
- 9. "Winter's Light" photography by Bob Chaffe *Courtesy of the photographer*
- 10. Joe Thornton #19 San Jose Sharks Signed Jersey Courtesy of Ernest & Helen Miatello
- 11. David Price #14 Toronto Blue Jays Framed Photo Courtesy of Dave Crocker
- 12. Stanley Cup TRIBUTE RING Elmer Lach Montreal Canadiens

 Courtesy of Carstar Lucan (England's)
- 13. Live-edge Ash Waterfall Bench crafted by David Loerchner *Courtesy of D.L. Creations*

- 14. Aqua Sterling Silver Necklace (18" chain) Courtesy of Kate's Staton
- 15. Wine, Glasses and Caddy (glasses can be engraved) *Courtesy of Bakelaar Jewellers*
- 16. Basket of Garlic Sauces and Condiments Courtesy of The Garlic Box
- 17. Wolfe Island Farmhouse Getaway for One Weekend Courtesy of Mary Lynn MacDonald
- 18. Child's Table and Two Chairs crafted by Carl Mills *Courtesy of Jean & Carl Mills*
- 19. 'Pook' Adult and Child Onesie Courtesy of Wuerth Shoes
- 20. Two Multi-Attraction Passes in Niagara Parks Courtesy of Niagara Parks Commission
- 21. Sterling Silver Meats Steaks or Roasts Gift Certificate Courtesy of Dave & Kelly Holtzmann
- 22. Indoor Area Rug (5' x 8')

 Courtesy of Innovative Flooring
- 23. Ladies Bulova Watch

 Courtesy of The Jewellery Box
- 24. "Northern Cardinals" L/E Print by Lawrence A. Dyer Courtesy of Joan & Glen Kells and Presented by Dave McClure
- 25. Office Multi -Tilter Chair Courtesy of MicroAge Basics
- 26. Stihl Battery Powered Blower & Hat *Courtesy of Huron Tractor*
- 27. Wireless Stereo Headset Courtesy of Steve Johns, Zoetis





- 28. "Wild Daisies" Decorator Canvas Print Courtesy of The Garden Gate
- 29. Rustic Clock

 Courtesy of Penelope's at Willow Valley on Main
- 30. Four Blue Jay Tickets (10 rows behind Jays dugout) *Courtesy of Michael Davies*
- 31. "Herons" Metal Garden Art by Jim Dawe *Courtesy of Industrial Drive Service Inc.*
- 32. Two Nights Dockage at Marina (Grand Bend or Port Franks)

 Courtesy of Municipality of Lambton Shores
- 33. Chocolate Stout Cake by Sherri Ferguson *Courtesy of Make a Wish Cakes*
- 34. Wall Clock

 Courtesy of Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron-Bruce
- 35. Cedar Bird Feeder handcrafted by Harry J. Brooks *Courtesy of the craftsman*
- 36. Inukshuk Cement Garden Statue

 Courtesy of Merv's Patio & Shewan's Ornaments Ltd.
- 37. Steel Mailbox

 Courtesy of Hamilton's Machine Shop
- 38. Soil Sampling Services for 50 acres of wheat *Courtesy of Thompsons, Hensall Limited*
- 39. Wooden Canadian Flag

 Courtesy of Miller's Country Store
- 40. Wine Caddy, Wine & Glasses *Courtesy of Syfilco Ltd.*
- 41. Oak Bench and two hats

 Courtesy of Lake Smith Conservationists
- 42. Beaver Tail Paddle crafted by Dwain Forrest *Courtesy of Timbers Outfitters*

- 43. Handcrafted Pine & Ash Storage Box *Courtesy of Bonnie Sitter*
- 44. 'Thirty-One' Travel Bag Package Courtesy of Stacey Palen
- 45. Rayban Polarized Sunglasses

 Courtesy of Main Street Optometric
- 46. 22 metric tonne A Gravel (delivered within 30 km of Exeter) *Courtesy of N.C. Jones & Sons Ltd.*
- 47. Metal 'Bear' Scene Courtesy of The Iron Barn
- 48. One Night in a suite at The Lake House of Bayfield *Courtesy of Roger & Pat Lewington*
- 49. Ceramic Fire Pot

 Courtesy of Marten Arts of Bayfield
- 50. Gordie Howe #9 All Star Jersey Courtesy of Charles P. Corbett
- 51. Blackthorn Irish Shillelagh Walking Stick *Courtesy of Bonnie Sitter*
- 52. "Earth Shine" L/E 23/375 Print by Ken Jackson *Courtesy of and presented by the Artist*
- 53. Greenhouse Tour for up to Six Guests in May 2018, and an 11 lb. box of mixed veggies weekly May to Oct. *Courtesy of Suntasticfresh*
- 54. Basket of Selected Wines

 Courtesy of the Conservation Dinner Committee
- 55. "Capricious Sprite" Print by Elisabeth Tonner-Keats Courtesy of the Artist and Presented by Parker & Parker Ltd.
- 56. "Boardwalk" Photography by Janette Baillie

 Courtesy of the Artist and Presented by Brian Coombs,

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- 57. Cherry Cutting Board with Walnut Inlay by BowlsbyRalph *Courtesy of Ralph Christmas*
- 58. Group Tour of Iceculture for four *Courtesy of Iceculture*
- 59. Exeter Times Advocate Tin Printing Plates (c.1964-65)

 Courtesy of Mary Ryan -Allen and Presented by Bill

 McGregor
- 60. "Welcome" sign crafted by Mike Brintnell *Courtesy of Mike's Signs*
- 61. Exeter Times Advocate Tin Printing Plates (c.1964-65)

 Courtesy of Mary Ryan -Allen and Presented by Bill

 McGregor
- 62. Applewood Platter crafted by David Hudgel *Courtesy of the Craftsman*
- 63. Kubota BX Tractor/Loader/Backhoe One Weekend Rental Courtesy of Hyde Brothers Farm Equipment
- 64. "Loons at Sunrise" crafted by Murals in Metal Courtesy of Dave & Marcia Crockett

- 65. "Angel Pair" by Community Living South Huron Courtesy of the Crafters
- 66. Toronto Maple Leafs 2017/18 Team Autographed Stick Courtesy of Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment
- 67. "Pier at Night" photography by Janette Baillie Courtesy of the Artist; Presented by Tom & Bev Prout
- 68. 'Wine a Little' Sign crafted by Murals in Metal *Courtesy of Tom & Bev Prout*
- 69. "Autumn Tree" photography by Bonnie Sitter Courtesy of Mayor Maureen Cole
- 70. Two-3 Month 24 Hour Access Membership Courtesy of South Huron Fitness
- 71. 3-piece Pottery Bowl Set crafted by Warden Bill Weber *Courtesy of the Crafter*
- 72. "Autumn Foliage" P/P 39/50 by Tom Thomson *Courtesy of Dave Crocker*
- 73. Two Four Rounds of Golf with Carts Courtesy of Tamarack Ridge Golf Club

DOOR PRIZES

- 1. One Litre Maple Syrup ~ Spring Valley Maple
- 2. Gift Certificate ~ Earthen Elegance
- 3. "Cows" L/E Print ~ Ken Jackson
- 4. Brunch for Two ~ Bayfield Berry Farm

- 5. Gift Certificate (3) ~ Porter's Hill Wild Bird Co.
- 6. Two Litre Maple Syrup ~ *Urquhart Farms Ltd*.
- 7. Sterling Silver Chain & Pendant ~ A.G. Hayter Contracting
- 8. "Winter Storage" L/E Print ~ Ken Jackson

Congratulations to Donna Jones
Early Bird Prize Winner of \$100 Gas Gift Card

Donated by MacEwen Petroleum Inc.

General Raffle Tickets
1 for \$5...25 for \$25...100 for \$50

Special Raffle Tickets

1 for \$10 . . 6 for \$25 . . 12 for \$50 . . 30 for \$100





General Raffle

- 1. Gift Certificate; Chocolate Stout Cupcakes F.I.N.E. A Restaurant; Make-A-Wish Cakes
- 2. Gift Certificate; Cheese Board & Gift Certificate *Riverbend Pizzeria; Schoolhouse Restaurant*
- 3. Gift Pack; "Summer Glow" by Leonard Skinner *Herbal One; Glavin Eavestroughing*
- 4. Gift Certificate; Decorator Print; Gift Certificates Queens Bakery; Arkona Appliances; Godfathers Pizza
- 5. Gift Certificate; Quilted Wall Hanging Optimal Balance; Marcia Bazilewich
- 6. Pen & Notebook Set; Gift Card; Fire Extinguisher Office Solutions; Subway; Forest City Fire Protection
- 7. Gift Certificate; Pendant Necklace Stratford Summer Music; Glavin Eavestroughing
- 8. Car Cleaning Set; Gift Certificate; Gift Certificate Forest Automotive; Arkona Automotive; Rock Glen Restaurant
- 9. Cordless Drill; Gift Card
 Seaforth Automotive; Partner's Paint & Paper
- 10. Handwoven Irish Purse; Gift Certificates *Bonnie Sitter; Elements of Design*
- 11. <u>The Beauty & Bounty of Huron County;</u> "Nice & Easy" CD; Gift Certificate

 Bonnie Sitter; South Huron Automotive
- 12. Basket of Preserves; Gift Certificate

 Love's Yardwork & Maintenance; Funky Monkey

 Fabrics
- 13. Black & Decker Project Kit; Subscription Moffatt & Powell RONA Exeter; Times Advance

- 14. Outdoor Sign; Jacket; Gift Certificate

 Dublin Mercantile; CG Equipment; Gregarious Cravings
- 15. Candleholder; Group Tour for 4 *GG Goettler of Dublin; Iceculture*
- 16. Mattress Cover; Gift Certificate; CD

 Hensall Appliance; Dutch Village Market; Ivan Smith
- 17. 'Coach' Purse set; Gift Certificate Luv Scarlet; William's Fish & Chips
- 18. Screwdriver Set; Gift Certificate; <u>Upturn</u> Novel Certificate Direct Dent Autobody; Exeter Thai Cuisine; Tim Cumming
- 19. DU Conservation Print with Stamp; Fire Extinguisher Friend of Conservation; Forest City Fire Protection
- 20. Subscription; Mug and Coffee Beans Standard Guide Advocate; Shopbike Coffee Roasters
- 21. Fire Extinguisher; Gift Certificate

 Don Johnson Insurance Inc.: Tuckersmith Communications
- 22. Gift Basket & Certificate; Two tickets to a performance *The Spa; Budweiser Gardens*
- 23. Glass Cleaner; Gift Basket; Gift Certificate Clinton Glass & Mirror; LUVU Naturally; Grog's Pub
- 24. Water Pillow; Gift Certificate Russett Rehabilitation; Westland Greenhouses GB Inc.
- 25. Toy Tractor & Grill Set; Gift Package Delta Power-Exeter; MacPherson's Restaurant
- 26. Maglite and Pliers, Group Tour for 4; Candle Gift Pack *Ailsa Craig Home Hardware; Iceculture; Inner Urban*
- 27. Driftwood Lamp, Gift Pack

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