

# 34th Conservation Dinner



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

April 11, 2024

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## WELCOME

It is with heartfelt gratitude, as Dinner Committee Chair, to welcome all of you to our 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conservation Dinner.

The Conservation Dinner wouldn't be possible without the solid community partnership, more than three decades in length, between Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation and Exeter Lions Club.

We are very fortunate to have such dedicated Conservation Foundation, Lions Club, and community members, along with the wonderful staff at Ausable Bayfield Conservation, to bring this event to life. Our committee is stronger than ever, and we hope for another 34 years and beyond. Please indulge yourselves in the many facets of this evening's festivities including the 50-50 draw, the general and special raffles, and live and silent auctions.

We hope you enjoy the evening, and we extend our deepest gratitude to you all for your unwavering support of our efforts for protecting, preserving and improving our watersheds, trails and conservation areas. Next time you walk the trail, be proud of what you have accomplished here tonight as you are the reason why your family can enjoy such amenities in our community.

Chris Keller  
Conservation Dinner Chair



## **Stephanie Denomme – Blush & Blossom Floral** 2024 Conservation Dinner Feature Artist

The Conservation Dinner Committee is excited to have Stephanie Denomme, owner of Blush & Blossom Floral in Exeter, as our Feature Artist for 2024. This is the first time our feature artist has been selected in the field of floral design. The Seaforth-area native and Exeter resident has been designing floral arrangements since 2018 and opened her own business in 2023 specializing in weddings and events. Floral design is a creative endeavour, and every creation is unique with different flowers and textures. Stephanie and her husband Marc have four young children, so she is very thankful for a creative business that she can run out of her home!

The feature item in tonight's auction is a spring seasonal insert with planter included, as well as three other inserts to be filled in summer, autumn, and winter, plus one vase arrangement and a \$100 gift card used for future purchases.



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*Dinner Wine compliments of  
Dark Horse Estate Winery Inc.*

Unapologetically Sinful (Red), Unapologetically Brash (White)

Meal prepared and served by Donnelly Café – Lucan

## Evening Program

5:30-6:45 pm Cash Bar, Appetizers, and Photo Booth  
 7:00 pm Land Acknowledgement, Opening  
 Remarks, Introductions, O Canada,  
 Grace  
 7:15 pm Buffet Dinner  
 Silent Auction Bidding continues until  
 items are pulled at pre-determined  
 times  
 8:00 pm General Raffle Ticket Draw  
 8:25 pm 50/50 Raffle Draw  
 8:30 pm Live Auction  
 9:35 pm Door Prizes  
 9:50 pm Special Raffle  
 10:00 pm Closing Remarks

## Appetizers

Korean BBQ Meatballs  
 Asian Vegetable Spring Rolls with Plum Sauce  
 Baked Brie & Roasted Red Pepper Jelly Crostini

## Dinner Menu

Summer Berry Mixed Green Salad  
 with Strawberry Balsamic Drizzle  
 Local Baked Mixed Dinner Rolls  
 (GF available) w/ Butter  
 Metzger’s Herb Crusted Top Sirloin  
 w/ Red Wine Au Jus  
 Montreal Smoked Hayter’s Turkey Breast  
 Garlic & Parmesan Mashed Potatoes  
 Honey Butter & Dill Sauteed Mixed Vegetables  
 Seasonal Roasted Fresh Vegetables  
 Assorted Fruit Pies and Dessert Squares  
 Coffee and Tea

## SPECIAL THANKS to our EVENT SPONSORS

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## Special Raffle Packages

### **1. Adventure Awaits! – Travel Voucher..... \$2,000 Value**

Courtesy of:

*Ellison Travel & Tours Ltd.*

*Usborne & Hibbert Mutual Fire Insurance*

*GC Financial Solutions Group Inc.*

### **2. Backyard Relaxation.....\$2,000 Value**

CANVAS Renfrew Square Outdoor Patio Conversation Set with UV Resistant Cushions (3-Piece) & Solo Stainless Steel Smokeless Bon Fire Pit

Courtesy of:

*Metzger Meat Products Inc.*

*Dr. Julie Bargiglione*

*Syfilco Ltd.*

*Exeter Toyota*

### **3. Just Fore Golfers Tour.....\$2,000 Value**

Four 18-Hole Green Fees – Courtesy of *White Squirrel Golf Club*

Five Twosomes with Carts – Courtesy of *GolfNorth, Ironwood Golf Club*

Nine Holes of Golf for Four with Cart – Courtesy of *GolfNorth, Exeter Golf Club*

Two 18-Hole Green Fees – Courtesy of *Seaforth Golf Course*

Four Rounds of 18 Holes with Carts – Courtesy of *Woodlands Links Ltd.*

Two Green Fees with Carts – Courtesy of *Widder Station Golf, Grill & Tap House*

One Night Deluxe Accommodation and 2 Rounds of Golf (9 holes) – *Oakwood Resort*

\$150 in Gift Certificates – *Dublin’s Family Restaurant*



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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 acknowledgement 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.

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## Art Terminology

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

**Limited Edition (L/E):** Limited number of copies of original produced, signed and numbered by the artist

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

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### General Raffle Tickets

1 for \$5.....25 for \$25.....100 for \$50

### Special Raffle Tickets

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

## Door Prizes

1. Gift Certificate (3) ~ *Porter's Hill Wild Bird Seed*
2. Pottery Mugs (2) ~ *Bill & Ginger Weber*
3. Gift Certificate (3) ~ *Dublin's Family Restaurant*
4. Gift Certificates ~ *Havasu Coffee Co.*
5. Gift Certificate ~ *The Cottage Café*
6. Gift Certificate ~ *Williams Fish & Chips*
7. *Mug Gift Package (2) – A & W*



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## Live Auction

1. Framed Darcy Tucker # 16 Toronto Maple Leafs Autographed Jersey  
*Courtesy of Huron Motor Products*
2. "Pair of Cardinals" Wood Sculpture by Fred Negrijn  
*Courtesy of the Artist*
3. Four Days at The Cottage south of Bayfield with beach access for up to six people, plus use of 2 kayaks (June or September only)  
*Courtesy of Ben & Sue Hoogenboom*
4. "Standard Bred – Age 10" Original Acrylic on Canvas by Susan McAllister  
*Courtesy of the Artist*
5. Up to Four Hours in the VIP Room, including a Four-Course Meal with Wine for up to 10 People.  
*Courtesy of Dark Horse Estate Winery*
6. Four VIP Tickets to the Great Outdoors Comedy Festival in London ON, Featuring Nate Bargatze, with TV's Gerry Dee on July 19, 2024  
*Courtesy of PTMG LLP, McDonald's Restaurant and Scott Logistics*
7. **FEATURE ARTIST** – Planter with Four Seasonal Inserts, with a Vase Arrangement and a \$100 Gift Certificate  
*Courtesy of Stephanie Denomme, Blush and Blossom Floral, Exeter*
8. Framed Tomas Kaberle #15 Toronto Maple Leafs Autographed Jersey  
*Courtesy of HMP/Huron Motor Products*
9. "Arenas of Exeter and South Huron" Sign  
*Courtesy of Mike's Signs*
10. Chef Table Dinner and Beverage Package for 8, prepared by Chef James Eddington, on a mutually agreeable date, at Eddington's of Exeter  
*Courtesy of Eddington's of Exeter*
11. ARGO Inverter Generator AG3300i  
*Courtesy of Ausable Bayfield Conservation*
12. Traeger Ironwood 650 Pellet Grill & Smoker with 60 lbs of Pellets and three BBQ Rubs  
*Courtesy of MacLean Home Hardware, Exeter & Home Hardware Building Centre, Grand Bend*
13. BlueNorth Nero Sit-On Kayak w/ 2 Rod Holders, Hatch, Paddle & Seat, with a Stearns Universal Adult Nylon PFD  
*Courtesy of Consolidated Signs*
14. Four-Day Weekend at the Frayne Cottage on Manitoulin Island (August 15-19, sleeps 6)  
*Courtesy of Dave Frayne & Cathy Cade*
15. Four Toronto Blue Jays vs. Tampa Bay Rays Tickets for May 18, 2024 (15 rows behind Jays dugout)  
*Courtesy of Michael Davies, Ford Keast LLP*
16. Vladimir Guerrero Jr. #27 Toronto Blue Jays Autographed Jersey  
*Courtesy of Eric Campbell Ford Lincoln Ltd.*
17. Five-Passenger Stretch Limo for Five Hours  
*Courtesy of Wave Limo and Tours*
18. \$1,000 Gift Card  
*Courtesy of Hansen's – Your Independent Grocer*



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## Silent Auction

1. Wood and Resin Serving Board  
*Courtesy of Gerry & Karen Ryan*
2. King Size Quilt Set  
*Courtesy of Custom Covers for Home & Office*
3. One Dozen ½ kg Bottles of Field & Forest Honey and Beeswax Candles  
*Courtesy of Tom & Bev Prout*
4. Metal Tree Wall Art by Murals in Metal  
*Courtesy of Canada Clean Fuels*
5. Plant Arrangement & Gift Card; ½ Bushel of Apples  
*Courtesy of Westland Greenhouses and Crunican Orchards*
6. \$150 Gift Certificate  
*Courtesy of Pine Acres Custom Milling*
7. Guided Owl Prowl for up to 25 People  
*Courtesy of Ausable Bayfield Conservation*
8. \$100 in Gift Certificates  
*Courtesy of Metzger Meat Products Inc.*
9. One Night Suite Rental  
*Courtesy of 1851 Bayfield Landing*
10. Five 200 cm Bare Root Silver Maples Trees (pick up at ABCA)  
*Courtesy of Sloan Nursery & Christmas Trees*
11. \$160 Gift Certificate  
*Courtesy of Geo-Teck Heating & Cooling Ltd.*
12. Cutting Board by Kevin Kale  
*Courtesy of the Craftsman*
13. Starfrit Roasting Pan and Gift Card  
*Courtesy of Exeter Foodland*
14. Honey Gift Basket  
*Courtesy of Ferguson Apiaries*
15. Gift Certificate for Four for Wreath Making, valued at \$600  
*Courtesy of Forest Glen Herb Farm*
16. Two 90-Minute Tube Slide Passes; ½ Bushel of Apples  
*Courtesy of River Valley Golf and Tube Slide and Crunican Orchards*
17. Children's Fine Bone China Gift Set  
*Courtesy of The Jewellery Box*
18. Preloved "Morrison Reservoir" Photography on Canvas  
*Courtesy of Linda Johnston*
19. \$200 in Gift Cards  
*Courtesy of MacEwen Exeter*
20. 8C Fellowes Power Shredder  
*Courtesy of MicroAge Basics*
21. Two Complimentary Tickets to a Designated Performance  
*Courtesy of Stratford Festival*
22. 3D Metal Deer Head  
*Courtesy of The Iron Barn*
23. Gift Package and Hair Salon Certificate  
*Courtesy of NVus Hair*



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| 24. Two Tickets to Vesuvius Ensemble (Saturday, July 20, 2024)<br><i>Courtesy of Stratford Summer Music</i>               | 37. Two Tickets to a Production at any Drayton Entertainment Venue<br><i>Courtesy of Drayton Entertainment</i>                                   |
| 25. Large Plush Dog Bed<br><i>Courtesy of Pet Valu, Exeter</i>  | 38. Kubota BX 23S Tractor Loader Backhoe Weekend Rental<br><i>Courtesy of Hyde Brothers Farm Equipment</i>                                       |
| 26. Chiroflow Water Pillow<br><i>Courtesy of Russett Rehabilitation</i>   | 39. Two Tickets to the "Vineyard Dinner," July 10, 2024 (4 Courses Paired with 4 Wines)<br><i>Courtesy of Hessenland Inn &amp; Schatz Winery</i> |
| 27. Two Area Rugs, 8' x 9' and 8' x 4'<br><i>Courtesy of Foor Designs, Exeter</i>   | 40. Day Park Admission for 2 Adults and 2 Youth<br><i>Courtesy of Scenic Caves Nature Adventure</i>  |
| 28. "Trees on Wood" Original Acrylic by Joan Bailey<br><i>Courtesy of Patina Studios &amp; Gallery</i>                    | 41. Hand Knit Shawl<br><i>Courtesy of a Friend of Conservation</i>   |
| 29. \$150 Gift Certificate<br><i>Courtesy of Jerry Rader Homestyle Catering and Market</i>                                | 42. Two Complimentary Tickets<br><i>Courtesy of The Blyth Festival</i>   |
| 30. \$500 Gift Certificate<br><i>Courtesy of Hear Well Be Well</i>  | 43. Gift Certificates<br><i>Crabby Joe's, Exeter</i>   |
| 31. Mini Blizzard Treats for One Year<br><i>Courtesy of Dairy Queen, Exeter</i>   | 44. Two Tickets to a 2024-25 London Knights Game<br><i>Courtesy of London Knights</i>  |
| 32. One Free Class or Program Registration<br><i>Courtesy of South Huron Arts Centre</i>                                  | 45. Stanley Professional Grade – Black Chrome Mechanics Tool Set<br><i>Courtesy of The Honourable Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron-Bruce</i>             |
| 33. \$100 Gift Card<br><i>Courtesy of Grand Bend Sobeys</i>   | 46. Stihl MS211 Chain Saw<br><i>Courtesy of Seebach &amp; Company CPAs</i>   |
| 34. 5 Class Pack and Water Bottle<br><i>Courtesy of Jolt Fitness</i>  | 47. "Grand Bend Sunrise" Print by David Bannister<br><i>Courtesy of Dave &amp; Marcia Crockett</i>   |
| 35. Annual Provincial Park Day Pass<br><i>Courtesy of Pinery Provincial Park</i>  | 48. Cutting Board with Handles and \$100 in Gift Certificates<br><i>Courtesy of Dawson Custom Countertops and Dublin's Family Restaurant</i>     |
| 36. Five 200 cm Bare Root Silver Maples Trees (pick up at ABCA)<br><i>Courtesy of Sloan Nursery &amp; Christmas Trees</i> |  |
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| 49. \$100 in Gift Certificates<br><i>Courtesy of The Curry Corner</i>  | 62. Quilted Table Runner and Rope Bowl by Diane Carson<br><i>Courtesy of the Artist</i>  |
| 50. Turtle Gift Package and Certificate<br><i>Courtesy of Elements of Design</i>                                     | 63. Yeti Camino Carryall Bag<br><i>Courtesy of Meg Theophilopoulos</i>   |
| 51. Gift Package<br><i>Courtesy of Shoppers Drug Mart, Grand Bend</i>  | 64. Ash Coat Rack by Tony Drinkwalter<br><i>Courtesy of the Craftsman</i>  |
| 52. Gardening Gift Basket and Certificate<br><i>Courtesy of Huron Ridge Greenhouses</i>                              | 65. Barn Quilt (2' x 2') crafted by Anne Melady<br><i>Courtesy of the Artist</i>   |
| 53. Gift Basket and Certificate<br><i>Courtesy of The Spa, Exeter</i>  | 66. 10 Minute Flight from Seaforth, Goderich, or Wingham<br><i>Courtesy of Papple Aviation</i>                                       |
| 54. Hand Knit Infant Sweater & Pants Set (12-18 months) crafted by Abbie Gutteridge<br><i>Courtesy of the Artist</i> | 67. Hand Crafted Sailboat (Walnut base, Maple sails) by Ernie Baitz<br><i>Courtesy of the Craftsman</i>                              |
| 55. Side Table, Turkish Towels and Tumblers Set<br><i>Courtesy of Cottage Culture</i>                                | 68. Four Tickets to "Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir," June 2, 2024 – Exeter United Church<br><i>Courtesy of Exeter United Church</i> |
| 56. Keepsake Box crafted by Peter Darbishire<br><i>Courtesy of the Craftsman</i>                                     | 69. "Squirrel Print" by Susann Jones<br><i>Courtesy of the Artist</i>  |
| 57. Grant Fuhr #31 Custom Autographed Jersey<br><i>Courtesy of Chris &amp; Michelle Keller</i>                       | 70. Expandable Insulated Backpack<br><i>Courtesy of Marcc Apparel</i>  |
| 58. Butcher Block Cutting Board<br><i>Courtesy of Bob Hutson, Windbreak Farm Wood Works</i>                          | 71. Huusk Knife<br><i>Courtesy of Father &amp; Son Financial</i>   |
| 59. Stihl BGA57 Battery Blower<br><i>Courtesy of Huron Tractor Ltd.</i>  | 72. Maple Side Table with Shelf by Tony Drinkwalter<br><i>Courtesy of the Craftsman</i>  |
| 60. Annual Provincial Park Pass<br><i>Courtesy of Pinery Provincial Park</i>   | 73. Turned Maple Bowl with Black Cherry & Walnut Slices by Ernie Baitz<br><i>Courtesy of the Craftsman</i>                           |
| 61. Bueno Leather Handbag<br><i>Courtesy of Wuerth Shoes</i>   |  |
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| 74. Calcutta Renegade Cooler with Bass Tackle Kit and Fillet Tool Combo<br><i>Courtesy of Ulch Trailer Sales Ltd.</i> | 87. Freestyle Rocker Camp Chair<br><i>Courtesy of Jack Kraft, Kraft Auto Parts</i>                |
| 75. Gift Package<br><i>Courtesy of Make-A-Wish Cakes</i>  | 88. Dragonfly Pottery Platter crafted by Bill & Ginger Weber<br><i>Courtesy of the Artists</i>    |
| 76. Annual Family Permit for Rock Glen Conservation Area<br><i>Courtesy of Ausable Bayfield Conservation</i>          | 89. Cooler Bag Gift Package<br><i>Courtesy of Hensall District Co-op</i>                          |
| 77. 3-Month Membership & 45 Minute Massage<br><i>Courtesy of South Huron Fitness</i>                                  | 90. "Town of Exeter" Heritage Collection<br><i>Courtesy of Bob &amp; Martha Heywood</i>           |
| 78. Steel Mail Box<br><i>Courtesy of Hamilton Machine Shop</i>  | 91. Two Multi Attraction Passes<br><i>Courtesy of Niagara Parks</i>                               |
| 79. Two Chiroflow Water Pillows<br><i>Courtesy of Cameron Family Chiropractic</i>                                     | 92. Goldschlager Cinnamon Schnapps Package<br><i>Courtesy of a Friend of Conservation</i>         |
| 80. José Reyes #7 Toronto Blue Jays Autographed Jersey<br><i>Courtesy of Cathryn Cade</i>                             | 93. Basket of Wine<br><i>Courtesy of the Conservation Dinner Committee</i>                        |
| 81. 22 Tonne of A Gravel (delivered within 50 km of Dashwood)<br><i>Courtesy of McCann Redi-Mix</i>                   | 94. Complimentary Spin Program<br><i>Courtesy of A1 Chiropractic</i>                              |
| 82. Preloved Peter Etril Snyder L/E 401/500 Print<br><i>Courtesy of A Friend of Conservation</i>                      | 95. Wooden Keepsake Box<br><i>Courtesy of a Friend of Conservation</i>                            |
| 83. Individual Hunting Super Permit for One Year<br><i>Courtesy of Ausable Bayfield Conservation</i>                  | 96. Kuma Switchback Heated Chair with Bluetooth<br><i>Courtesy of Experience Camping RV Sales</i> |
| 84. One Load of Screened Topsoil (20 cubic yards)<br><i>Courtesy of N.C. Jones &amp; Sons</i>                         | 97. Napoleon Legend 4 Burner BBQ<br><i>Courtesy of Canadian Tire, Exeter</i>                      |
| 85. Craftsman 4 ½" Angle Grinder<br><i>Courtesy of Moffatt &amp; Powell RONA</i>                                      | 98. Backpack Gift Package<br><i>Courtesy of Kyle &amp; Julie Bryson</i>                           |
| 86. Metal Lake Sunset Wall Art<br><i>Courtesy of Murals in Metal</i>  | 99. "Canada" Hockey Jersey<br><i>Courtesy of John and Mary Allen</i>                              |
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## General Raffle

1. Quilted Wall Hanging; Gift Card  
*Marcia Bazilewich, Godfather's Pizza*
2. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Gift Set & Gift Card; Theatre Tickets  
*MacPherson's Restaurant, The Grand Theatre*
3. Hoodie, Hat & Travel Mug  
*Huron Fish & Game Conservation Association*
4. Hand Crafted Checker Board; Greeting Cards  
*Kevin Kale; Sunflower Seasonal Gifts & Cards*
5. Gift Certificate; Gift Basket & Certificate  
*Earthen Elegance Floral; White Squirrel Bakery*
6. Gift Certificates (2); T-Shirt & Gift Card  
*Bayfield Berry Farm; Lake Hound*
7. 2 L Maple Syrup; Gift Card  
*Brandon's Hardware; The Village Bookshop, Bayfield*
8. Guided Hike Certificate; Popcorn Package  
*Bayfield River Valley Trail Association; Old Railway Popcorn Co.*
9. Canadian Goose Art; Leaf Cutting Board; Gift Card  
*Charles Miner; Zielman's Goods & Crafts*
10. The Group of Seven; Art Print; The Beauty & Bounty of Huron County – Autographed  
*Bonnie Sitter*
11. Fashion Wrap; Vented Umbrella; Gift Certificates (5)  
*Bonnie Sitter; Exeter Subway*
12. Assorted Shirts and Tote Package  
*Pinery Provincial Park*
13. Theatre Tickets (2); 4 L Maple Syrup  
*The Livery Theatre; Spring Valley Maple*
14. Toque; Gift Certificates (2)  
*Shopbike; Exeter Thai Cuisine*
15. Gift Card; Thirty-One Pouch  
*Mike & Terri's No Frills; Abbie Gutteridge*
16. Gift Bag & Certificate; Poppy Decor  
*Hayter's Farm; Jim DeBlock*
17. Gift Card; Horse Prints (2) & Gift Card  
*Robinson Fresh Café; Grog's Pub & Grill*
18. Pickleball Gift Certificates (10 x 2hr); Hoodie & Hats Package  
*South Huron Recreation Centre; CG Equipment*
19. Round Cutting Board; Gift Certificate  
*Dawson Custom Counter Tops; Dublin's Family Restaurant*
20. Pottery Mug; Gift Certificate  
*Bill & Ginger Weber; Funky Monkey*
21. Two Handmade Porcelain Goblets; Two Tickets to Country Music Night  
*Robert Tetu, Beechwood Pottery; Mud Creek Bluegrass Festival*
22. Ducks Unlimited L/E 2505/3000 Print with Stamp by David A Maass and Sweatshirt  
*Courtesy of Eric Campbell Ford Lincoln Ltd.*
23. Honey Package; Handcrafted Wood Sign  
*Bax Bees; Tony Drinkwalter*
24. Garden Gift Package; Welcome Sign  
*Miller's Ace Country & Garden; Indoor Outdoor Living Loft*
25. Nabit Gift Certificate; Large Cutting Board  
*Teresa McCann; Dawson Custom Counter Tops*



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## Further Acknowledgements

- ❖ Dark Horse Estate Winery Inc. for providing the complimentary dinner wine
- ❖ Tonight's Auctioneers: Bob Heywood, Ben Lobb, Richard Lobb, Kevin McArter
- ❖ Lion Bill Carson for leading in the singing of 'O Canada'
- ❖ Bob Haywood for saying Grace
- ❖ Tonight's Caterer – Donnelly Café for preparing and serving our meal
- ❖ Coffee for the evening provided by Coastal Coffee
- ❖ ABCA staff for preparing the evening program
- ❖ Track 21 Graphix Inc. for sponsoring and printing the evening program
- ❖ Laurie Dykstra for donating Exeter White Squirrel décor for raffle prizes
- ❖ Skillen Investment Management of Raymond James for providing pens
- ❖ Stephanie Denomme, Blush and Blossom Floral – Exeter, for donating and arranging the floral table arrangements
- ❖ Stephanie Denomme, Blush and Blossom Floral – Exeter, for decorating the Entranceway and Arbour
- ❖ Dave & Brenda Erb and Family for donating the use of their Arbour
- ❖ Kimberley Roy Photography for donating her time for photography at the Arbour
- ❖ Exeter Lions Club members and volunteers for arranging the table place settings
- ❖ South Huron Optimist Club for operating the bar tonight with help from Exeter Lions members
- ❖ The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation and Dinner Committee for organizing the 50/50 Raffle
- ❖ Ivan Smith, Kincardine for operating the sound system
- ❖ Municipality of South Huron for covering rental cost of the South Huron Rec Centre Hall and Kitchen
- ❖ Exeter Lions Club, Community Volunteers, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation and Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority staff for many hours of work in coordinating this event raising more than \$1.345 million for the community in the past 33 years!

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## 2024 Conservation Dinner Committee

- ABCF ~ Janet Clarke, Dave Frayne, George Irvin, Roger Lewington, Dave McClure, Anne Melady, Charles Miner, Robert Norris, Bob Radtke
- ABCA ~ Tina Crown, Tim Cumming, Abigail Gutteridge, Davin Heinbuck, Brian Horner, Sharon Pavkeje, Michael Bax
- Exeter Lions ~ Paul Anstett, Ross Alexander, Darryl Beaver, Derek Beckett, Jamie Brock, Justin Buchanan, Steve Coward, Marc Denomme, Robert Draper, Reiny Freiter, Greg Geoffrey, Fred Godbolt, George Godbolt, Michael Groot, Chris Keller, Mark Keller, Jeff MacLean, Gerhard Metzger, Rupert Robinson, Steve Sararas, Kevin Small, B.J. Theophilopoulos, Larry Wein, Mike Wood
- Community Volunteers ~ Rick Grigg, Sally Grigg, Randy Jones, Susann Jones, Ken Labelle, Marcy Merner, Peter Moseley-Williams, Don Weigand



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## Exeter Lions Club

The Exeter Lions Club is a member of the world's largest and most active service organization. Whenever a Lions Club gets together, problems get smaller and communities get better. That's because we help where help is needed – in our own communities and around the world – with unmatched integrity and energy.

The Exeter Lions Club is pleased to partner with Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation to present this excellent dinner and auction. This is the 34<sup>th</sup> year that the Club has co-hosted this charitable event.

Proceeds from this event have been used for maintenance and development of the MacNaughton-Morrison Section of the South Huron Trail for almost 20 years, and the Lions look forward to working with the Foundation on exciting projects in the future. Exeter Lions Club and Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation contribute financially to stocking the Morrison Reservoir with rainbow trout for the annual Fishing Derby held on the first Saturday of May for young anglers and the young at heart. The Exeter Lions Club thanks everyone for your continuing contributions and support.

## Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation (ABCF) was established in 1974 as a charity whose purpose is to raise funds for conservation, preservation, and protection of the unique natural landscapes of the Ausable River, Bayfield River, and Parkhill Creek watersheds, as well as other smaller rivers and streams flowing directly into Lake Huron. We are excited to be celebrating 50 years of supporting conservation in 2024!

The ABCF supports numerous accessible nature trails, fishing docks and lookout platforms at conservation areas in the watershed area. These include Rock Glen Conservation Area at Arkona, Linfield Wildlife Area, Bannockburn Conservation Area near Varna, and Morrison Dam Conservation Area outside of Exeter. The Woodland Reflection Shelter, opened in 2012, has become a much-appreciated location for visitors and walkers along the South Huron Trail.

The Conservation Foundation continues to support nature education programs held at schools and conservation areas. The \$1,000 Student Environmental Grant and hiring of a Junior Conservationist to work with Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority staff, provides secondary school students and graduates assistance with their environmental studies and experience in the field.

In 2011, the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation established the Huron Tract Land Trust Conservancy. The geographic limits of this land trust mirror the boundaries of the historic Huron Tract. Land trusts are charitable organizations that accept donations and bequests of land and conservation agreements. The Huron Tract Land Trust Conservancy gives individuals and families in the Huron Tract area a way to make a positive difference by helping protect and restore land, water, and nature.

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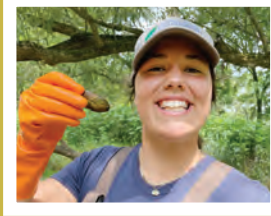
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