

## Acadia Lifelong Learning 2009 Committee Reports

### Communications Committee

The Communications Committee coordinates the distribution of the annual program calendar. The committee disseminates information about the ALL program via several modes including distributing ALL Business cards; press releases and public service announcements for radio, television and print; farm markets; the 50+ Expo and other trade shows directly related to the 50+ audience informing as many people as possible of the benefits of an ALL membership.

Beginning in August after the potluck calendar launch, the committee coordinated board members and the general membership in placing the calendars in many public areas between Windsor and Digby. This included a presence at farm markets in Windsor, Wolfville, and Kentville.

The committee also compiled a list of all the current publications in the Annapolis Valley.

In May of 2008 the Committee Chair represented ALL at the Special Senate Committee on Aging, chaired by the Honorable Sharon Carstairs. The information presented to this committee is included in the permanent document which is in the ALL Library at Open Acadia and is available to the membership.

#### *Communications Committee*

Doris Salsman

Joan Jenson

Frank Hazel (member at large)

Mike MacKenzie

Trudy Ward, Chair

### Program Committee

The past year's program has been very successful with the highest number of registrants to date. The program committee is busy preparing an exciting calendar of seminars, courses and field trips for the coming year. Many of the favourites will be continued and a number of new ones added. Some of the new courses include a travel series, a geology series, backyard tree fruit production, landscaping, voice, classical guitar, photography, and reiki to name but a few.

For the first time, ALL will be offering some courses in Middleton which will include pottery, writing and painting.

The new calendar is expected to be available at the pot luck and corn boil in August. Input from members is always most welcome. If you have any suggestions for changes or ideas for new courses please speak to someone on the program committee.

As always, we are most grateful to Acadia University for the use of their facilities and to staff, Debbie and Susanne, who bring everything together.

#### *Program Committee*

Harold Forsyth, Chair

Joan Jenson

Jeanette Regan

Janet Muttart

## **Partnership Committee**

The Partnership Committee focused on three major efforts over the past year:

1. The establishment of a connection among several of the adult lifelong learning organizations in Atlantic Canada. Initial contact lead to a conference call in March, 2009, which included representatives from six of the learning groups. The intention is to nurture on- going communication among the groups and work toward an association or partnerships for sharing program ideas, running joint activities and helping establish new groups to better serve the 50 plus population of the region.

2. The Acadia Lifelong Learning (ALL), in partnership with the K.C. Irving Centre and Open Acadia, will be conducting another botanical expedition into the Acadian Forest Region.

As in last year's expedition, the purpose of this expedition will be to document and collect rare plants and other biological information of interest to naturalists and historians of nature. This year, the trek will include travel through Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the state of Maine. Travelling across an international boundary will symbolize the significance of cross border ecosystems and our ecological relationship with our friends in the United States. Other partners will include resource departments in NS, NB and Maine. Our success in obtaining a New Horizons Grant will provide the funding needed to complete this project.

3. The ongoing partnership with the Acadia University Alumni Association in sharing mailing list contacts and space in the ALL Newsletter and the Acadia Alumni Bulletin.

### *Partnership Committee*

Peter Eaton, Chair

Anthony Harding