

**ACADIA LIFELONG LEARNING
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 20, 2010**

Chair's Report

Rachel Cooper

- Ten years of ALL
- A year in review
- Membership survey
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 - Communications
 - Brown Bag Lunches
- Open Acadia team & ALL board
 - Retiring board members
 - New board members
 - How you can get involved
- ... and so much to look forward to

Partnership Committee Report

Anthony J. Harding, Chair

The Partnership Committee aims to build relationships with other organisations that share the overall goals of ALL. As this looked like being a busy year for the committee, we decided to enlarge it from two members to four.

- A highlight of the summer for many ALL members was the **Botanical Expedition** researching plants of the **Acadian Forest Region**, 27 Jul.-6 Aug. 2009. Peter Eaton, previous Chair of the ALL Board, was co-planner of the expedition in partnership with the Irving Environmental Science Centre. It began at Camp Beaubassin near Amherst; visited Campobello Island; Bancroft, ME; and returned via Irving Camps to Beaubassin. Participants collected specimens of rare plants (one or two of each) which were photographed and kept for pressing, their precise location being recorded. For further details and evocative photos, see the presentation on the Open Acadia website!
- The Committee helped to set up a **one-day Regional Meeting of learning centres for the over-50s**. This took place on 19 August 2009 in the Irving Centre. Twelve members of other elder learners' groups attended: two groups based in Halifax, one based in Fredericton, one primarily based in Sackville NB, and one from PEI. The Mahone Bay Seniors' Project, which is now setting up a learning association, was also represented. Seven representatives of ALL attended. (See the account in the December newsletter.) A second regional get-together is planned for June, in Fredericton.

- Discussions with representatives of the **Mahone Bay Seniors' Project** led to three members of the Committee, with another Board member (Scott Burbidge), speaking to a large gathering at the Centre in Mahone Bay on 25 August. As a result of these contacts instructors from ALL have given seminars there, and some individuals from Mahone Bay community have participated in ALL events. Contact with Mahone Bay continues.
- The Committee organised a **special ALL event in March 2010**, to mark UNESCO's International Adult Learners' Week and the tenth anniversary of ALL. It took place on 3 March. More than sixty people attended. The focus was a panel of four speakers, chaired by Gary Hepburn. Eight other volunteer organisations set up display tables to promote their activities, and reported considerable interest from those attending.
- Throughout the year the Committee collected information about plans for the **"Silver Economy Summit,"** sponsored by the NS Seniors' Secretariat, to be held in Halifax in May, 2010. One committee member attended the preparatory "Partners' Forum" on 24 June, 2009, and reported back to the Board. It now seems that the summit will focus mostly on business and marketing, however.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to the Committee – Rachel Cooper, Jan O'Hara, and Vicky Parker – for the hard work they put in during the year, for having such good ideas, and for the resourcefulness that made these events turn out so well! My thanks also to Vicky for delivering this report in my unavoidable absence.

Communications Report

Doris Salsman, Chair

Information shared via:

- Calendar
- Farm markets
- Welcome Wagon
- Online events
- Rack cards
- Community news
- ALL functions

Brown Bag Lunch Series

Scott Burbidge

- 13 fall sessions; 15 winter-spring sessions
- Wide range of topics:
 - Nature and environmental issues
 - Food and energy security
 - Art and crafts
 - Social justice issues
 - Women's issues
 - The role of universities in education for seniors
- The future of Brown Bag Lunches
 - Frequency
 - More participation from Acadia community

Program Committee
Harold Forsyth, Chair

2010-2011 Program

Topics and instructors are subject to change.

Topic	Instructor	Topic	Instructor
Acrylics	Twila Robar-DeCoste	L'Acadie Vineyards	Bruce Ewert
Art History	Donna Livingston	Legal Issues for Seniors	Peter Muttart
Backyard Berry Production	John Lewis	Navigating Life's Transitions	Shauna Glidden
Bay of Fundy	Graham Daborn	Osteopathology	Jan Tait
Botanical Expedition	Peter Romkey	Poetry of Gardens	Anthony Harding
Broadway & Hollywood.....	Peter Riddle	Sailing Alone Around the World	Derek Hatfield
Chimney Swifts	Jim Wolford	Series	Rob Raeside
Creative Photography	Darrell Slaunwhite	The Story of Oak Island	Danny Hennigar
Drawing and Sketching	Twila Robar-DeCoste	Travels in India	Richard Stern
Fiction Writing	Susan Haley	Voice and Improvisation	Colin Bernhardt
Henry VIII and the Age of the Tudors	Jennifer MacDonald	Watercolours	Twila Robar-DeCoste
Hormone Replacement Therapy	Georgie McNeil	West Side Story	Neptune Theatre
Wreck of the Concordia	Maurice Tugwell	Wine Appreciation	Muir Murray

Other topics being considered:

Topic	Topic
Architecture of Wolfville or	Life-writing
Blue Beach Fossils	Local Issues

Communication via Computer	Photo Editing
Cross country skiing	Pilates
Foods of the World	Planters 250 years
French Conversation	Snowshoeing
Functional Fitness	South Asia
Gourmet cooking	Ukulele
Latin Dance gold	