

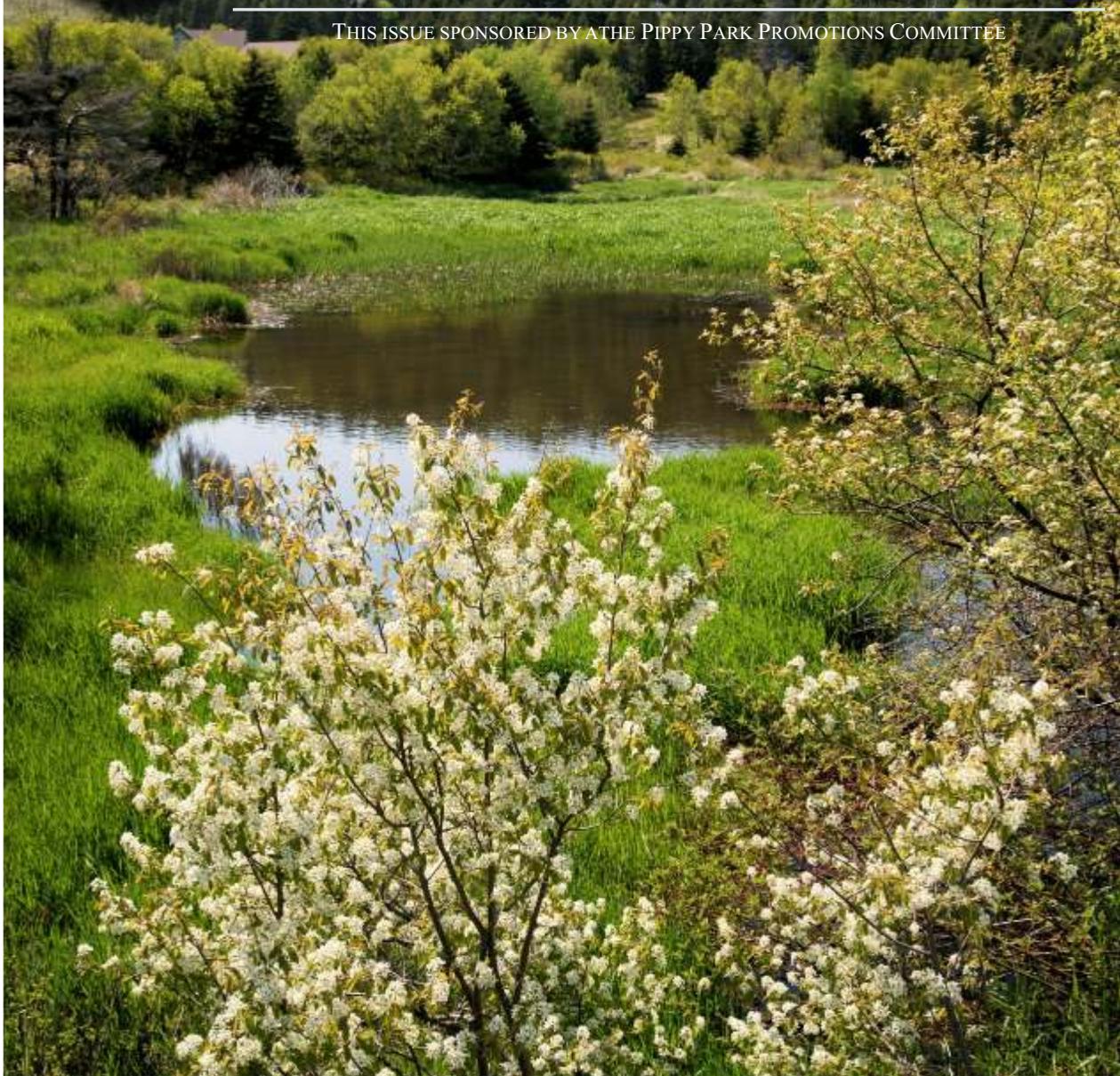


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Spring has arrived, flowers are blooming and fresh, new greenery is everywhere. Photo: Richard Stoker, May 22, 2012.

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Flower Blooms and Blossoms herald the arrival of Spring!

Spring has been a bit bashful this year. It makes a bold appearance for a few fleeting days, raising spirits everywhere. But, then, the cold, wet, grey days arrive for a week or more, and the happy thoughts melt away. Even early June brought many cold, frosty nights. In spite of it all, the colours of Spring are everywhere in Pippy Park.



ABOVE: Purple Lupines bloom along Prince Philip Drive, just opposite the Health Sciences Centre.

UPPER CENTRE: Crocus blooms glow in the early Spring sunshine.

LOWER CENTRE: Native cherry trees bloomed in great profusion around the Health Sciences Centre and at other locations in Pippy Park.

FAR RIGHT: How can one have Spring without dandelions? These ones were photographed at Memorial University.

Some of the first Spring blooms were seen along Allandale Road, behind Confederation Building. Hundreds of crocus flowers bloomed for about a week in April.

Since then, the spectacular flowers of the ornamental cherry trees in front of the Institute for Ocean Technology have come and gone.

For a while, it seemed like the park had been overtaken with dandelions. Their yellow faces seemed to be everywhere. Then, great profusions of little white blossoms on the native cherry trees were seen around the Health Sciences Centre and at other locations.



The Charlie Horwood Lady Slipper Orchid Walk was held on the weekend of June 9th. It was well attended, and a good number of Lady Slipper Orchids were reported to have been observed.

As spring changes to summer, the purple lupin is appearing in large quantities along Prince Philip Drive. From Wicklow Street to Clinch Crescent, opposite the Health Sciences Centre, the lupins are blooming in great numbers. Although the lupin plants seem a little smaller than usual, the number of flowers make up for it!

The temperamental weather hasn't been all bad. Farmer's fields dedicated to growing hay and grass are showing tremendous promise. As the final days of Spring wind down, pasture grass is already up to a walker's waist in many places.



MUN Residence Update



Work continues on the new student residence at Memorial University. When completed, it will add 500 residential units to campus. Presently students apply for about 1000 more residence spaces than are available.

It is anticipated that part of the new residence will open in Winter 2013, with the full building open the following Fall.

A four minute time lapse video of the construction so far is available on the www.mun.ca website. Link here:

http://www.mun.ca/hfcs/housingservices/on_campus/renos/timelapse.php

Lots for the kids to do!

Pippy Park attractions offer variety of summer camp experiences

Kids out of school? And bored already? Try these summer camp ideas:

Camps in French: *Canadian Parents for French* has summer camps, ages 5-8 and 9-12, with MUN's Division of Lifelong Learning. Full day and half day camps. Info: 864-7979, or online at www.mun.ca/lifelonglearning

Centre scolaire et communautaire des Grands-Vents, 65 Ridge Road, ages 9-15 with a good understanding of French, teacher Maryline Berthold leads sessions in painting, creative writing, calligraphy, and more. Info: 437-1019, mberthold@conseil-scolaire.nl.ca

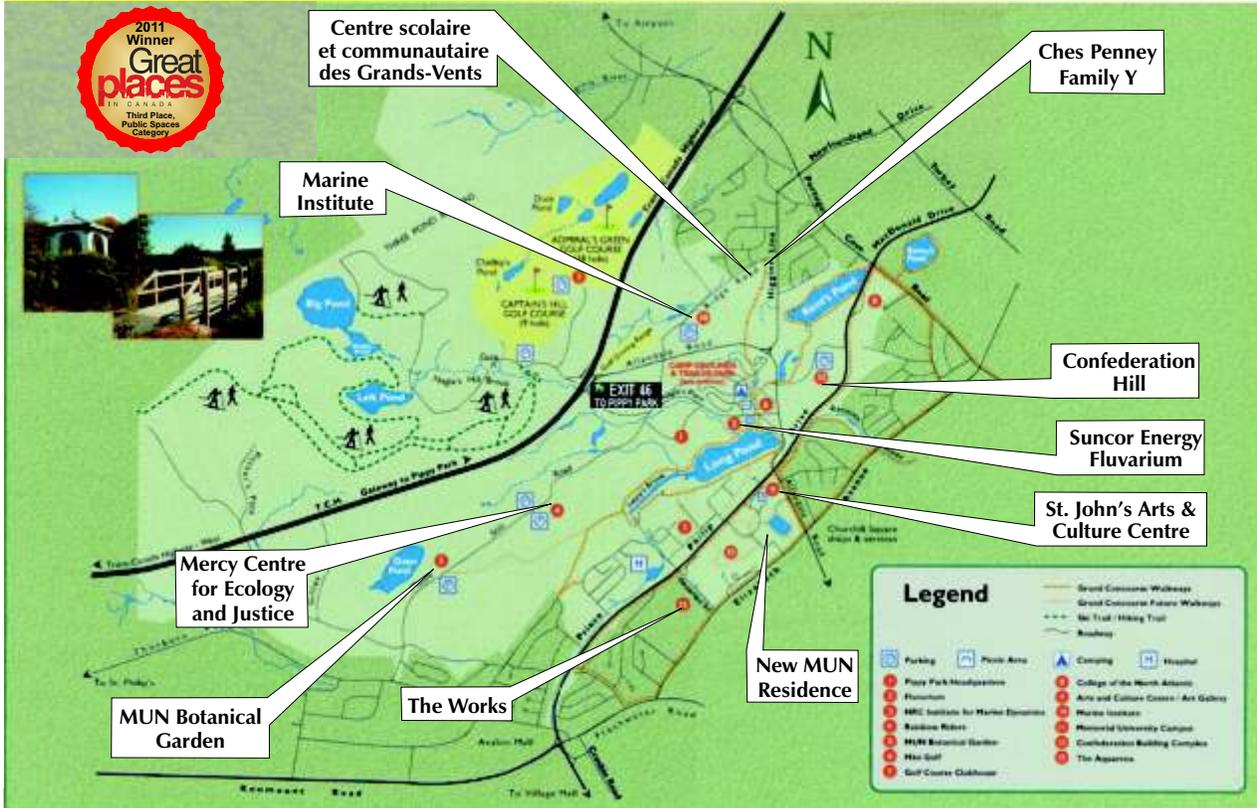
Camp Hollywood: *St. John's Arts and Culture Centre*. Performing arts camp! Entertainment oriented, culminating in Camp Hollywood stage production! Info on facebook, camphollywood.nl, or online www.camphollywood.ca

Junior Naturalist Camps: Perennial favourite! **MUN Botanical Garden**. Nine camps offered. Info: 864-8590, or online www.mun.ca/botgarden

The Works' Camp Whatchamacallit: *The Works, Aquarena, MUN Fieldhouse*. Variety of fun activities and games, swimming and sports for ages 5-12! Info: 864-2122, www.theworksonline.ca/camp/

Environmental Day Camp: *Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice*, 101 Mount Scio Road. For Grades 2 & 3. Songs, art, hiking, field trips and more! Info: 722-0082, teesm@hotmail.com

YMCA-YWCA of Northeast Avalon Day Camps: *Ches Penney Family Y*, 35 Ridge Road. Eleven amazing programs including art, music, learning, leadership and more! Age 6-8 at Ridge Road. Other ages at other locations. Info: 726-9622.

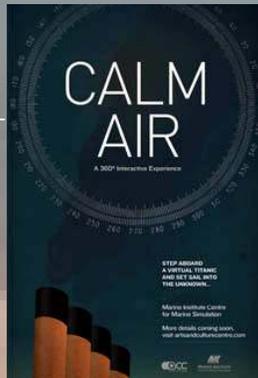


Calm Air, by Ben Pittman,

presented by the St. John's Arts and Culture Centre and the Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University

Throughout the summer Calm Air will be presented by The Fisheries and Marine Institute's Centre for Marine Simulation, in partnership with the St. John's Arts and Culture Centre, from June 26 - August 30, 2012 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The event, which will simulate the Titanic's maiden voyage, will be hosted at the main campus of the Marine Institute.

Calm Air begins as a simple boat tour to the Titanic wreck's Atlantic location. A guide named Harold brings a small group of interested people to the resting place of the tragic ship. It is learned that Harold's ancestor was Harold Bride, Junior Wireless Operator of RMS Titanic, at times throughout the play Harold "becomes" his great-grandfather. The group are transported to the moment the iceberg strikes and follow Harold Bride on his journey of survival. Bride escapes the wreck and is rescued by an old friend but the troubles are only beginning for Bride. The public demand answers for their dead, then Bride takes the stand and testifies. Will they blame him? The life of Bride flashes before his eyes and the small tour group witness the legacy of Titanic through Bride's struggles. He changes



back to Harold "the tour guide" but not before they all face the full fury of an Ocean swell. A new appreciation is gained for the ocean and it's seafarers as Harold guides the people home.

Join us for a full sensory interpretation of the Titanic's voyage. The full mission ship's bridge simulator will provide a 360 degree visual and full motion experience. This blend of theatre and technology will lead small groups on a 20 minute journey commemorating the Titanic tragedy.

The show is open to the public and tickets must be reserved in advance through the Arts and Culture Centre box office, or online through the Arts and Culture Centre website, <https://artsandculturecentre.com/stjohns/Online/>

Audience members are asked to use the west entrance of the Marine Institute and to please arrive 10 minutes before the performance's start time.

Step aboard a virtual Titanic and set sail!



Calm Air, by Ben Pittman
 Marine Institute, 155 Ridge Road (use west entrance)
 Tickets: (709) 729 3900,
 or online: <https://artsandculturecentre.com/stjohns/Online/>

Be a Friend!

Join the Friends of Pippy Park!
 New Friends are needed to help with Friends' initiatives, or to support the Friends through their annual member fee or special donation.



Join the Friends!

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Membership is only:
 - \$15 per year for individuals,
 - \$20 for a family of up to five,
 - \$50 for Non-profit groups/NGOs,
 - \$250 for corporate groups

Each Membership helps support Friends' activities that support Pippy Park!

Confederation Hill Canada Day!

Sunday, July 1
12:00 noon -
5:00 pm

Come to Pippy Park and join in the Canada Day celebrations! On Confederation Hill, there will be a free concert from noon - 5:00 pm, free Canada Day cake at 1:00 pm, and activities for the entire family!

Canada Day Celebration
Confederation Building
Prince Philip Drive



MUN Botanical Garden Canada Day Family Day

Sunday, July 1,
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

At the Memorial University Botanical Garden, family friendly events are planned from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, including crafts, stories, games, feed-the-ducks, nature hikes and more!

MUN Botanical Garden
306 Mount Scio Road
T: (709) 864-8590 F: (709) 864-8596



MUN Botanical Garden Commemoration Day

Sunday, July 1
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

At the MUN Botanical Garden, there will be remembrance activities commemorating July 1st as Memorial Day for Veterans and fallen soldiers of war. Remember to wear your Forget-me-nots, or get a paper one at the Garden!

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Parks Day 2012

July 21

Canada's Parks Day 2012 will take place on Saturday, July 21. Mark your calendar now and check the Canada's Park Day website for activities in a park near you.

Canada's Parks Day is an annual event where thousands of people participate in fun, educational, family-oriented events in parks and Historic Sites across the country. Many activities highlighted the important role that parks play in maintaining healthy and resilient ecosystems, protecting critical habitat for species-at-risk and contributing to human health and well-being.

Parks Day 2012
Canadian Parks Council
w: <http://www.parksday.ca/eng/index.html>



JULY

Calling all Gardeners of Pippy Park!

Do you or your group grow vegetables or have a garden in Pippy Park? Do you have challenges growing in Pippy Park?

The Friends of Pippy Park (FoPP) invite you to come together to discuss how we all might be able to enhance our individual efforts at establishing gardens and gardening programs in the Park. Sometimes there is strength and greater energy in multiple voices.

One issue that has been identified by many groups is a problem with transportation. We would like to discuss at this meeting how we could work to get a shuttle bus for Mount Scio Road, at least for the summer months, which would help bring program participants to the gardens. This would be our main focus for our inaugural session.

We would like to talk about this but also how else we may use a network of communication to help support everyone's efforts at growing food in the Park, educating the public about the benefits of growing locally, and discovering the benefits of re-using the remaining heritage farmland that is currently fallow in the Park.

Would you be willing to meet up for a quick hour long session in the next few weeks?

Thanks for your time,
Sharon D Pippy, Friends of Pippy Park
friends@pippypark.com

Please consider these other questions before the meeting:

1. What problems are you encountering as you try to grow in Pippy Park?
2. What successes are you having?
3. What would it take for you to think about growing in Pippy Park?
4. How do you want to get involved?
5. Where would you be able to meet for this first session – downtown, midtown, or in the Park itself?

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