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NAVAN NOTABLES – MARGARET MACNEILL



Our First Lady of Navan has gone west of Ottawa to fulfill a long time dream of hers and her husbands. They have built a beautiful home in Lanark. Before she went off to her new pied-a-terre, Marg left so much of herself here in our little village. Her energy and enthusiasm had no bounds. She would think of something and just do it. Someone would come up with an idea and she was on board. She never shirked from any effort that a project took.

She just did the work to accomplish the final product. Nothing was too difficult if it meant helping Navan become a more vibrant and friendlier community. My favourite picture of Marg is her driving her 3 wheeled bike around the village, bringing lunch to her Reg, who was working in the neighbourhood.

Marg belonged to most of our community groups and because of this she knew what was needed here. She worked as the Navan Fair Board Secretary for a few years and was an invaluable source of information and rules that guided the Navan Fair. In fact she began this newsletter "The Navan Nugget" while working there. She was a Navan Lions' Club member taking on many roles in the organisation; firing up the fellows to do all those wonderful activities that this group are noted for. If I am not mistaken, Marg was the first woman inducted into the Navan Lions' Club!! Jerry Calver, my husband, loved working with her as she was such a positive force in their organisation. "She brought new life, spearheading many new and needed activities and guided the Club by taking on positions on the Executive and becoming Zone Chairman".

She was also an active member of the Navan Community Association. She would go door-to-door selling memberships to the village core dwellers. As Secretary and President for many years, she became involved with the politicians in our county. I asked Rob Jellett about his time working with her. "there are people in every community in Canada who contribute. Some join the community association, or the local service club, or raise money for local causes, or help their neighbours through difficult times, or plant flowers and pull weeds, or write community newsletters or join the local agricultural society. We are all better because of these people. Navan is lucky to have a number of them. Navan, however, has only one Margaret MacNeill. She does all of these things and more and has been doing so for over 50 years. Marg has been honoured by the Governor General, receiving a Caring Canadian Award. She received the Citizen of the Year Award from the City of Ottawa, and the Melvyn Jones Award from Lions International. Marg has been recognized for doing what needed doing and in the process has made all of us better: made our community better and made our city better. Marg is one of those who

has realized that success is not how much money you make or what you do for yourself - it is what you do for others. If there is nobility in helping others, then "Dame" Margaret has a nice ring to it, don't you think?"

I spoke with Dorothy Poirier at the Nifty Fifty+ Group the other day. Dorothy will always remember Marg picking her up on Sundays to take her to church. What a kind and caring act on Marg's part. Shirley Fraser, a very good friend of Marg's, said this, "There is a song called "If I can Help Somebody" and I firmly believe that Margaret lives each day with this thought in her head. It is within the Lions Club that I saw her work it to the core under the Lions' logo of "We Serve". Margaret was always the first to volunteer her service no matter what was required. She is an "in charge" person and it was a joy to work with her. She always allowed us to work autonomously but those who worked with her on the committees knew we could ask her anything, and I mean anything and we would get our answers given to us in such a way that we looked forward to the task. She always made it FUN and appreciated. We all miss her here in Navan but know she will be an asset to whomever has the pleasure of having her join their group in the future. Our loss is their gain and we wish her every success in whatever way she decides to continue serving and helping others. We salute you Margaret. God Bless You.

Just before leaving Marg organized the Navan2Navan trip, where she and friends went to Navan, Ireland, and the Irish returned. Here are a few remarks made by members of the Irish Navanites in honour of Marg, "As a result of Margaret's efforts a 40 strong group of us decided we would have to do a return visit and check out what Navan Ontario had to offer. From 2011 onwards to this very day Margaret has maintained strong links with Ireland on behalf of the Navan Ontario community doing radio interviews here in Ireland to celebrate Canada Day and joining with Ottawa Irish societies to take part in St Patrick's Day parades in your capital city Ottawa. In January 2012, on hearing of our plan to visit Navan Ontario, Margaret set up a group there to meet, greet, billet, transport and feed us for our entire trip. She also included, in that group of dedicated volunteers, members from the Irish community resident in Ottawa. The task of catering for the Navan2Navan group would have been easier had the group consisted of 5 or 10 members but this travelling party consisted of more than 40 people! We here in Navan Ireland now consider the great people we met in Navan, Ontario to be our close friends and we cannot wait until we meet again and this is in no small measure due to the efforts of Margaret MacNeill. We consider her to be a truly outstanding Navan knight and Canadian and it is our huge pleasure and honour to have known her over the last few years. Kind regards, Chairman, Tony Brady and Chief Organiser Paddy Pryle."

So Marg, you have done a very fine job in Navan! Many are appreciative of all your time and efforts. Enjoy your new home, neighbours, and friends you will meet on the west side of Ottawa! Don't forget to come back to our events. You will be welcomed with open arms.! Thank you Marg for all you have done for our Navan!

By, Sheila Minogue-Calver



Meeting nights 2nd Tuesday
of each month

Navan Fair Beef Committee Funspiel
Saturday April 13th

The 5th annual Navan Fair Beef Committee Funspiel was a great event & was sold out again this year. There were 24 teams, made of a mix of curling experience - some 1st timer's, and some with 5 years experience - although we don't know if curling once per year at this event equals 5 years experience! The teams battled it out the entire day to put their name on the coveted "trophy"....a wooden curling stick, made by Gerry Lalonde, from Siberwood Builders. In the end, team "Jansson & Associate" edged out Lee Coburn's team, the defending champs, for this year's title. Even a power outage didn't dampen the spirits of the final game. Thanks to the Navan Curling Club for supporting this great fundraiser every year.

This event would not have been possible without the great sponsors, community members and volunteers. Special thanks to:

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This year we had a new feature - teams were asked to make a homemade curling stone. The picture shows some of the great creativity in our community. Congrats to Peter Jansson for his winning "salad-bowl-turned-curling-stone" entry!



AMBASSADOR COMPETITION

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Rules and Regulations:

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Entries will be accepted starting May 1, 2013 and the deadline is July 1, 2013. Please forward all entries to Sara McFadden at
sara_mcfadden13@hotmail.com.

The ambassador will be required to attend all fair days. They also must fulfill obligations outlined by the committee. Example: OAAS convention, CTAS Annual Meeting, Annual Navan Fair Parade, etc. Interviews will be held July 08, 2013 at the Navan Fair boardroom, 1279 Colonial Road, Navan.

Memberships

CTAS Navan Fair Memberships on sale for \$20 until May 31, 2013 at the Navan Fair Office.

Office hours in May will be:

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Wednesday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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St. Patrick's Day in Navan, Ireland

What a wonderful time we had when we—Bob Burns and his daughter Laurie and her husband Perry Watson--travelled to Ireland in March 2013 to visit our new friends in Navan, County Meath. Based in Navan, we spent eight days in Ireland, touring Dublin and the counties of Meath, Louth, Wicklow and Carlow.

We were warmly greeted throughout the week by many members of the Navan2Navan group who visited Navan, Ontario in August 2012: Patrick & Pamela Pryle and their son Oisin, Emer Duffy, Liam Burke, Lillie Byrne, Gary O'Hare, Serena & Art McManus, Tony Brady, Michael & Ellen McDonagh and their son Micheal, Margaret McGlone, Tracy Hanby, Martin Noone and Clodagh Roche. All told of their enjoyment of their visit to Navan and their fond recollections of the welcome they received. In turn we were taken into their hearts and shown an overwhelming welcome and warm hospitality.

Visiting Navan for the Shamrock Festival enabled us to participate in many activities, to meet many people, to be entertained by a wide range of talent, and to experience the rich culture of Ireland. The 2013 Shamrock Festival was launched at the Hill of Tara--a moving and magical place at dusk--as we watched for a beacon to be lit far across the valley on the Hill of Slane. Once the Slane beacon was sighted, a torch for the Shamrock Festival was ignited and borne from the Hill of Tara on the back of a fancy three-wheeled motorcycle. We followed in a convoy of emergency service vehicles, motorcycles and cars—it was very colourful and exciting. When we arrived at Navan Town Hall, Bob was honoured to carry the torch to set alight the Shamrock Festival Flame. The lighting of the flame was followed by words of welcome for us in the Town Hall and an interesting talk by a local historian describing Navan's history from Norman times to the 20th century. Using photos and maps, the presentation was an excellent introduction to the many historic sites that we visited in the following days. County Meath has a long and rich history. We toured Newgrange, the Battle of the Boyne site, and the home of the poet Francis Ledwidge. We saw Mellifont Abbey, the Hill of Slane, Trim Castle, Bective Abbey, and the head of martyred Saint Oliver Plunkett. A misty boat ride on the rivers Boyne and Blackwater gave us a unique perspective on the ancient settlements of Athlumney and Navan and their dependence on the rivers.

We attended the Navan Singers Circle where men and women come to sing or listen to old and new songs and recitations. We were thrilled by the unaccompanied singing, amused by the rollicking song and verse, and touched by the emotion of the ballads. Irish people are born storytellers and delight in sharing their song and verse.

We stayed at the Athlumney Manor in Navan. Pat and Pauline Boylan, were superb hosts, serving us full Irish breakfasts, plenty of hot tea and coffee, and great conversation. They have a son working in Calgary so they particu-

larly enjoy talking to Canadians. It is a common feature of discussion with all Irish people that their young people are emigrating to work in Canada, Australia and England. They are skilled and well educated but the recession has hit Ireland's employment very badly. However, Irish people have picked themselves up and are fighting back to attract new business and tourism. They have plenty of imaginative initiatives like the Shamrock Festival's tourist tractor ride offered to visitors. Personally guided by the inimitable Paddy Pryle, the commentary was colourful and informative as we viewed the streets and hills overlooking Navan to advantage from the slow-moving wagon, to the amusement of the townspeople.

St. Patrick's Day in Navan was an absolute riot of fun. On March 17th, after attending church at St. Mary's Church of Ireland—met by warm and friendly smiles, and seeing the maple



cross from Ontario in pride of place beside the altar—we joined in the festivities in the town. From our perch on the Navan, Ontario float in the parade, we were amazed at the huge crowds, and delighted by the friendly smiles and waves. We were especially struck by the wholesome, healthy Irish children, many of them with red hair, and all of them with rosy cheeks and laughing smiles. The day was capped off with a splendid fireworks display.

The hospitality of the Irish people was the highlight of our trip. If you have ever thought you might like to go to Ireland, we strongly encourage you to go. That's all there is to say: GO! You could not do any better than to do as we did: go at the time of a festival, base yourself in Navan, enjoy all that County Meath has to offer, and branch out from there to see other places. Check out the tourism section of the website for the County of Meath, www.meath.ie and you will see the many events taking place throughout the year. This year is a special one in Ireland as The Gathering 2013 www.thegatheringireland.com aims to bring people of Irish ancestry back to visit Ireland. Several initiatives are underway to attract people to Ireland and to help them look up their roots: Ireland Reaching Out www.irelandxo.com and Canada Come Home <http://canadacomehome.com> GO!

Contact me [Laurie at 613-835-2986] if you'd like more information. We haven't mentioned many of the other Shamrock Festival events--a pub quiz night, music sessions in the pubs, a ceilí of lovely young Irish dancers, a concert in a magnificent ballroom—or the warm pubs, the food and drink wherever we went, our visit to a dairy farm, our time in Dublin and in the counties south of Dublin! There is much more about our week in Ireland that we'd love to tell you.



**Meeting nights: 2nd & 4th Monday each month
at the Navan Curling Club – Lions Den**

The major event in the Activities of our Club was our participation in the wider world of Lions at the A4 Convention which took place from the 12th to the 14th April in the Brookstreet Hotel in the west of Ottawa. Conventions are unique events and combine a very serious dedication to the improvement of the Communities we serve and enjoyment of life and comradeship. Lions are very welcoming people and while at the Convention you are never lonely or ignored. We also learn a great deal about the activities and successes of other Lions Clubs and, as a result bring back new ideas to try in our community. Speaking of which, our next major Community event is the Bean Supper on the 19th of April. This event will have taken place by the time this report is published – but it is worth commenting that Navan Lions is trying a number of new ideas at this family event. There will be entertainment for all age groups. It is intended to be an affordable night out to which you can bring children. We will be interested to see how it works out and of course we encourage feedback from the community. Following this -our next event is a Ham and Scalloped Potatoes supper on Friday 14th June - please mark the date. Tickets will be sold in advance by Lions Ross Bradley, Don Macartney - or any other Lion you happen to run into between now and then. June is an important month for Lions as it marks the end of the Lions year – we will say goodbye to our retiring president Lion Tony Fiorentino and welcome our new president –Lion David Paterson.

Navan Lions will also be contributing to other forthcoming community events - The retirement party for Margaret MacNeil – on April 27th (to which all are welcome) ; The Carine Wilson "Relay for Life" which takes place in the Fairground on May 3rd, The RCPM Musical Ride and Street Dance on May 25th.

Lastly, the Navan Lions Club has just conducted a membership survey. The results clearly indicate that the Club is in a very healthy condition. Our membership is stable – perhaps growing slightly, and club members enjoy the activities and meetings very much. If you are interested in becoming a member – please speak to a Lion about this and ask to attend a meeting. Meetings take place on Monday nights twice a month in the Lions Room in the Curling Club Basement. The first meeting each month is mostly business and the second has less business, a superb meal served by the Navan Women's Institute and an invited speaker.

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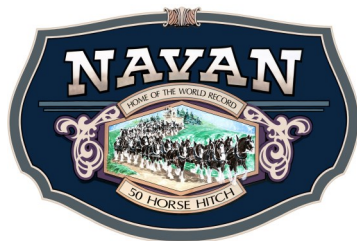
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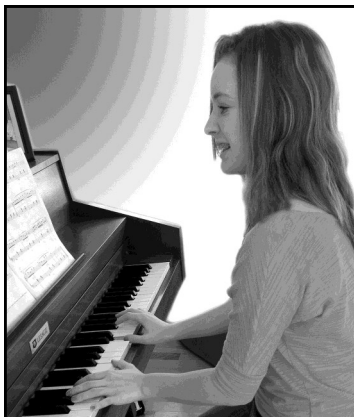
UPCOMING CHANGES FOR NAVAN YOUTH DANCES

The Navan Youth Dance on May 10th and June 14th will be held in the Education Barn directly behind the arena. We will have no access to the Navan Arena since it is under construction, in September we will return to the arena hall.

There will be BBQ hot dogs will be on sale for \$1.00 each until 8pm (or until they are all eaten). Wear your best country style outfit to the barn dance and practice your best country dance moves for your chance to win a prize.

We will have a special singing appearance by Sarah McAllister of Orleans during the half time break. Sarah has performed at the Shenkman art centre, mifo, several schools, churches and the civic centre in a choir.

Don't forget to dress according to the weather, there are no heaters in the barns. All regular dance rules still apply.



Singer Sarah McAllister

NIFTY FIFTY PLUS CLUB

Notice to All "50+" Residents in and around Navan. Come and join at the drop-in centre every Wednesday from 12:30—4:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall. Hope to see you then!!

NEXT NCA MEETING

Monday, May 20th, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. Upstairs at the Navan Arena.

FACEBOOK IS HERE!

Check out the link at www.navan.on.ca
Send us your community events to include on our Facebook page: email your event to webmaster@navan.on.ca for inclusion the FB page. Events also get posted on the calendar at www.navan.on.ca and in the Nugget.

Chair: Philippe Grandmaitre

Secretary: Christina MacPherson

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Youth: Tom Devecseri

Safety: Fred St.Pierre



Students Collecting Shoes for Charity

If you're thinking of doing some serious spring cleaning and your closets are the first thing you intend to tackle, consider sending some of your clean, gently worn footwear to a couple of worthwhile charities. Heritage Public School is once again conducting its May shoe drive and the school is hoping to top its record of last year by collecting more than 300 pairs of shoes for two organizations – Sole Responsibility (soleresponsibility.org) and Soles4Souls (soles4souls.com).

While Sole Responsibility focuses on collecting athletic footwear (running shoes and sport sandals) to ship to African nations, Soles4Souls collects any footwear that can be refurbished for those in need at home and abroad.

The students at Heritage P.S. will be collecting adults and children's footwear throughout the month of May and the community is urged to drop off their donations in the main foyer of the school, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Donors are also being asked to include \$2 per pair to help offset the cost of the canisters used to ship the footwear, first to the repair depots and, ultimately, to their final destinations.



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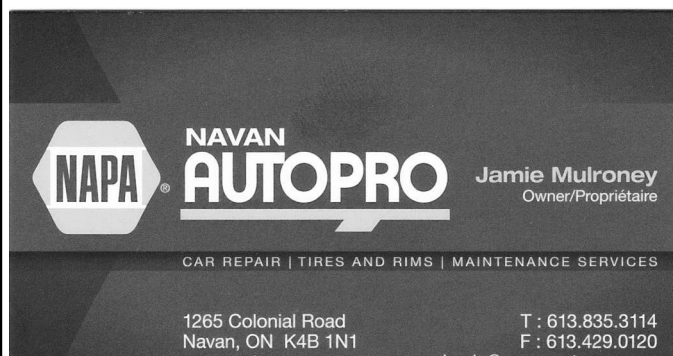
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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



NAVAN AUTOPRO

Spring has finally arrived and so has Navan Autopro. The former Navan Automotive was officially closed down as of February 1st 2013. As many of you noticed, Navan no longer has a gas station and we are here to tell you why.

Under new ownership of the property, Jamie Mulroney and Ben Lalonde are proud to introduce Navan Autopro. With extensive renovations both interior and the soon to come exterior, Navan Autopro will be presenting an award winning business model and franchise to the Navan community. Teamed up with one of Ottawa's best technicians, updated diagnostic equipments, courtesy vehicles, warranty and roadside assistance programs and our signature "Concierge Services" we intend to bring an unparalleled level of service.

As for the gas station... We had every intention of keeping the gas station operational but under the current governing laws, contaminated soil was found on the property and furthermore, underground storage fuel tanks need to be replaced every 25 years. Since the existing tanks are 25 years of age as of December 2013 and it would cost \$500,000 to replace them, not to mention the cost to clean up the contamination, we were forced to remove the tanks and close the gas bar.

What you can expect from Navan Autopro...

Navan Autopro the sister company of Orleans Autopro (an award winning service center) has brought their concept to Navan. With Navan Autopro, you will receive an incredible amount of value added services. We understand that transportation to and from work can be challenging when living in Navan if you are without your vehicle. In order to remove this logistical nightmare, we simply lend you a car while we service your vehicle at no additional cost to you. Once you pick up your vehicle, you will find it freshly washed inside and out... yes we vacuum the inside, wipe the dash and clean your door jams, not to mention you will always have a full windshield washer reservoir. We guarantee you will be in control of your money throughout the entire process. In fact, we promise you will, otherwise you don't pay. In addition, roadside assistance is provided to all our maintenance clients at no cost and is valid for an entire year.

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If your car is still under warranty, there is no need to go to the dealer. Our technicians have received factory training on all makes and models and are ready to help you take advantage of your manufacturer's vehicle warranty. Most of all, we love spending the car companies money doing warranty work. This saves you from spending your own hard earned dollars. Also, there is information we cannot publish in articles like this for political reasons but we invite you to stop by and we will spill the beans that will in turn change the way you see things about car manufacturers.

Now we could go on for another three pages of services we provide, but we hope you will find out first hand. We plan on being heavily involved in the community and look forward to meeting every one of you.

Jamie Mulroney and Ben Lalonde

THE MAYOR'S RURAL EXPO

Friday, May 31, 2013
7:00am-2:00pm
at Ottawa City Hall

Ottawa is Canada's largest agricultural city and by combining the Mayor's Rural Expo with Food Aid Day, it is sure to be a large-scale event for all Ottawa residents to enjoy.

The day will start off with a Pancake Breakfast from 7 am to 9 am with proceeds being donated to the Ottawa Food Bank's Food Aid program.

The Food Aid BBQ will take place starting at 11:00am. Rural businesses will be on hand to showcase their product/service or event at the Rural Expo from 8 am to 2 pm both inside Jean Pigoit Hall and outside in Marion Dewar Plaza. Please plan to drop by City Hall throughout the day on Friday, May 31st and visit some of the great attractions and businesses from rural Ottawa.



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This year Cairine Wilson Secondary School students are organizing their 10th annual Relay for Life. It will be held on May 3rd at the Navan Fair Grounds as they have done for the past years. Each year, the students put their heart and soul into fundraising great amounts of money towards cancer research. There are an estimated 400 students participating this year who have set a goal of raising \$53,000. Relay for Life is Cairine Wilson's biggest and most successful event, one that involves the entire Cairine Wilson community, including many students who call Navan home. This year, the students played a huge role in organizing the event, with help from their principal Mr. Gilmore and members of the parent council. The event is very much underway and all participants are looking forward to being welcomed once again by the wonderful Navan community. By Meghan Bryson

ORLEANS-GLOUCESTER CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB –

Wednesday, May 8th, 2013 at 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Orleans United Church Hall, 1111 Orleans Blvd. Come, bring your mom or a memory of her, and enjoy "The Best Mom's Brunch". Guest speakers and musicians: Kary and Melody Long: \$7 includes brunch, door prizes and free childcare – by reservation.

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A REMINDER TO DOG OWNERS IN NAVAN

In the last week or so there have been two unprovoked attacks by large dogs, one of these was quite serious. In both instances dogs were off leash when they should not have been. The city by-laws can be found at <http://ottawa.ca/en/residents/laws-licenses-and-permits/laws/respecting-animal-care-and-control-law-no-2003-77>. Please note that in Navan there are no public areas where a dog can be off leash, this includes the multi-use trail. If you are injured in any way or are the victim of an attack, you should call the by-law enforcement officer at the city number 311. Also please remember to Scoop the Poop and place the bags in the garbage.

A REMINDER FOR ALL DRIVERS

With warmer weather arriving, the Ottawa Police Service has received an increase of complaints relating to aggressive drivers approaching riders on horseback. The OPS would like to remind motorists especially those travelling in rural areas, to drive with care when approaching and overtaking drawn or ridden horses.

"According to the Ontario Highway Traffic Act sec 167 (\$110); every person having the control or charge of a motor vehicle on a highway, when approaching a horse or other animal that is drawing a vehicle or being driven, led or ridden, shall operate, manage and control the motor vehicle.. So as to exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the frightening of the horse or other animal and to ensure the safety and protection of any person...Riding upon the horse or other animal. Further, whenever being overtaken, everyone on horseback shall turn out to the right and allow the overtaking vehicle to pass".

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An upcoming event sponsored by this club is;
The Heritage and Power Show
May 25th and 26th, 2013
Cumberland Heritage Village Museum

NAVAN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 8, 7PM
In the Lions' Den, Navan Curling Club
Bring your yearly fees if you haven't already!

KNOTTY KNITTERS

We meet Mondays between 1 and 3PM
We return to Café Latte Cino. At the corner of Innes and Tenth Line, for the Spring, Summer and Fall. Come on out and join us. If you have any problem with a project someone in our group will be able to help you out.!

NAVAN KNIGHTS

Spring is coming and so is the end of the school year. Teens, if you need volunteer hours, come out to help Navan Seniors in their homes and yards. Give me a call and I can set you up. Call Sheila 613-835-4296 or email at samc@travel-net.com.

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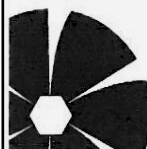
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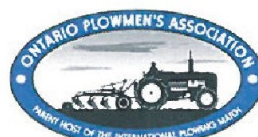


THE PURPLE MARTIN

This has been a long winter and signs of spring are perhaps even more welcome than ever. One of the signs of spring are the Swallows – when the Swallows return – winter is officially over. We are lucky in that we are visited by the largest of the Swallow family, the Purple Martin. When I moved to Navan from the city in 1981 a number of Purple Martin houses were evident. I particularly remember seeing one or two large houses in Ham Brererton's property where the blacksmith's shop used to be on Trim Road. These have now gone – which is sad in a way - because Purple Martins only nest in man-made nesting boxes in this region. Starlings and Sparrows compete for nesting space in natural cavities and the Martins are losing out. In the 1980s Meadowview school organised a number of smaller nesting boxes along a nature trail but these too have now disappeared. The much beloved mosquito was the original reason for trying to attract Purple Martins to Navan – Purple Martins have the reputation of being prodigious eaters of mosquitos and they do indeed catch insects from the air, but though they are agile hunters and eat a variety of winged insects, they usually fly relatively high, so mosquitos do not form a large part of their diet. It is also very noticeable that Navan's mosquito population has markedly declined since the 1980s – so the reason for installing nesting boxes is not so pressing as it once was. Nevertheless, it would be good if we could entice these wonderful flying acrobats back to our community so think about building a nesting box – “if we build them – they will come”.

If you do wish to help attract them here is a very useful website: <http://purplemartin.org/main/mgt.html>. This explains how to site and build nesting boxes so they will attract Martins and keep out other species. This website also contains a wonderful map which shows the migratory path from the Amazon Basin to North America. It indicates that purple Martins should be in this region by May 1st - and since it is almost May 1st – perhaps summer is finally on the way!

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