

The Elizabeth Bishop Society of Nova Scotia *Newsletter*

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Editorial

We are excited to present details of The Elizabeth Bishop Festival, which will take place in Great Village, N.S., on Saturday 8 August 2015. After taking a breather from EB100 legacy projects, which wound down in 2014, the Board decided to host another festival, somewhat smaller in scale than the EB100 Arts Festival, but still diverse and exciting.

The festival is inspired by the themes that mattered most to Elizabeth Bishop: home, place, memory, family, history, geography, travel, the natural world, and the five senses. It will bring together over 30 Nova Scotia artists and artisans to share their work, thoughts and ideas about the creative process with art lovers from near and far.

This “Festival Issue” of the newsletter provides details of the program and shows you the artists and artisans who will be participating. The EBSNS has set up The Elizabeth Bishop Facebook page and Twitter account. You can like the festival on Facebook and follow it on twitter. You can also learn more about the festival on our website and the EB100 blog.

The Elizabeth Bishop Festival is a one-day arts extravaganza you won't want to miss! We look forward to seeing you “In the Village!”

The EBSNS is excited to announce that we have a new website (www.elizabethbishopns.org). We are delighted with the new look and hope that you will take time to check it out. We want to thank former Board member Rebecca Colwell and website designer Heidi Helm for their good work on this important change.



The EBSNS was formed in 1994 to celebrate the life and work of the poet Elizabeth Bishop. The society seeks through its various activities and projects to promote the appreciation and study of Elizabeth Bishop as a Nova Scotia writer. The EBSNS publishes an annual newsletter and holds its AGM in Great Village in June of each year. For more information about the EBSNS and about membership, see our website: www.elizabethbishopns.org. You can also find more information about Elizabeth Bishop on the EBSNS blog: www.elizabethbishopcentenary.blogspot.ca.

All Day:

Exhibition of "Elizabeth Bishop 'Ghost Drawings'" by artist Carol Laing.

Location: Elizabeth Bishop House
(Time 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 P.M.)

Exhibition of work by Colchester County artists.

Location: "In the Village" Café

Rosalee Peppard, singing some of her songs about amazing women.

Location - Elizabeth Bishop House
(Time 11:00 a.m.- 12:00p.m.)

Blacksmith Tom Spence will be working at his portable forge.

Location: Elizabeth Bishop House yard.

Walking tours: Guided and Self-Guided.
Guided tours will happen throughout the day and start at St. James Church. Pick up a free booklet and do a self-guided tour.

There will be a number of Great Village residents in period costume wandering around the village and interacting with visitors.

Sponsored by the Elizabeth Bishop Society of Nova Scotia in partnership with the St. James Church Preservation Society, Great Village.



Suzie LeBlanc

The EBSNS is thrilled to have renowned Acadian soprano Suzie LeBlanc headline the Elizabeth Bishop Festival. Suzie is the Honorary Patron of the Elizabeth Bishop Society of Nova Scotia. Her CD "I am in need of music," settings of Bishop poems by four Canadian composers (done for the Elizabeth Bishop Centenary in 2011), won an East Coast Music Award and was a finalist in the Lieutenant-Governor's Masterworks Arts Award, both in 2013. Her festival concert will celebrate music from the 45th Parallel North. She will be accompanied by a band of stellar musicians.

THE ELIZABETH BISHOP FESTIVAL



AUGUST 8TH, 2015

**GREAT VILLAGE
NOVA SCOTIA**

Be inspired

Be entertained

Schedule of Events

8:00–9:30 a.m. — Breakfast at "In the Village" Café — with Cape Breton comedian Kenzie Gunn. Cost: TBA by the Café

9:00a. m.–12:00 p.m. — Festival Market with a dozen Nova Scotia artists and artisans: Appleton Chocolates (Alan Heustis), Bookmark of Halifax, Brenda Barry, Marie Eaton, Emma FitzGerald, Wanda Frizzell, Carole Langille, Andrew Meredith, Sandra and Tony Phillips, Gary Shears, Mary Ellen Sullivan with Open Heart Farming, Poetry Soap Box, and more. Location: Great Village Legion

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. — "In the Village" wagon ride with Beth Terry as EB and Gordon Lewis as Pa Bulmer

10:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m. — "The Art of Storytelling" with Halifax storyteller Claire Miller. Location: St. James Church

11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. — Poetry reading with Joanne Light, Chad Norman, Alexander Patterson, Libby Schofield. Location: St. James Church

12:00–1:30 p.m. — Face painting with popular Halifax face painter Susan Kerslake on church lawn: Location: St. James Church / "Fun Photo Booth" with Laurie Gunn. Location: kitchen of Elizabeth Bishop House

12:00–1:30 p.m. – Lunch at "In the Village" Café — with musician Joanne Hatfield and painter Mark Hamilton: Location: St. James Church. Cost: TBA by the Café

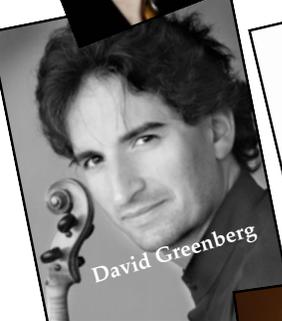
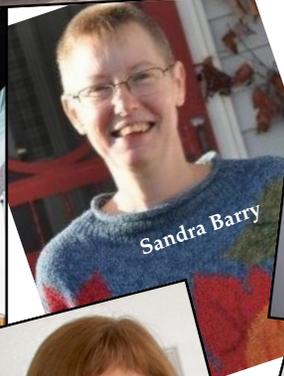
1:30–3:00 p.m. "Writing the World": Literary arts panel conversation with writers John Barnstead, Binnie Brennan, Carole Langille and Harry Thurston. Moderator: Sandra Barry. Location: St. James Church. Cost: **\$3.00**

3:15–4:45 p.m. "Painting the World": Visual arts panel conversation with visual artists Emma FitzGerald, Carol Laing, Joy Laking, Linda Rae Dornan. Moderator: Anne Koval. Location: St. James Church. Cost: **\$3.00**

5:00–6:30 p.m. Supper at "In the Village" Café — With dessert, a screening of "Heritage Minute" created by Laura Sharpe, Serena George and April Sharpe. Q&A Cost : TBA by Café

7:30–9:00 p.m. "Music from the 45th Parallel North," with renowned Acadian singer Suzie LeBlanc and her band: David Greenberg (violin); Nick Halley (keyboard and percussion); Kiya Tabassian (setar and percussion). Location: St. James Church. Cost: **\$15.00**

THE FESTIVAL TALENT



COME BE INSPIRED & ENTERTAINED

Elizabeth Bishop Society Annual General Meeting

Saturday, 20 June 2015

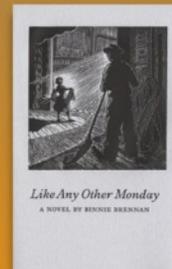
“In The Village” Cafe

1:30 pm

Join us for The Elizabeth Bishop Festival warm-up!

Learn about this one-day arts extravaganza that will take place in Great Village on Saturday, 8 August 2015.

Festival author Binnie Brennan will be on hand to read from her new novel *Like Any Other Monday*, based on the life of comedian Buster Keaton.



Reception to follow meeting. Treats provided by the café.

Everyone is welcome.