### CHRISTMAS TREES

#### Daily **SOBCZAK CHRISTMAS**

Trees, Carleton Pace. 'Cut your own' or pre-cut pine, spruce and balsam. Christmas trees priced from \$25 and up. Lanark Street off Townline Road East, Hwy 29, Carleton Place. Weekdays noon-4:30pm. Weekends 9:30-4:30pm.

### 613-828-5608. Dailv 9-5pm **CEDAR HILL**

**CHRISTMAS** Tree Farm. Cut-your-own and fresh-cut. Wagon rides, bonfire, straw play area, hot chocolate, washroom, sliding hill. Hw. 417 to 155 exit Almonte. Cedarhillchristmastreefarm.com 613-256-3029.

#### Daily 9-7pm **FALLOWFIELD TREE FARM**

Hot chocolate, bonfire while you cut-your-own or choose a freshcut Christmas tree, right here in Ottawa. Hay wagon rides, weekends, 6100 Fallowfield Road, west of Hwy. 416 exit. 613-720-3451.

### Daily 9-5pm **THOMAS TREE FARM**

North Gower, 20 minutes south. Quality Spruce, Balsam, Scotch pine trees, wreaths. Complimentary with each tree purchase, hayrides, horse drawn sleigh rides, hot chocolate, cookies, bonfire, boughs, tree cleaning, wrapping. thomastreefarm.ca 613-489-2314. Daily

#### December 3 - 24 THE ROYAL'S **CHRISTMAS**

Tree Sale. Beautiful balsam fir. Proceeds support client activities. 1145 Carling Ave. 3-8pm weekdays. 10-6pm weekends, 613-889-9876.

### Weekends **LOG CABIN CHRISTMAS**

Trees, cut-your-own or precut. Complimentary wagon rides, wood fire in cabin, hot chocolate. Weekends follow signs to Sixth Road, corner of **Country Roads** #9 and #15 near Avonmore. 613-538-2382.

## THIS WEEK

### December. 8 **SENIOR ARTISANS**

Craft Sale, Sale, today only. Pottery, knitting, jewelry, woodwork, natural skin care, dolls and much more. 9-3pm. Ottawa City Hall, Elgin at Lisgar, Jean Piggott Hall. 613-225-6641.

#### December 8-11 **ALICAT ART STUDIO**

Christmas Art show featuring artists Alison Fowler and Andrew King. Opening night Dec 8th 5-8pm. Dec 9th 5-8pm.Dec 10th 12-6pm. Dec 11th 12-5pm. 1395B Wellington West. www.alicatart.com www.andrewkingstudio.com 613-218-7232.

#### December 9 **NEPEAN CHOIR** Concert featuring Vivaldi's

Gloria; Christmas carols with guest soloists and instrumentalists 7:30 pm Woodroffe United Church, 207 Woodroffe Ave. \$20 general; \$10 children. 613-733-1109

#### www.nepeanchoir.ca December 9-11

## **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Place. Museum of Civilization festive setting! 30 artisans, breads, cheeses, confectioneries, local products, handcrafted objects and jewelry, fashion accessories. Free Admission. 100, rue Laurier Street, Gatineau.

## www.civilization.ca

December 10 **ITALIAN SOIREE** 

### THIS WEEK

7:30 pm "Italian soirée" piano recital by Mauro Bertoli, First Unitarian Church, 30 Cleary Avenue. Tickets \$20 in advance from Compact Music & Leading Note. \$25 at door.Info: 613-232-7587. Refreshments to follow, www.danteottawa.ca December 10

## **OTTAWA LOCAVORE**

Food Fair. Crichton Cultural Community Centre, 39 Dufferin. 26 local artisan food vendors. 10-4pm. Free Admission. www.ottawalaff.ca December 10

### **GALLERY PERTH,** CODE'S

Mill, Perth presents "The Life Fantastic" Art Show. Vernissage Saturday December 10, 2-5pm. 17 Wilson Street E. A fantastic splash of carnival colours, 613-264-8338. www.galleryperth.

### December 11 **RA CENTRE**

Christmas Craft Sales, Crafts Galore, Gifts to Adore. RA Centre, Riverside Drive at Bronson. Craft Shows. 10 to 4, free admission, free parking. Over 40 vendors. 613-744-0989.

### December 11 **BYTOWN VOICES**

Under the direction of Robert Jones presents Spanish and South American carols and traditional holiday favourites. 3pm. St. Basil's Church, Maitland, North of the Queensway. \$10 at the door, free for 12 and under. 613-521-4997 www.bytownvoices.com

### December 11

**POTTER & ART SALE** 

Country Christmas, Pine Ridge Studio, 6114 Carp Road. All Pine Ridge pottery 1/2 price. Paintings by Janice Johnston and Brenda Beattie. 10-4pm. 613-832-2156.

December 11 JOIN THE OTTAWA Voyageurs, Free, join us, 5 or 10 km Christmas lights walk. 6-7pm. Willy and Juan's, 2402 St. Joseph Blvd., Orleans. Social to follow. 613-824-1583.

### December 13 CHAMPLAIN PARK

www.ottawavoyageurs.ca

Garden Club slideshow and talk with Linda Thorne on the gardens of the Netherlands. 7pm. Champlain Park Fieldhouse, Island Park Dr. and Scott. Holiday potluck, bring appetizers. Drop in fee \$5, 613-728-1945. December 15

## **OTTAWA WOMEN'S**

Canadian Club luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 15, 12:30pm. Ballroom of the Fairmont Chateau Laurier. The C Flats Jazz Ensemble will provide seasonal music. Luncheon tickets

613-737-6075. www.owcc.ca

Daily **DIEFENBUNKER** 

## **MUSEUM**

Tour the Diefenbunker, Canada's Cold War Museum. 3911 Carp Road. Once-secret Cold War bunker open to the public. Adults \$14.+tx. Seniors \$13.+Tx. Students \$10.+Tx. Youth (6-18) \$8.+Tx. Tour times www.diefenbunker.ca 613-839-0007.

## Sundays

**CARP ROAD FLEA** Market 2079 Carp Road,

Stittsville. Antiques, furniture, books, china, toys, lots more. Forget the rest-come to the best, every Sunday 9-5pm year round, free admission, free parking.

### 613-836-3103. **OVEREATERS**

ANONYMOUS Are you a compulsive eater?

### WELLBEING

OA is a 12-step program that has helped for more than 50 years. No dues, no fees. Meetings are held every day. 'Recovery is possible, one day at a time.' www.oa-ottawa.ca 613-820-5669.

#### December 6 LYMPHOMA SUPPORT

Group of Ottawa. Cancer Diet - Nutrition Do's and Don'ts. Joanne MacNeill, MScRD, Dietician, Irving Greenberg Family Cancer Centre Hospice at May Court, 114 Cameron. 4-6pm. Isgo.ca 613.244-1060. December 13

### **CHRISTIAN CARE FOR**

Men with chronic conditions: biblical support and preparation for suffering, pain, and joy. First monthly meeting: Fireside Room, The Met, 2176 Prince of Wales, corner of Hunt Club, Prince of Wales. 3-5 pm. 613-722-2385

## **OTTAWA DIAL 2-1-1**

Free, confidential, multi-lingual non-emergency phone number to connect you to community, social, government and health services information in Ottawa. Bilingual, certified, information, referral specialists. www.211ontario.ca\_

### AMILY

# **Until December 17**

**NEARLY NEW SHOPPE** Christ church Cathedral, 420 Sparks at Bronson. "Closing Out Sale". Wed. & Thurs. 10-2pm. Saturdays 10-1pm. Winter apparel, accessories, jewellery. 613-236-9149x31. December 9, 10, 11

## HAIRSPRAY

Presented by Suzart Productions. St. Paul High School, 2675 Draper Ave. December 9 and 10-7pm. December 10 and 11-2pm. \$25 adults; \$20 seniors/students. \$15 for children 12 and under. Box office: 613-828-3500. www.suzart.ca

### December 10 THE SCHOOL OF **DANCE**

Presents 'Winter Fantasy', a family performance of lively and whimsical dances that celebrate winter. 3 or 7pm. Tickets and information 613-238-7838. December 10

### **PARKDALE UNITED** CHURCH

Jacob Moon and his string quartet will welcome Christmas with carols and holiday songs. 7:30pm. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. 429 Parkdale Ave. 613.728-8656.

### www.parkdaleunitedchurch.ca December 10, 11

**TRINITY ANGLICAN** CHURCH

Dec. 10, Community Carol Sing, 4pm. December 11, Words and Music 4 pm. 1230 Bank Street at Cameron Avenue. Free will offering. 613-733-7536.

## December 11

**OUT OF THE COLD** 

3 pm. Ernie Cox and his band present A Gospel Christmas in support of the Out of the Cold program to feed the homeless. Knox Presbyterian Church, Lisgar and Elgin. Adults \$10 children \$5. www.knoxottawa.ca 613-238-4774.

December 11 **SPCA OF WESTERN** Quebec 659 Auguste Mondoux, Gatineau (Aylmer Sector) 819-770-7722 www.aylmer-hullspca.gc.ca Open House and Santa Pics, Visit between 11-4, with your "furry companion" and have a picture taken with Santa.

### December 11 **CORELLI'S CHRISTMAS**

CONCERTO

And a Service of Lessons and

### **FAMILY**

Carols presented by Riverside Churches of Ottawa choirs and a string quartet. 7pm. 3191 Riverside Drive, near Walkley. Freewill offering. Refreshments. Free parking. 613-733-7735.

#### December 11 **COMMUNITY CONCERT**

And Carol Sing, 2:30pm. St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church, 2400 Alta Vista Drive. Enjoy special music presented by soloists, choirs, instrumentalists, a brass ensemble and a bell choir. Refreshments. Free will offering. 613.733-0131.

### December 11 **DIVINE MYSTERY**

7pm. A journey in music and scripture through Advent and Christmas. Southminster United Church, 15 Avlmer Ave, corner of Bank. 613.730-6874. Free will offering for the Christmas Hamper Project. 613.730-5305. December 13

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**



At Brantim, Want to learn how to make your own fabulous winter container arrangement or wreath? Come to our 'do-ityourself' workshop, bring a friend! Lots of pre-made arrangements and wreaths still available - makes a unique gift. 613-256-4940

# www.brantim.com

**Sports Card** & Comic **Book Show** 

Sunday, Dec. 11 Walkley Arena Jim Durrell Complex



Registration for Winter Term Monday, January 9, 7pm

All Saints Anglican Church 347 Richmond Rd, Westboro www.osts.ca

613-824-8780

Perth Citizens Band, with musical guests Oddities, 7:30pm St. James Anglican Church, Perth, \$5 each or \$10 family. 613-256-4221. www.perthband.ca

December 14 **PET LOSS SUPPORT** Group of Ottawa-Carleton 7:45pm. A safe, welcoming place to find support coping with the death or impending death of your beloved pet. Downstairs Boardroom of the Sandy Hill

Community Centre, 250 Somerset, East, 613-834-2955. **December 15** 

## **HOLIDAY SUPPORT**

Program. The holidays can be very difficult for anyone who has experienced the death of someone loved. 6:30 to 7:30 pm Central Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, 315 McLeod Street. RSVP 613-233-1143. continualcare@mcgarryfamily.ca December 15

**500 YEARS OF** 

### **FAMILY**

**CHRISTMAS** Ottawa StoryTellers. NAC's 4th Stage, 7:30, \$20 from NAC box office or go www.ottawastorytellers.ca Ages 13+. 613-296-1030. December 16

## **FAMILY ASTRONOMY &**

Space Workshop 7pm. Create a cloud mobile Come to the Canada Science and Technology Museum to learn about space weather on other planets, create real clouds indoors and make your own cloud mobile. www. sciencetech.technomuses.ca 613-991-3053.

### December 16-17 **TRACES**

An evening of fresh and original Contemporary Dance choreographies presented by The School of Dance. Friday, December 16 and Saturday, December 17, 2011. 7:30pm at the Arts Court Theatre. Tickets-information, call 613-238-7838.

### December 18 **RIDEAU PARK UNITED**

Church, Christmas concert, A Festival of Carols, featuring the Chancel Choir, North Winds Brass, Touch of Brass Bell Choir, and Amy Neal, Dance Sunday, 4 pm. 2203 Alta Vista Drive. 613-733-3156. www.rideaupark.ca

# December 18

**KNOX PRESBYTERIAN** Church Choir leads a service of Lessons and Carols in preparation for Christmas at Knox, corner of Lisgar and Elgin, at 4 PM. Freewill offering. www.knoxottawa.ca 613-238-

### 4774. December 18

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED Church, Pakenham. Tapestry of Light, 7:30pm Celtic Christmas Celebration by the Pakenham Community Choir and musicians. Free will donation to Lanark County Food Bank. 613.256-8190.

### December 18, 24, 25 ST. JOHN'S UNITED

Church, 400 Prescott Street, Kemptville, 613-258-3259. stjohnsk@magma.ca December 18, Service of Solace 1:30pm. December 24, /pm Christmas Eve Family Service. 10pm Christmas Eve Service. Dec. 25, Worship at 10 a.m. 2012

### **LEARNING IN** RETIREMENT

Carleton University offers daytime\_non-credit courses in a wide range of subjects. The Winter 2012 Session runs January 16 to February 27. Register now, visit carleton.ca/ cie/linr

### 613-520-2600 x 1756. **CITY OF OTTAWA**

Services 3-1-1 TTY 613-580-2401 ottawa.ca

### **COUNTRY CAT** Sanctuary Registered Rescue.

This Christmas give the gift of hope to rescued felines by supporting our "Emergency Vet Care Fund". Tax receipts are issued. www.countrycatrescue. com 613.836-5350.

**MOBILE PET VET** West Ottawa Veterinary Mobile Service. Your pet(s), at

your home, at your convenience. Dr. Bob Georgeson DVM. www.westottawavet.com Call: 613.795-2022. **HEARTWOOD HOUSE** 

# www.heartwoodhouse.

ca Charitable organization in Ottawa, that provides a home to 18 non-profit groups. Our member organizations collectively provide a wide variety of programs and service to a great number of people for more than 10 years. Join us ...

### DATEBOOK

### **December 16 ANDREW CRAIG'S**

Gospel Christmas with the NAC Orchestra, Outstanding cast of vocalists in gospel arrangements of your favourite seasonal

carols. Friday, Dec. 16, 7 pm Tickets from \$25. Ticketmaster 1-888-991-2787. nac-cna.ca **December 17** 

### **STAIRWELL CAROLLERS**

Concert of Carols, by award winning choir that donates all profits to local charities. Donation: Harmony House, Ottawa's only second-stage women's shelter. St. Columba Church, 24 Sandridge. 7:30 pm. Reception, \$15. Children 12 and under free. www.stairwellcarollers.com 613-828-5131. **December 18** 

# **OTTAWA'S FARMERS'**

Market 'Christmas at Lansdowne' 9-3pm, A magical Christmas market in the Aberdeen Pavillion. All your favourite vendors and many new ones 'from the heart of the land at Christmas'. **December 18** 

### **CHORUS ECCLESIAE** 3 and 8pm. Chorus Ecclesiae,

conducted by Lawrence Harris, present a mini-concert of carols and Gregorian chants from the Christmas masses. Cloister of the Dominican Convent, 96 Empress Avenue. Free admission. Information 613-567-7729. December 31

### **NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE** Five-course meal.

Show & Dancing. Experience Joey Purpura's stunning vocal reproduction of Neil Diamond's major repertoire. www.solitaryman.ca. Villa Lucia Supper Club, 3430 Carling Avenue. Dinner 8pm. Show 9:30pm. Show 9:30pm Tickets \$85. 613-829-6801. January 2012

### **TOASTMASTER** SPEECH

Craft Workshop. Do you have trouble finding the right words to say when speaking to a group of people? This workshop can help you become a confident, poised speaker. For enrollment information 613-723-8585.

#### January 28, 2012 **SONS OF SCOTLAND**

Burns Night. Traditional Burns Supper; Burns & other Scottish songs by Garth Hampson & Shawne Elizabeth. Ballroom & Scottish dancing to big band Monterey & Sons of Scotland Pipes and Drums. 613.521-5625. sosburns2012@gmail THE BAKER'S

## DAUGHTER

By Grete Hale. Ideal for Christmas giving. \$19.95. Nine chapters, photographs, stories of personal and community heritage, adventures perused. ghale@magma.ca 613-728-1171. **CASSIE'S CHOICE** 

Young adult novel, by John Deering. Cassie's torn between pursuing her mother's dream for her to win a university scholarship, or follow her heart to be a trapeze flyer. General Store Publishing, Renfrew. \$19.95. 1-800-465-6072. qsph.com **FRIENDS OF THE FARM** 

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### DATEBOOK

**CALL FOR ARTISTS** Friends of the Farm are looking for artists for their fine art

exhibit. Submit works of any medium; price point \$500 or less. Deadline March 1, 2012. 613-230-3276. www.friendsofthefarm.ca **CANHAVE ANNUAL** Join us, changing the lives of

#### www.canhave.org January 9

Ugandan children and young

adults. Ottawa Based

non-profit. 613-565-6214.

**OTTAWA SCHOOL OF** Theology and Spirituality Registration for Winter Term. Monday, January 9, 7pm. All Saints Anglican Church, 347 Richmond Road, Westboro. www.osts.ca Call: 613-824-8780. 2012

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# January 29, 2012

& District Memorial Hospital noon-8pm Visions Bowling Centre 49 Bridge Street. Carleton Place; enter a team http://www.carletonplacehospital.

# sempey@primus.ca.

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### Carol Waters 613 235 8461. carolannwaters@gmail.com

ST. JOE'S WOMEN'S Centre. 151 Laurier Avenue East. 613-231-6722. sjwomensctr@hotmail.com. We need shampoo, soap, deodorant, towels, small

OTTAWA MISSION Help those in need at the homeless shelter by donating men's socks & underwear; gently used towels. Drop off 35 Waller Street, srov@ ottawamission.com.

### www.shepherdsofgoodhope. com. Groceries needed: canned

lettuce, frozen corn, red seedless grapes, wheat germ, bleach, scouring pads. Please

#### Celebrating those who make a difference **BRUCE HOUSE & M.A.C. Cosmetics** are referred from 6 community agencies:

### THE CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROJECT www.centretownunited.org/hampers,

## Every year around this time, a small army

of community members from all walks of life rallies together to help others in our town celebrate a happier Christmas holiday. The Christmas Hamper Project, hosted by Centretown United Church, has been bringing together donors and hamper recipients for 35 years. The volunteers are comprised of individuals, work groups, and friends who give their time to pack or deliver hampers or to "adopt a hamper". Equally important are those generous people who donate funds so that the Project can purchase turkeys for all 175. The Project also receives gracious support from such community boosters as Hartman's, Giant Tiger, the Investors Group and Lowe-Martin.

The recipients for the Christmas hampers

Centre, the Laundry Co-op, Dalhousie Food Centre, the Well and Salus. There are no religious or other stipulations and the Project is entirely non-denominational. The recipients include both families of all types and individuals. Each hamper is filled with a week's worth of food, a Christmas dinner, small gifts and special requests where

Centre 507, Centretown Emergency Food

Kudos and Applause, while it is impossible to accurately know how many people it takes to make this happen, the estimate is well over 300. A big thank-you goes out to all of the volunteers and donors who have contributed over the years. Without your support, the Project could not endure and 175 fewer families and individuals would have the warm holiday they receive from you.

### martha@brucehouse.org Since its inception in 1988, Bruce House has relied on volunteers for everything

613-729-0911 X23

that we do. Volunteers provide care and companionship to residents, help us maintain our 7 bed home in Westboro, assist with office tasks and are at the core of most of our fundraising activities. Every once in a while the Corporate Community jumps on board and provides a great assist. We would like to recognize the

who make a big difference in the life of Bruce M.A.C. Cosmetics has a long history of support of AIDS organizations through the Viva Glam campaign where the proceeds of the sale of that particular lipstick are directed to AIDS organizations wherever the product

is sold. Repeated significant grants from Viva

have been very important to Bruce House's survival over the last 20 years. Equally important and lesser known are the individual efforts of M.A.C. staff members

Glam through the M.A.C. AIDS Foundation

over the years. At our annual AIDS Walk for Life the M.A.C Team explodes! They raise thousands of dollars from pledges and the company matches those gifts. In designating their pledges to Bruce House they make a significant contribution to our ability to provide housing and care to people with AIDS in this participation M.A.C. Cosmetics in Ottawa Kudos & Applause to the local Ottawa staff of M.A.C. Cosmetics - we really appreciate

> **ROCKIN4TABITHA 6 RAISES A RECORD \$50,000** Carverbob54@gmail.com

was held September 22nd, 2011, at the

819-771-9758 The 6th annual "Rockin4Tabitha" fundraiser

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2600 ext. 1756. CARLETON PLACE

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appliances, kitchen utensils

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chili, canned soups, Kraft dinner, margarine, peanut butter, canned tuna, breakfast cereal. **WILD BIRD CARE** Centre wish list: Paper towels, large eggs, olive oil, romaine

deliver to 734 Moodie Drive,

daily 10-2pm. 613.828-2849.

The annual musical event raises monies on behalf of the Tabitha Foundation's house-building program. The all volunteer

house-building team is headed by local couple Bob Carver and Wendy Cunning. The event has grown from modest beginnings in 2006 when the first build team completed four houses after raising \$7000. Thursday night's event raised a record

\$50,000 thanks to returning corporate

Lonestar Texas Grill (Ottawa).

sponsor Lush Handmade Cosmetics. This year saw a second corporate sponsor come on board - Modern Niagara Group CEO Tony Sottile surprised us with a very generous cheque of \$11,000. Volunteer builders also do their own fundraising, as well as paying all of their own expenses to participate in the Cambodian build, which will be in Koh Kong province beginning in late January 2012.