



ACoM Update

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Events/Workshops

1. Monday nights: **The Swells** host a **weekly jam session at the Albion Tavern**, 100 Muskoka Rd. N., in Gravenhurst. Everyone is welcome to sing, play, bands welcome, or just come to be entertained by some of the best musicians in the area...FREE!! For more, contact theswells@hotmail.com. [Back to Contents](#)
2. March 2: **Join us for an information and brainstorm session on Promoting Muskoka as a Designated Arts Community, at the Rene M. Caisse Memorial Theatre, Bracebridge.** Muskoka Arts & Crafts will unveil the funky logo it commissioned for the community, you'll get a sneak peek at the new (& free!) online directory of the Muskoka arts and culture scene (funded by Muskoka Futures and the Arts Council of Muskoka), and you can share your thoughts on a nascent co-operative media campaign and how best to ramp up for the G8. 4 to 6 p.m. All are welcome. Contact info@artscouncilofmuskoka.com or call (705) 645-5225. [Back to Contents](#)
3. March 3: **Muskoka Song Night**, an eclectic monthly musical showcase presenting talented Canadian "songwriters in the round," launches at **The Hideaway Pub in Huntsville**. Featuring Katherine Wheatley and Robert Priest, with local **singer-songwriter Linda McLean** hosting. Start time is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 or you can get a series pass by contacting linda@lindamclean.com or (705) 789-1700. [Back to Contents](#)
4. March 3: **Create and Swap Night—Artist Trading Cards**, at Robinson's Independent Grocers, 131 Howland Drive off highway 60, upstairs in the Community Room. Part of the **Open Studio** series from the **Huntsville Art Crowd**. 7 to 9 p.m. Donna deVries Buchan hosts ATC Night. Bring your own or come and create. And check out the latest online trading site for Muskoka Artists at [the group's Flickr site](#). \$4 for Huntsville Art Crowd Members, \$6 for non-members. For more, call Col at (705) 646-2978 or ravon247@sympatico.ca. [Back to Contents](#)
5. March 4, 11, 18 & 25: **Life Drawing Open Studio**, at the **Chapel Gallery**, 15 King Street, Bracebridge. An open studio for professional and emerging artists, students, and anyone interested in drawing the human form. People work independently and at their own level. While no formal instruction is provided, support and encouragement are given. The open studio format is designed to work progressively from gestures through to longer poses. 7 to 9:30 p.m. \$10 per session. Bring your own drawing materials. Read more on the [Muskoka Arts & Crafts website](#) or call (705) 645-5501. [Back to Contents](#)
6. March 5: **Spirit Café at The Muskoka Bean**, Manitoba and Taylor Rd., Bracebridge. A get-together to enjoy good company, refreshments and lively and open-minded discussions on issues of faith, meaning and "the big questions." 7 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is free. [Back to Contents](#)
7. March 5, 12, 19 & 26: **Portrait Group Open Studio**, at the **Chapel Gallery**, 15 King Street, Bracebridge. An open studio for professional and emerging artists and students. A model is available. Bring your own drawing materials. No instruction is provided but support and fellowship are available. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Yearly registration fee of \$10 for MAC members and \$12 for non-members plus \$6 per session. Read more on the [Muskoka Arts & Crafts website](#) or call (705) 645-5501. [Back to Contents](#)

8. March 6: **The Cobblestones and Bobby Evans at the Gravenhurst Opera House.** Two of Newfoundland's hottest musical talents stop in Muskoka on their cross-Canada tour, performing from their new CD Back in the Day as well as other originals. Enjoy a touch of 'Down-home' comedy and a blend of Irish/Newfoundland and Bluegrass tunes as well as a few old country favourites. Show time is 7:30 and tickets are \$25, \$20 for students and \$15 for kids 12 and under. Call the Op box office at (705) 687-5550 for information or tickets. [Back to Contents](#)

9. March 7 to 15: **Ardour Eruption 09 – annual festival of Young Artists of Northern Ontario,** at the **Chancery Gallery** in Bracebridge. In addition to visual art, this year the festival will feature young musicians, filmmakers, actors, writers and poets. Interesting artistic young people under 25 are invited to participate. Go to http://www.chanceryart.com/2009_call_Ardour_Eruption.htm or contact the gallery at (705) 646-0514 for more. [Back to Contents](#)

10. March 7&8: **Johnny Reid Country Music Artist, at the Gravenhurst Opera House.** Johnny has charted several hit singles in Canada as well as a Juno nomination for Country Recording of the Year and Male Artist of the Year kudos at the 2008 CCMA Awards. Show time is 8 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively. Both shows are **SOLD OUT**. Call the Op box office at (705) 687-5550 for information. [Back to Contents](#)

11. March 8: **Aphrodite and Friends at the Algonquin Theatre.** An Elemental Arts Production celebrating International Women's Day, featuring a joyful vision of a world where the feminine is truly honoured. The hope is that women and men both will feel inspired and encouraged by this eclectic and entertaining evening of local music, art, dance and drama. Show time is 7 p.m. and tickets are \$15, \$10 for kids 12 and under. For tickets and information, (705) 789-4975 or www.algonquintheatre.ca. [Back to Contents](#)

12. March 9: **Spinning Reels presents I've Loved You So Long,** starring Kristen Scott Thomas, at the **Norwood Cinema 3 in Bracebridge.** Show time is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased in advance at Readers' World in Bracebridge, or can be reserved by calling (705) 645-5806 or SpinningReelsBB@gmail.com. [Back to Contents](#)

13. March 11: Bracebridge Culture and Recreation **Painting Workshop with Nancy Hunter.** At the Bracebridge Sportsplex. Sailing in Watercolour. Three vessels tacking the classic seascape with billowing sails and atmospheric clouds. Call (705) 645-3037 for more. [Back to Contents](#)

14. March 11: Paint, Stamp, Heat! Back by popular demand, **Marguerite Taylor** will lead a card-making session using head embossing powders, stamps, paints and other embellishments. 12 to 3 p.m. at Robinson's Independent Grocers, 131 Howland Drive off highway 60, upstairs in the Community Room. Part of the **Open Studio series from the Huntsville Art Crowd.** This session is \$4, plus \$4 for Huntsville Art Crowd Members, \$6 for non-members. For more, call Col at (705) 646-2978 or ravon247@sympatico.ca. [Back to Contents](#)

15. March 12: **Artist Marketing Workshop led by Sandra Turnbull.** Studio, consignment, store venue, shows, what is your responsibility as a visual artist? What can you do to create additional exposure? Village Artisans proprietor Sandra Turnbull will help you assess where you are at and set you in the

direction in which you want to go. **Part of the monthly ArtShare professional development series presented by the Arts Council of Muskoka.** Venue TBA. 6 p.m. Free for ACoM members, \$10 for non-members. Call (705) 645-5225 or info@artscouncilofmuskoka.com or villageplace@muskoka.com for more. [Back to Contents](#)

16. March 14: **Carole Pope at Peter's Place Live**, 830 Muskoka Road S., Gravenhurst. It wasn't for nothing that this High School Confidential was inducted into the Canadian Indie Hall of Fame, honoured with three Juno Awards, a Genie Award, and four gold and two platinum records. Tickets are \$60 and show time is 8 p.m. For more go to www.petersplayers.com or call (705) 687-2117. [Back to Contents](#)
17. March 14: **Felting with Hannah Lin at Gateway Fibreworks**, Bethune Drive at 291 Phillip Street, Gravenhurst. Join local artist Hannah Lin for a full day of felting. While predominantly a felt maker, Hannah's work frequently takes her into the realm of mixed media with her love of silk, paper and book arts. To see some of her work, visit www.farmdog.ca. Call (705) 687-5222 or go to www.gatewayfibreworks.com for more information. [Back to Contents](#)
18. March 15: Artists of all disciplines and arts community supporters, you are invited to the **Arts Council of Muskoka's Meet 'n' Greet** ushering in the spring, at the home and studio of Susan Ware, 1916 Muskoka Road 169, Gravenhurst. This fete features a **coffee house theme**. You are encouraged to bring a piece of your work to display, a tale to tell, an announcement to announce or a song to sing. For more information contact info@artscouncilofmuskoka.com or (705) 645-5225. [Back to Contents](#)
19. March 16: **Michael Bourada, Magician & Illusionist, at the Gravenhurst Opera House**. Entertainment for all ages. Show time is 2 p.m. and tickets are \$12, \$10 for children and \$35 for a family of four. Call the Op box office at (705) 687-5550 for information or tickets. [Back to Contents](#)
20. March 16: **Hand Painting Yarns with Madeleine Berrevoets** of Smarty Pants at **Gateway Fibreworks**, Bethune Drive at 291 Phillip Street, Gravenhurst. Join Maddy Berrevoets for a wonderful workshop in hand painting yarns using a pre-knit square as your canvas. Workshop includes materials ... only \$25 per person. To see more of Maddy's work visit: <http://hyenacart.com/smartyantsknits/> Call (705) 687-5222 or go to www.gatewayfibreworks.com for more information. [Back to Contents](#)
21. March 17: **Michael Bourada, Magician & Illusionist, at the Algonquin Theatre in Huntsville**. Experience the Magic, Grand Illusion. If you don't believe in magic, spend an evening with Michael Bourada and he will change your mind. Perfect for all ages. Two shows, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for children, and a family four-pack is \$45. For more go to www.algonquintheatre.ca or call the box office at (705) 789-4975 or (888) 696-4255 ext. 2352. [Back to Contents](#)
22. March 18: **Photography workshop led by Robbie Preston**, 12 to 3 p.m. at Robinson's Independent Grocers, 131 Howland Drive off highway 60, upstairs in the Community Room. Part of the **Open Studio series from the Huntsville Art Crowd**. \$4 for Huntsville Art Crowd Members, \$6 for non-members. For more, call Col at (705) 646-2978 or raon247@sympatico.ca. [Back to Contents](#)

23. March 18-19: **Capture the Spirit of Spring, at Gateway Fibreworks**, Bethune Drive at 291 Phillip Street, Gravenhurst. In this workshop, kids accompanied by an adult will together create a lively wall hanging using fabric and fibre shapes fused or sewn to a background and then embellished with textured threads, yarns, glitter and beads. Not only will you go home with some great memories of time spent together, you'll also have a beautiful wall hanging. This beginner level course requires no previous experience but is also interesting enough that adults will enjoy the workshop too. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days. \$50 per child/adult team. Call (705) 687-5222 or go to www.gatewayfibreworks.com for more information. [Back to Contents](#)
24. March 19: **The Swells** will be playing a **St. Patrick's Day show at The Rosseau**, J.W. Marriott Resort and Spa in Minett. Show time is 9:00 p.m. Contact theswells@hotmail.com for more. [Back to Contents](#)
25. March 20: Huntsville's **Stephen Coker** will be playing a mix of nostalgic country, music from the 40s, 50s, and more at the **Bracebridge Legion**. Show time is 8 p.m. For more, contact legionbr161@sympatico.ca. [Back to Contents](#)
26. March 21: The 6th annual **Writing Out Loud Storytelling Event at The Rosseau**, J.W. Marriott Resort and Spa in Minett. Come see the region's top raconteurs vying for storytelling prizes. A special note sent along by **Stuart McLean**, the king of storytelling himself, will also be read. The event kicks off at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$5 at the door. For more call Kathy at (705) 385-2989 or Gary at (705) 765-1048. [Back to Contents](#)
27. March 21: **Little Big Frog** at the **Algonquin Theatre** in Huntsville. The fourth and final show in the Children's Series 2008-2009. A fractured fairy tale, and a timeless morality play about developing tolerance for our differences and the need for self-acceptance. The characters, both animal and human, learn to be happy inside their own skin. Showtime is 2:00 p.m. and tickets are \$12.00. For tickets and information, (705) 789-4975 or www.algonquintheatre.ca. [Back to Contents](#)
28. March 23: **Spinning Reels** presents **Stone of Destiny**, the tale of a Scottish heist, 600 years in the making, preceded by the award-winning short film **Madame Tutli-Putli**, at the **Norwood Cinema 3 in Bracebridge**. Show time is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased in advance at Readers' World in Bracebridge, or can be reserved by calling (705) 645-5806 or SpinningReelsBB@gmail.com. [Back to Contents](#)
29. March 25: **Kids Helping Kids, at the Algonquin Theatre** in Huntsville. A high-energy talent show featuring students from local elementary schools and Huntsville High, in support of Free the Children's 100 School Challenge. Show time is 7:00 p.m. and admission is \$15.00. For tickets and information, (705) 789-4975 or www.algonquintheatre.ca. [Back to Contents](#)
30. March 26: **Municipal Cultural Planning Forum at The Rosseau**, a J.W. Marriott Resort and Spa in Minett. This conference is an ideal opportunity to see how this private sector business is a key partner in integrating and leveraging cultural assets into the development of the business and the surrounding community. 8:30 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$65, \$25 for student/youth. Lunch Included. For details and registration go to www.torc.on.ca or call (519) 826-4128. [Back to Contents](#)

31. March 27: **TGIF Dinner**, hosted by the **Bracebridge Legion**, 168 Muskoka Road, and featuring folk and sounds of Art Garfunkel from **Bill Candy**. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. and tickets are \$8 at the door. Members and non-members welcome. For more, call (705) 645-8500. [Back to Contents](#)
32. March 27-29: **Muskoka Arts & Crafts' 32nd annual Spring Members' Show**. At the **Bracebridge Sportsplex**, 110 Clearbrook Trail. Opening reception and awards 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, with musical entertainment by Moonglow. Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with demonstrations by artists and craftspeople. Admission by donation. For more contact info@muskokaartsandcrafts.com or (705) 645-5501. [Back to Contents](#)
33. March 28: **Breakfast at the Apollo, at Muskoka Place Gallery**, 1182 Foreman Rd., Port Carling. Part of the **Coffee House series**. Show time is 8 p.m. and tickets are \$10 at the door. Call (705) 765-0340 for more information. [Back to Contents](#)
34. March 28-April 18: **Muskoka—A Different Light, at the Chapel Gallery**, 15 King Street, Bracebridge. **Neil Sternberg** looks at the people and environment of Muskoka. Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 to 5 p.m. For more, (705) 645-5501 or info@muskokaartsandcrafts.com. [Back to Contents](#)

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