



International Children's Memorial Place Newsletter

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The International Children's Memorial Place, founded by Bill and Myra MacLean, has been in operation since 1999 when it was incorporated and received charitable status. Our mission is to promote and foster the health and well-being of individuals and/or families who grieve for the physical or emotional loss of a child. Our site is located at 2115 Scales Pond Rd., South Freetown, PEI. It is open to the public year round and is staffed from mid June to September. This 12 acre site is located on the banks of Scales Pond which flows into the Dunk River.

Website: <http://www.icmplace.ca>

Email: info@icmplace.ca

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Annual Spring Clean Up Day on site at Scales Pond
Saturday May 12, 2018
Starting @ 9 am.
Invitation to adults and children ~ if you have a few hours to spare, we would really appreciate your help to spring clean our grounds.



Bring along a rake if you have one.

BBQ and drinks will be provided.

Annual Tree Dedication Ceremony

Sunday, June 10, 2018
2 pm on site at Scales Pond
Parents dedicate memorial trees in memory of their children. Contact: Judy Gallant 902-436-4850 or email judydoiron@hotmail.com to order a tree or for more information. **Deadline to order a tree is May 18th**
Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.
As a fund-raiser for ICMP, potted perennial plants will be available to purchase.

Annual Bricklaying Ceremony

Sunday, August 19, 2018
2 pm on site at Scales Pond
A memorial brick can be purchased and placed in the Path of Remembrance. Contact: Dave Blanchard 902-436-8650 or email daveb@pei.sympatico.ca to order a brick or for more information.
Deadline to order bricks is July 20th
Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

Outside Painting Workshop with Artist Henry Purdy

Saturday, August 25 and Sunday, August 26, 2018
This 2-day workshop is held on site at Scales Pond. For information and registration contact Bill MacLean at 902-436-3077 or email will.g.macleam@eastlink.ca
Limited seats available - register early.

Annual Fundraising Concert

Sunday, May 27, 2018. Doors open at 6:30 concert at 7 pm
Centre Belle Alliance, French School, South Drive, St. Eleanors. Tickets \$15.00 available at Century 21 office, 629 Water St. East, Summerside, PE or by calling or texting Heather Carver 902-954-0197 or email carverheather@gmail.com Tickets also available from board members. Homemade fudge and bottled water will be available for sale.

Performers include: International Country Recording Artist Tim Archer; Fiddler Louise Arsenault; Roy MacCaull, Kim Tuplin, Sandra MacCaull, Steve Perry and Bobby MacLean; Olivia Roberts, Skye MacAusland, and Shane Pendergast.



Tim Archer



Roy MacCaull & Kim Tuplin



Olivia, Shane & Skye



Louise Arsenault

Annual Family Fun Day

Sunday, July 29, 2018
1-4 pm on site at Scales Pond

**Come one, come all!
to our 3rd annual
Family Fun Day**



Music, food, old-fashioned kids games, face painting, rubber ducky races and lots of fun for the young and the young at heart.

Visitors are welcome to take a walking tour of our beautiful property during the event.

This FREE event is open to the public. Please join us!

Annual Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday, November 17, 2018

Centre Belle Alliance, French School,
South Drive in St. Eleanors.

Silent Auction begins at 6 pm

Seating at 6:30 pm & Dinner at 7 pm.

Additional information will be in our Fall newsletter.

Women's Institute District Convention-Area 6



Bill MacLean and Grace Jenkins
in front of our display.

"Embrace Your Community"
was the theme of the convention.

ICMP was pleased to be asked by Grace Jenkins to set up a display at the Women's Institute District Convention-Area 6 hosted by the Kelvin Grove Women's Institute.



We welcome new Board Members Marie Myers and Bernard Reeves. Both have a special connection to ICMP and we know their personal experiences will help to strengthen and enhance the future development of International Children's Memorial Place.

SUPPORTING ICMP

ICMP is a non-profit organization. Donations in support of our ongoing events, programs and services are welcomed and very much appreciated. Donations can be accepted by e-transfer or cheques made out to ICMP can be mailed to:

ICMP

PO Box 159, Summerside, PE, C1N 4Y8

Tax receipts are issued for donations of \$20.00 or more.

Registered charity # 893019927RR0001

For more information contact:

info@icmplace.ca or call 902-436-5005

Donations can also be made at most funeral homes on PEI. Our board members choose ICMP as their charity of choice at funeral homes in memory of loved ones. Families can also request donations be made to ICMP as a way of supporting our organization.

Profile of Board Member Dave Blanchard



Dave shared the following story about the loss of his son and his involvement with ICMP.

"My journey with the International Children's Memorial Place began when we lost our precious son Bobby as the result of a tragic accident on May 4, 2006 at the age of 28 years. Our lives changed forever that day. A few days after the accident Bill and Myra MacLean, founders of ICMP, arrived at our home and told me and my wife Ethel about ICMP. We had never heard about this place before so on Mother's Day we took a drive to Scales Pond. I was so taken back by the beauty, the silence and the peace that came over me. Ethel fell asleep on a park bench for two hours. While I was sitting there a Blue Jay landed and came up to me. I knew then that this was a very special place.

In August of that same year we decided to lay a Memorial Brick for Bobby to be placed in the Path of Remembrance. After the beautiful ceremony Bill MacLean asked me if I would be interested in volunteering to take on the responsibility of the Path of Remembrance Ceremony. Without hesitation I said yes. I have been involved with the ICMP Board for past 11 years. I appreciate the special opportunity to meet and talk to hundreds of people from across Canada and the United States that have lost loved ones. It makes me feel good to be able to help others in some small way that are going through a similar loss of a child or a loved one.

Bobby was the younger and special brother to Kenny. He was a very active, fun loving, happy-go-lucky young man who enjoyed life to the fullest. Bobby always had a great big contagious smile on his face. We will forever cherish his laughter, his jokes, his personality, his honesty and his love. Bobby valued each and every friend and was so grateful to have them in his life. He was a source of pride and strength, who blended boyish playfulness with adult responsibility. Always loyal and loving to his family, Bobby holds a very special place in our hearts forever.

As a proud Board member of ICMP, as well as organizing the Path of Remembrance Ceremony each year, I am involved with many activities such as our Annual Fundraising Concert, Annual Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction, Family Fun Day, Restoration of the Scales Pond Dam, and the Legacy Sculpture which are all a labour of love.

ICMP has helped me and my family in many ways to appreciate life and the people around us.

To me, International Children's Memorial Place is Nature's Hospital and my Happy Place. It will be my dedication and legacy for the remainder of my life."

