



# Newsletter

## ART CAMP-The People, the Place, the Seed of Integration

By Robin Potts



***“We are one but we are not the same but we get to carry each other,”*** sings U2 artist Bono.

These lyrics came to my mind when I spoke with Bettina Schuller about the intention of Art Camp from its inception in 2002. Art Camp on Lake Temagami is about making new friends by sharing our cultures, our talents and our space. It is a great way to build positive connections in a healthy and safe environment through creativity. What’s more? Art Camp is FUN!! The youngsters will remember, and have remembered, the positive experiences that connect them together to foster growth, enjoyment, learning and commonality.

From its early beginnings in 2002, the idea for the camp evolved from Bettina’s great desire and passion to give back to the community and in a place that she loves, Lake Temagami. Bettina, who is an artist and teacher from island #421 and Marg Adams, owner of Northland

Paradise in Temagami organized the first integrative art camp held at St. Simon’s Anglican Church in Temagami. The camp then evolved to the hub of Lake Temagami where it is now held annually at the Bear Island Recreation Centre. Every year there are 50 kids at the camp who are engaged in many fun activities such as theatre, art, painting, felting, dancing and singing. Now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year, the art camp has developed to the point of waiting lists for kids who want to participate.

This summer is Bettina’s 10<sup>th</sup> year as art camp director and as we look back we may all agree that she has done fantastic foundational work to get the camp to where it is today, a true success! Driven by her heart’s passion and desire to promote what she calls “peace work” Bettina sincerely noted “if the youth need to work together as adults in the future to help sustain the beauty and treasures of the Temagami area then perhaps the integration aspect of Art Camp will help”. Equally important, Bettina shared her appreciation and recognized the many volunteers as “big carriers of the camp”.

Therefore, a special thank you to all the volunteers who help make the camp a true success every year. Your actions of compassion, teamwork and kindness graciously display the true art of living. The Temagami Community Foundation (TCF) is the proud financial sponsors of the camp

**The Art Camp’s 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will be held on Bear Island at the Recreation Centre on Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 1 pm to 8:30pm. Hope to see you at this celebration of music, food, art displays and great stories shared!**

along with the Temagami First Nation (TFN) who provides healthy snacks for the kids and who annually hosts the camp. This year the TCF and the TFN along with Community members from the Lake and the town of Temagami will work together to host a special celebration to recognize 10 years of art camp success! **This celebration will be held on Bear Island at the Recreation Centre on Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 starting at 1pm – 8:30pm. Hope to see you at this celebration of music, food, art displays and great stories shared!**

*To register your child for Art Camp, email [info@temagamicommunityfoundation.com](mailto:info@temagamicommunityfoundation.com) or call 705-569-3737*

## What the Temagami Community Foundation has done for me

By Kendall Melissa White

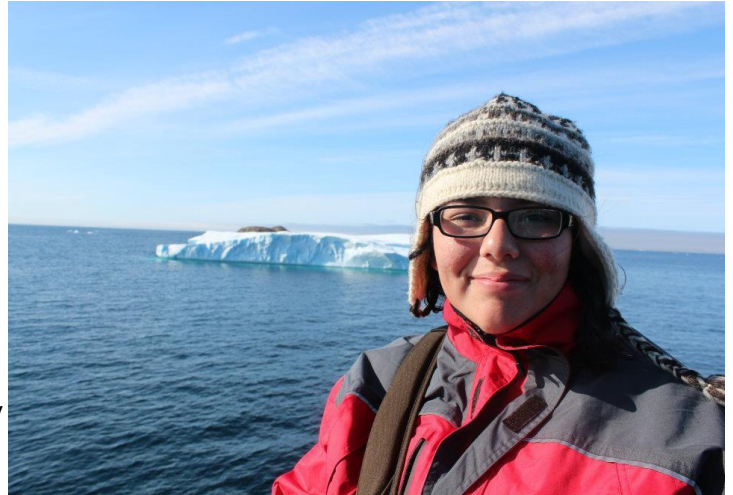
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*Kendall just graduated grade 12 from St. Joseph Scollard Hall in North Bay, she is now home for the summer on Bear Island, then she is continuing her education in the fall in the Environmental field at Sir Sanford Fleming College in Lindsay.*

*Good Luck Kendall in your future endeavors!*

My life has presented me with a lot of things that have allowed me to develop into the person that I am today, one of which is joining the Temagami Community Foundation. I have spent my first sixteen years not really being sure about my future and not believing I was able to do anything with my life. At the age of sixteen I was given the opportunity to join the Temagami Community Foundation as the Youth Representative. Being a part of this committee sparked a confidence in me that allowed me to realize that I have some potential, just like everyone else.

Having the knowledge that you have potential is one thing, but being able to implement it is another. Ironically, the same week that I was asked to join the committee, I was accepted to be 1 of 70 international youth to study global warming first hand in the Arctic. This triggered me getting involved in more and more things, such as volunteering more and joining more leadership groups. I've been on my



school's Green Team for two years, and have also been in my school's Aboriginal leadership group (Aboriginal Student Links) for three years.

Last summer I studied global warming in Iceland, Greenland, and Canada. In February of this year, I was one of the first six Canadian Aboriginals ever to advocate for our rights at the U.N in Geneva, Switzerland. In March, I was able to work at Science North where I got to have lunch with Jane Goodall and also teach students about global warming. Currently, I am on the "Students on Ice Polar Delegation" where we are preparing to go to the Global Earth Summit to bring awareness to polar issues. I am also graduating high school

this year and recently got accepted to college where I will be studying Environmental Technology in the fall.

I am from Temagami First Nation community, and without my community I don't think anything in my life would be the same. My community is where I began to become interested in public speaking, and it is also where I learned how to be myself. The people of my community have supported my every move, and for that I thank them. They are a large part of my life; also, I am excited to move to a new Community to start the next chapter in my life.

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1 ticket—\$25  
5 tickets—\$100  
30 tickets—\$500

## TCF Canoe Raffle

**Draw will be held on Bear Island at the  
TCF Sunday Brunch, August 19, 2012**

To purchase a raffle ticket contact any TCF Board Member

OR

contact the TCF for more information

Also, tickets are available at the Bear Island Store and Boatline Bay

*Win a hand built  
16' foot wood  
canvas canoe  
donated by Hugh  
Stewart and the  
crew at  
Headwaters  
Canoes.*

## TCF GRANTS EXCEED \$200,000 SINCE 2001

By Vince Hovanec

Every year since its founding 2001, the TCF has reached out to the greater Temagami community – Bear Island, the town of Temagami and seasonal residents – with an active grants program that now totals more than \$200,000. TCF's grant program seeks to spark and fund opportunities that will enhance and bring the community together. By actively listening to the community to understand its needs, responding to grant applications and seeking opportunities to collaborate with like-minded community groups, TCF ensures its grants have impact. More than a score of initiatives – projects, ongoing activities or new programs -- have received grants, typically \$1,000 to \$5,000, because they promote the betterment of all members of the Temagami community by:

- Promoting environmental stewardship and awareness (a total of \$23,700)
- Supporting community arts and culture (\$114,100)
- Honoring First Nations heritage (\$33,500) and
- Fostering sustainable community economic development (\$30,000).

For a new small organization – the TCF is the only community foundation in North America founded as a partnership among Aboriginal and other community members, permanent or seasonal residents – the grants have benefitted more than a score of community activities, large and small. In the area of Community Arts and Culture, for instance, the TCF provided major support\_ for the Angele Project in 2008, and has provided ongoing annual support, for the summer Art Camp as well as many local artistic endeavors.

Environmental groups, such as the Temagami Area Fish Hatchery, Nastawgan Trails and the Temagami Stewardship Council have benefited from the grants program too. As have First Nation Heritage activities – the TFN's powwows, the restoration of St. Ursula's Church, or the Laura McKenzie Learning Centre on Bear Island.

And, finally, community sustainable economic development grants have supported sustainable forestry and wind power feasibility studies, and several Chamber of Commerce initiatives, to cite

just a few. What's more, the TCF has convened a number of meetings and roundtables to discuss possibilities for a "sustainable Temagami." Funding for the grants program comes from charitable donations and memorial contributions made possible by our many generous donors. Donors in Canada and the United States can receive valid tax receipts from the Canada Revenue Agency and may claim a tax deduction from the Internal Revenue Service, respectively.

*TCF is hosting a  
Sunday Brunch  
-Everyone Welcome-  
August 19, 2012 at  
noon on  
Bear Island  
Please RSVP*

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*or call 705-569-3737*

# COUNCIL OF 100 SUPPORTS TCF'S GOALS IN MANY WAYS

By Vince Hovanec

## TCF Vision:

Shared Responsibility and recognition of our common ground.

## Mission:

Cooperatively and actively nurture and care for the place we know as Temagami – the water, the land and its inhabitants – for today and the future.

When the TCF created the Council of 100 in March 2008, the objective was more than just gathering 100 donors from throughout the greater Temagami community who would each pledge \$5,000 to the organization's endowment fund. Rather, it was seen as a way in which to expand the TCF's role as a convener, collaborator and endowment builder for the benefit of the entire community.

"The Council of 100 is a natural expansion of the goals of the foundation," said Victoria Grant, current chair of the TCF Board of Directors, when the Council project was launched. "The Council will ideally reflect the rich tapestry of our community and enhance our ability to realize our vision of creating an inclusive, healthy, and productive place to live, work and play."

In just a few years, the Council idea has done just that and even more. Every year, the Council has provided approximately 4 percent of its capital to fund TCF operations, a vital function in any small organization trying hard to maximize its impact while financing operations in a prudent manner.



The Council's current balance, after contributions to the TCF operating fund, stands at \$125,421 thanks to the contributions of some 37 donors. As the first contributor, Marvyn Morrison, noted when he joined, "I see this as an investment in the future of our town. I can think of no better or far reaching way to positively impact our community..."

Yes, the search continues for others -- individuals, organizations or companies -- to join the Council. A Council fund totaling \$500,000 would provide a solid foundation to permit the TCF to continue its activities through the Temagami community.

Consider joining those who have in turn joined with the TCF in helping to build "an inclusive, healthy, and productive place to live, work and play."

Our Council of 100 members are:

Anonymous, Aideen & John Kirby, Andrea & Brenda Lamonthe, Association of Youth Camps, Barry & Sandra Smith, Bill and Billie Kitts, Bill Porter, Boyd & Rose Matchett, Brian & Carmen Koski, Carol Rykert, Cathy Dwyer, David & Sheryl Kerr, Dean Pearson (Temagami Outfitting), Debbie & Sandy Nixon, Dennis & Deborah Pedersen, Elizabeth & Robert Louks, Gordon Lak, J. Kitts, J. Toumi, Jackie Cote, John Schneider, Kirk Smith, Marvyn Morrison, Nancy Kitteridge Jeffrey, Pam Morgan, Pam Rykert, Paul Oberman & Eve Lewis, Ray Berta, Richard Lewis III, Robbins Family Foundation, Ron & Verna Carr, Temagami Lions Club, Verla Pacey, Vickie & Pete Calverley, Victoria & Richard Grant, Walter & Joanne Ross.

## Message from TCF President

Members of the Temagami Community Foundation, Donors, Residents, and Visitors of Temagami:

What a great opportunity to share with you information and the aspirations of the Foundation for 2012. We are in our eleventh year of operation, and we are looking at this year as a significant turning point for us. Of course, this can't happen without the support of the community and I have the confidence that we can count on you. So I look forward to your support and seeing you at our events during the year. Currently, I serve as a director on the Community Foundation of Canada, our national membership organization. Canada's Governor General, the Honourable David Johnston is the patron of our network. As we approach Canada's 150th birthday, The Honourable David Johnston, has challenged Canadians to imagine our country as it could be – a smart and caring nation that holds promise for all. It was important for us to consider how we might contribute to a "smart and caring nation". The answer was "Smart and Caring Communities" a

landmark effort for Canada's community foundation movement – rallying our entire network in pursuit of two goals: Serve every community and connect the country. In support of this, our foundation is considering how we will join in and participate in this endeavor. You will hear more about this over the coming year.

The Art Camp celebrates ten years this summer. It has been an overwhelming success, always a wait list, and many looking to return. For the past ten years instead of coming to Bear Island for the historical square dances, children and volunteers from the seasonal community, Town and the island have come together under the leadership of Bettina Schuller to share, learn and play together through the many aspects of music, art and drama. This has become a vital and important part of our whole community. Please come out to our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on July 6 between 1 and 9 at the Recreation Centre on Bear Island. It will be a full day of celebration featuring an art show, local musicians, an auction and many



other fun filled activities.

Upon my review of our past eleven years I learned two things. We have a history filled with many very successful projects and many accomplishments. We have an endowment fund and through the support of an anonymous donor, we have provided grants in this community from year one and onward. The contribution of the past board members, current board members, our donors, our grantees and our volunteers need to be recognized. I thank each and every one of you for your support and participation. All of this is worth celebrating.

Like many organizations, the Foundation has had it challenges throughout

the years. We have used these times as stepping stones, learned from them and moved forward. Today, we have a very strong and engaged Board of Directors. I expect great things from them. By the time, you will have read this; we will have spent two days on the lake in early May planning our next steps for the Foundation. This newsletter is our new beginning. We, working together as a team, will take a leadership role to enhance and grow this community asset. In turn it will provide vitality and sustenance to our community throughout the years.

I look forward to connecting with you in the community over the next year...

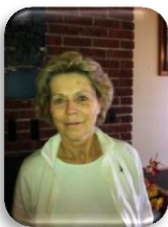
## 2012 Board of Directors



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Kendall White

### Honorary Board of Directors

- 1) *Victoria Grant (Vicky is still active with the TCF as Chair)*
- 2) *Walter Ross FCA (Walter is still active with the TCF as Co-Chair)*
- 3) *Richard P. Lewis III*
- 4) *June Keevil*
- 5) *Lorne Pacey (1915-2007)*

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**wish to join the Council of 100 and become a lifelong member of the Temagami Community Foundation:**  
\$5000.00 - Full payment enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Partial payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed with balance to be paid in annual instalments over the next \_\_\_\_ (maximum 5) years.

**I wish to support the Temagami Community Foundation, and am pleased to make the undernoted pledge/gift:** Amount \$\_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of gift:  General charitable grants to meet the changing needs of the community

Or Charitable grants in the following areas:

First Nation Heritage  Environmental awareness and stewardship

Sustainable community economic development  Community arts and culture

**We also accept donations online at [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org)**

Other purpose \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_