

# The Massie Messenger

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## Fond Au Revoir to Massie's Minister



*Glen Martin, Melinda Cornfield, Ed Neelands*

Rev. Melinda Cornfield, United Church Minister for Massie and Chatsworth for the past seven years, has retired and our community gave her a grand send-off! Members of the Chatsworth faith community came out for the event bringing their ladies' choir. Massie added some men and women to the group. Carol Deering played the Massie organ and Ed Neelands the piano. Hugh Neelands sang a solo "He Touched Me" with his wife Rosemary in attendance. Before worship began the school bell rang welcoming everyone and acknowledging a special event.

The Sunday School children made a colourful handprint collage which



*Ralph Bergman and Melinda Cornfield*





*Cliff and Melinda Cornfield*

Melinda plans to hang in her den. They decorated a dragonfly trellis (Melinda uses dragonflies as a symbol to explain death to children). The trellis will hold the clematis plant the children also gave Melinda. The Massie and Chatsworth congregations presented Cliff and Melinda with a 2013 membership to CAA (at Christmas last year they received the 2012 membership), and a lovely artificial candle that looks real – it is wax and the wick (powered by a battery) moves exactly like a flame. A gift certificate to their favourite dining spot, Norma Jean's, was also

much appreciated. Wonderful food and fellowship capped off the day including Elaine Hill's carrot "retirement" cake!

Here are a few words from Melinda:

*The time I've spent at Massie United Church has been absolutely awesome! As we journey through life, it is so good to journey with other believers. We can learn from each other and I have learned so much from my Massie friends. You are committed to your mission "To Love One Another" and you do it very well. Over the years, you have reached out to members of your faith family, to your neighbours, to your community and to the world at large in monumental ways. Whether it is by giving your money to a special cause or sending a card and a plant to someone in distress or giving to the Chatsworth-Massie Community Outreach, you do so with much care and concern for others.*

*I believe your fellowship time after church is very meaningful. It gives those Massie folks who live on their own, who perhaps aren't able to get out much or who live further away*



*Carlie Currie, Wade Mustard, Chloe Taylor, McKenzie Currie, Melinda Cornfield*





*Ken & Marjorie Woods*

*such as Owen Sound, an opportunity to visit, to catch up with one another. I think that is a mission unto itself!*

*God is very much alive and with us! Miracles still happen. The opportunity and privilege for me to walk with all of you through the valleys and up to the hilltops was God's blessing to me. By allowing me to be your minister you have given me a great gift. Your help in getting me through my studies, your love and your unending support will always remain with me as a blessing above all blessings. I take with me such wonderful memories as I leave you, which I do half-heartedly. It is a time I need to spend with family – my wonderful 90-years-of-age Mom and of course, my dear husband Cliff.*

*While I am retired from serving a Pastoral Charge, I will be going back to my former ministry of pulpit supply. For July and August I am filling in as the pastor at Knox United in Durham. I started my formal ministry 7 1/2 years ago (just before going to Massie and Chatsworth) at Knox Durham and, prior to that, I spent several years filling in as pulpit supply for ministers in Grey and Bruce. I now complete the ministry circle I started several years ago.*

*Hopefully, down the road, I will be able to come back to visit and worship once again with you whom I call "my other family". God bless you. Until we meet again!*

*Photographs by Stephen Norton*

## Massie Welcomes New Minister

Kara McCluskie from the newly formed Georgian Shores United Church in Owen Sound will be the new pastor at Massie. Born and raised and still happily living in Owen Sound, Kara comes with experience in childrens', youth and family programming. She started formal paid ministry in 2006, and is currently working on completing her studies for her Designated Lay Minister recognition.

At Georgian Shores she performed a wealth of duties including organizing curriculum, leading vacation Bible camp, assisting with funerals and lots more but she only gave 2 or 3 sermons a year so her new job comes with a bit of a learning curve. As Kara says, "Right now, as it is my first charge as solo minister, I hope to stay above water for the time being! Sermon prep is taking a lot of brain power!"

Kara's family has been wonderfully supportive of her new calling. Her husband Brian and youngest daughter Alana attended her first service in Massie (and Chatsworth) while older daughter Charla was at camp. We hope to see all three at some of the Massie services in the future.

Kara has a great love of music. "I was blessed to have been raised in a very musical family, so I am quite passionate about music, and see music as very spiritual. I sang with the Georgian Bay Concert Choir BC (Before Children!). Currently I am a member of a vocal ensemble named Cricket. There are 8 singers plus a piano player, Ann Marie MacDermid (leader of Shoreline Chorus). We got together 15 years ago to learn jazz, but we do a wide variety of music: contemporary, folk, classical, sacred, African. The group consists of music teachers and clergy. Three of us are ministers. We joke that we might change our name to The Preachers and the Teachers! I also play the flute. I find it helpful to accompany the hymns especially when they are unfamiliar. I will do the occasional solo, so I'm looking forward to playing it in the Chatsworth/Massie churches as well. I dabble a very little bit on the guitar, mostly with the children to accompany camp songs. I might bring it out once in a while when I get my nerve up!"

The community of Massie extends a hearty welcome to Kara and her family!



*Charla, Brian, Kara and Alana McCluskie*

# Massie Hall Presents 2012 Coffeehouse Series

Pete Miller and Massie Hall are pleased to introduce our 2012 Live @ Massie Hall Coffeehouse Concert Series. This year marks the sixth season of intimate concerts featuring the finest Canadian musicians across a spectrum of musical genres in the charming hamlet of Massie.

## Ritchie-Parrish-Ritchie

Saturday August 25th, 8 pm

Doors open at 7:30 pm

\$16 (all ages) includes coffee/tea/goodies



*Join us in welcoming three former members of Canadian folk supergroup Tanglefoot to Massie Hall for a rollicking good evening of booming vocals, heavenly harmonies, original songs and the best traditional power folk you'll ever hear.*

## Mark Reeves

Saturday September 22, 8 pm

Doors open at 7:30 pm

\$16 (all ages) includes coffee/tea/goodies



*Manitoba-based acoustic blues guitar phenom will leave your jaw dropped and your heart wanting more. A rare opportunity to hear one of Canada's finest, most highly energized, blues singer-songwriters..*

For tickets contact Peter Miller at [petemkit@xplornet.com](mailto:petemkit@xplornet.com) or call 519-794-3652



## Moonshiner's Daughter

Saturday October 27th, 8 pm

Doors open at 7:30 pm

\$16 (all ages) includes coffee/tea/goodies



## Moonshiner's Daughter

*"A family band by birth and by marriage, Moonshiner's Daughter plays bluegrass music, with a twist of folk and more than a hint of old-time country." - Bill Henry -Sun Times*

*Popular Grey County bluegrass quartet promises a special evening. Dress up in your favourite Hallowe'en attire or come as you are. One thing we guarantee is a great night of music and merriment.*

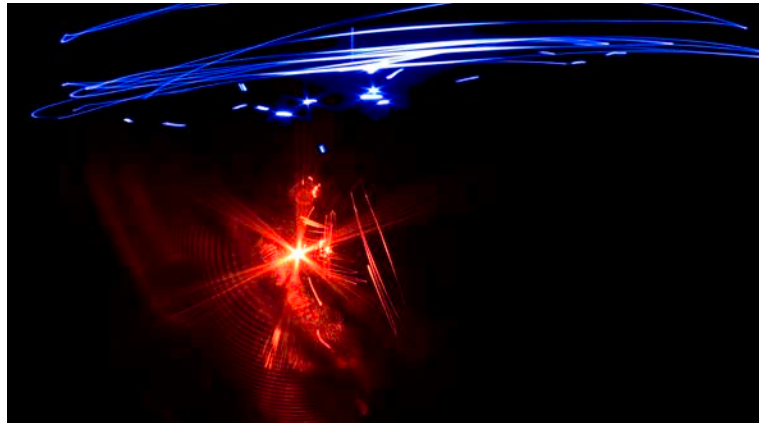
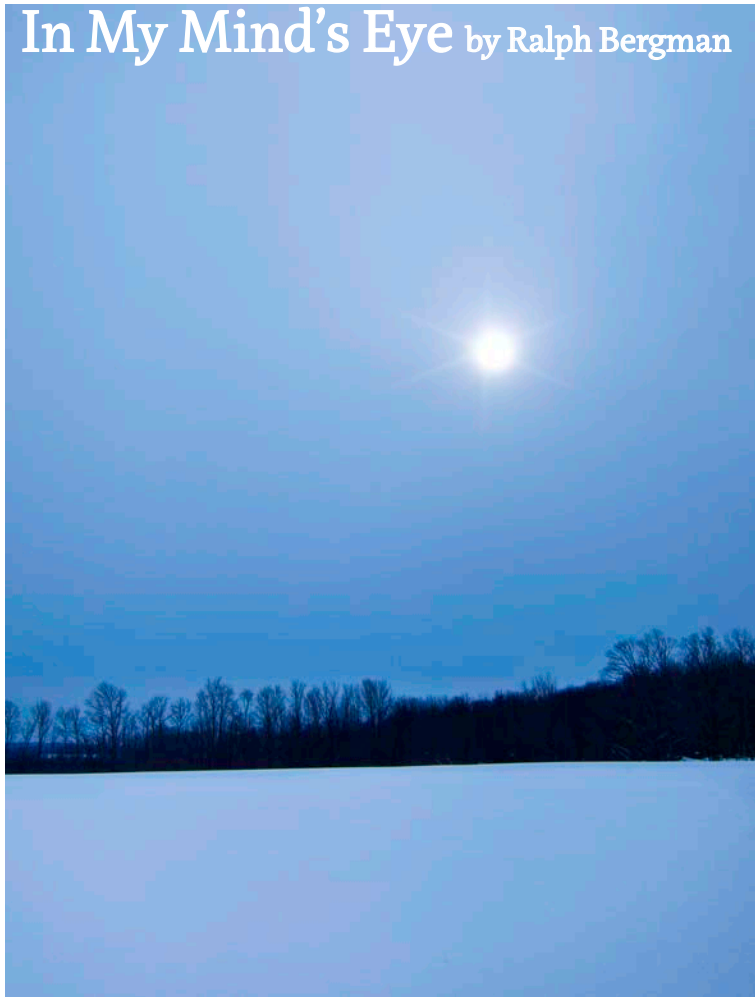


**The Walters Falls Group of Artists** presents the 15th anniversary of their ever-popular art show at the Walters Falls Community Hall from August 24th-26th. Original members of the Group exhibiting this year include Sean Keating, Kate McLaren, Mark Thurman, Vince Bowen, Nick Furguele, Massie's own Jo Ann Sauks, Lyn Belden, and Jorgen Fleischer. Also present will be Pat Robertson, Michael Milhausen, Julia White, Ron Ball, and Blue, and six guest artists: painters Terry Burns (from the Massie area), Ann Ida Beck, Evelyne Richer, Deb Tucker, potter Bruce Cochrane, and wood carver Dick Gleiser. Come and explore this local tradition of creativity and talent on Friday, August 24th from 7 – 10, Saturday, 10 -5 and Sunday 10 – 4. Visit [www.waltersfallsartists.ca](http://www.waltersfallsartists.ca) for more information or contact Michael at 519-794-0365 or [m.milhausen@bmts.com](mailto:m.milhausen@bmts.com)

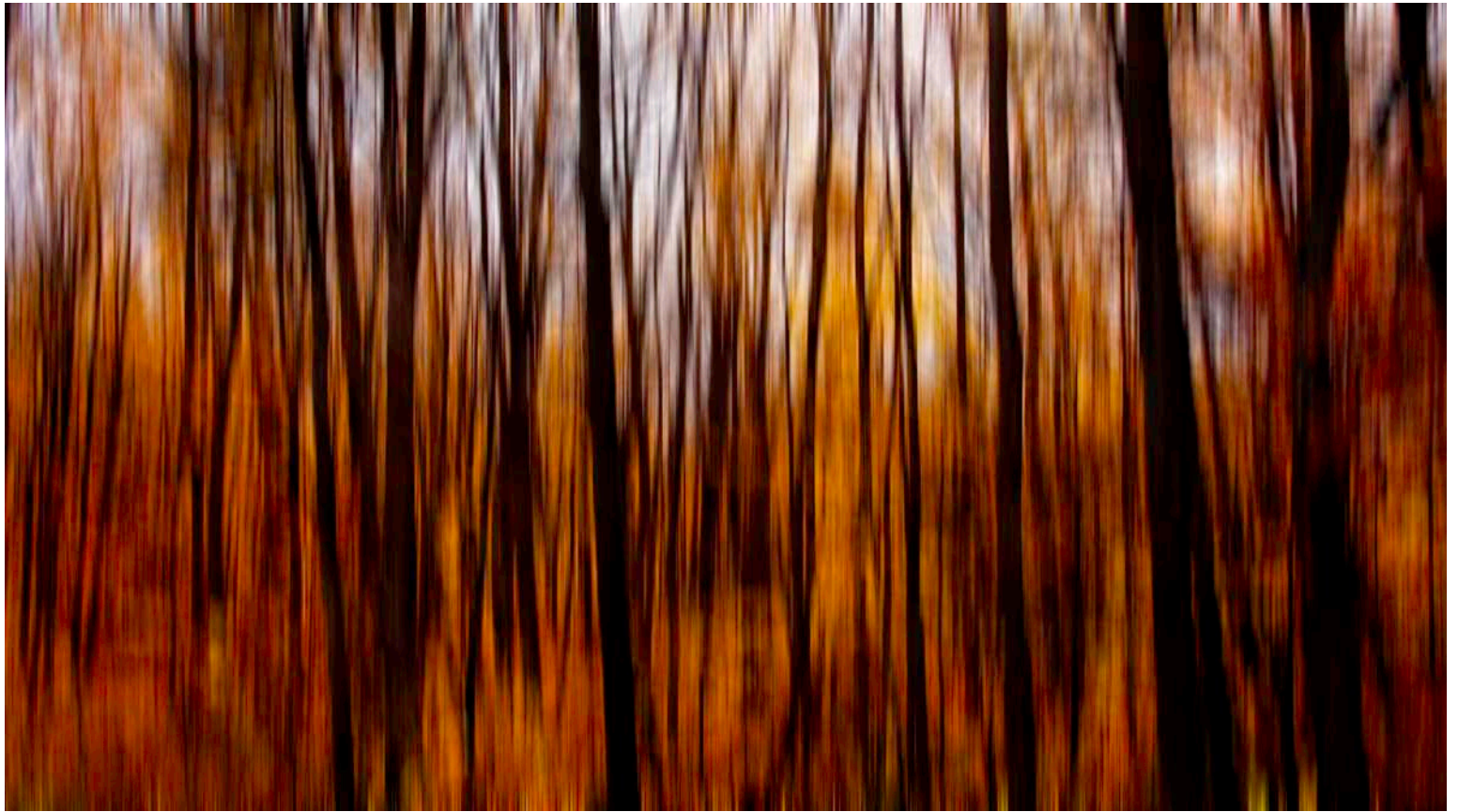


**The Escarpment Studio Tour** presents Spectacular Fall Vistas, Artwork, and Fine Crafts with over 20 artists in and around Bognor, Massie, the Queen's Valley and Walter Falls in Grey County S.E. of Owen Sound. Visit studios exhibiting Painting, Woodcarving, Watercolours, Pastels and Sculpture including Massie's own Photographer Ralph Bergman, and Pastel artists Jo Ann Sauks, and Terry Burns on Friday, October 6th from 10– 5, Saturday, October 7th 10 -5. Visit [www.escarpmentstudiotour.ca](http://www.escarpmentstudiotour.ca) for more information or contact Michael at 519-794-0365 or [m.milhausen@bmts.com](mailto:m.milhausen@bmts.com)

# In My Mind's Eye by Ralph Bergman









## Massie 2012 Events

Photograph by Kennedy Heathers

August 25

**Massie Hall Coffeehouse #3 featuring Power Folk Trio Steve Ritchie, Rob Ritchie and Al Parrish**— doors open at 7:30pm, concert starts at 8p.m. — contact Pete Miller for tickets, 794-3652

September 14, 15, 16 -Chatsworth Fall Fair

September 22

**Massie Hall Coffeehouse #4 Blues singer / songwriter Mark Reeves**— doors open at 7:30pm, concert starts at 8p.m. — contact Pete Miller for tickets, 794-3652

October 14

**Massie United Church Anniversary Service at 11:00 a.m.**  
144th Anniversary of Earliest Recorded Massie Bible Class in 1868  
117th Anniversary of our “new” brick church built in 1895  
Guest Minister Rev. Jack Tweddle. Everyone welcome

October 27

**Massie Hall Coffeehouse #5- Moonshiner’s Daughter playing foot-stompin’ bluegrass music**— doors open at 7:30pm, concert starts at 8p.m. — contact Pete Miller for tickets, 794-3652

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