

It's Birding Month in South Marysburgh



Mayor Robert Quaiff demonstrates perfect birding form outside Shire Hall (PEPTBO photo)

Migration Monitoring at the Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory is in full swing. The colourful warblers in their spring breeding plumage are starting to arrive at Prince Edward Point – and to feed on the midges that have emerged in the Traverse Woods and beyond.

This year Mayor Robert Quaiff is a “guest birder” in the Spring Bird Count. As an independent charity and organization, the Bird Observatory depends on the funds raised with the Spring Bird Count, so if Mayor Quaiff approaches you for a donation – dig deep!

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Milford's New 'Lending Library of Things'

By Christine Renaud

On Saturday, May 16th, drop by the Emporium in Milford at 11:00 a.m. and learn about the new *Lending Library of Things* (LLOTs) starting in the County. While you're there, check out all the great, funky vintage goodies at the grand opening of The Milford Emporium!

Similar tool lending libraries exist in many cities in the U.S. and are popping up around the country here, too. Toronto, Hamilton, Halifax and Vancouver all have them, and now, so do we Prince Edward County!

The idea is to share what we have as a community for free, especially things that we may not need all the time. In addition to building and carpentry tools, we hope to gather gardening and yard tools, crafting tools, sewing machines, specialty cooking equipment like dehydrators and specialty pans, and anything that people might need to borrow short term.

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South Marysburgh in May? Not just for the birds!

The Spring Birding Festival attracts hundreds of enthusiasts from Southern Ontario as well as hundreds of others from around the world. If you're in the South Marysburgh area for the opening of the Festival on May 16th there's plenty of other stuff to do while you're here.

Live, Laugh, Eat in Milford can supply you with take-out food; **Vicki's Veggies'** tomato seedling sale takes place on Morrison Point Road on the 16th and 17th with plenty of other vendors on hand; the **Black River Cheese Company** on County Road 13 will launch its new sheep cheese (and the '**Black Crick Chicks**' will be on hand in the parking lot to serenade you, sell treats and collect money for the *Relay for Life*); and the **Emporium** and '**Library of Things**' will be opening in Milford.

When you've done all that, visit **Half Moon Bay Winery** and the **Mariners' Museum** on County Road 13, and **Long Dog Winery** on Brewers Road on your way to the **Milford Bistro** for a good lunch or dinner.