

BRIEFS

BMP dinner Feb. 20

The Mayors and Councillors of Town of Brome Lake, Brome, Cowansville, Sutton and Abercorn will once again volunteer their time and energy to serve dinner, wait tables and sell tickets to raise funds for the annual BMP Hospital Roast Beef Benefit Dinner. The event will be held on Sunday, Feb. 20 at the Auberge West Brome.

Organizers are asking for the public's support to donate funds, food items or prizes to help defray the expenses. The entire proceeds go to BMP Hospital. The event has turned over approximately \$100,000 to the hospital over the past 12 years. For further information, call George Bristol (450-263-6176), general manager Pierre Bergeron (450-266-7552) or Theresa Hoekstra (450-266-7552). Cheques made payable to the BMP Hospital will have receipts issued from the hospital.

Dancing in Sutton

Sutton's Coeur du Village will present a few activities for St. Valentine's Day. The fun begins Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. with a dance workshop hosted by Sandra Chaplin (\$10 per person). That is followed in the evening by ballroom dancing (\$15 per person) at 8 p.m. The Samborsky Jazz Dance Band will be on hand to perform.

Call 450-538-5636 to register. Tickets are available in Knowlton at Brome Lake Books and in Sutton at Au Naturel, the tourism office and the Golden Book bookstore.

PEACE School fundraiser

The Elves of Light from the PEACE School are inviting the public to a fundraising day. Visitors will be treated to a meal in a friendly atmosphere. A portion of the cost of the meal will go towards helping the tsunami survivors to rebuild their lives.

The event will be held Feb. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Café Inn at 264 Knowlton road in Knowlton. The Elves of Light will keep a small portion of the money made from this fundraiser for their future projects.

This is not the first event for the Elves of Light. During the Christmas holidays, they went to give affection and treats to the animals of the S.P.A. in Granby.

For further information about the fundraiser, contact the Elves of Light at the P.E.A.C.E. School at 450-243-1182 or the Café Inn at 450-243-0069.

Romance at Les Deux Tournesols

By Wendy Denman

RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Les Deux Tournesols Art Gallery in Sutton is inviting the public to view a particular piece of art this Saturday during an open house from 1 to 5 p.m.

"I found this artist right near here, who I must say is truly extraordinary," explained gallery owner Guy Borremans. "Vittorio Canta is a retired art director who has decided to devote himself to painting the most striking pieces which, I guess you could say he mixes hyper-realism, allegory, romanticism and the renaissance.

"He delivers a strange and strong message – and I am really interested in

seeing how the public reacts to it. So as well as our regular artists, we are featuring one of Canta's paintings here on Saturday. It's a large, bold canvas and we're looking for comment. When I first saw his work, I just couldn't believe an art director could turn around and produce this."

Les Deux Tournesols, located at 6 Pine St. in Sutton, describes itself as a collection of artists though not a co-op.

"We have 11 regular artists who rent space and exhibit here. I own the place, but also exhibit my own photographs," explained Borremans. "We are not pretentious, but we are talented. We don't have any

rules – we have figurative work, non-figurative work, ready-made objects, digital, classic and conceptual, black and white photos and prints.

"We are still very much in the experimental stage as a gallery. We invite comment, we invite participation. Our artists come from all over – Montreal, Sutton, Milan, Toronto, Brussels and beyond. We are together because we love art and we want to share our visions. You could say we are an unusual group."

The event on Feb. 12, includes conversations with the artists and a buffet. The paintings will remain on exhibit.

Pinnacle Land Protected



COURTESY OF APPALACHIAN CORRIDOR

Artists and Mount Pinnacle residents Vicky Tansey and Richard Sommer have signed a conservation servitude which will see 50 acres of their property protected long after they're gone. Concerned over forestry practices and what would happen to their property in the future, the couple recently signed the conservation agreement with the Mount Pinnacle Land Trust. Now, even if the land is sold, it cannot be developed. "Without the Mount Pinnacle Land Trust and the Appalachian Corridor it would have been difficult to realize this dream which has been dear to us for many years," Tansey said. Prior to the signing, ACA biologists carried out an inventory of the property, determining what uses could be permitted there without harming the environment. For more information on protecting natural areas, contact the ACA at 450-538-5444, or via the Internet at www.apcor.ca.



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