



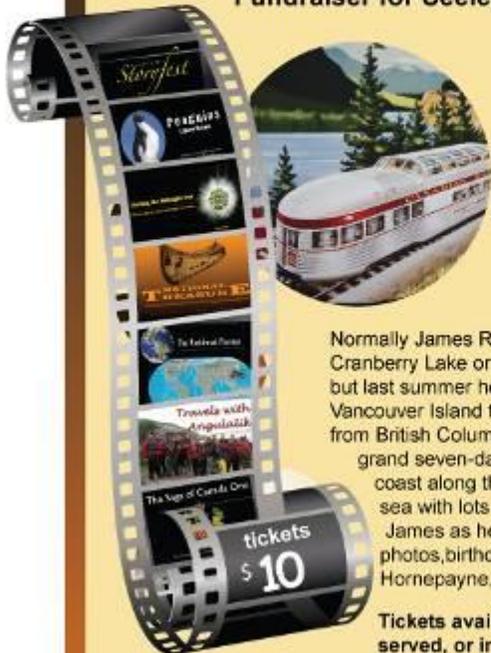
Even in the weak light of late December, Rick Couper captures the beauty of Seeley's Bay

Seeley's Bay Storyfest Rail Romance

presented by

James Raffan

Fundraiser for Seeley's Bay Steps Up



2pm
Sunday
January 19

Seeley's Bay Community Centre
151 Main St
Seeley's Bay

Normally James Raffan can be found paddling about in Cranberry Lake or somewhere in a back corner of Siberia but last summer he and his wife, Gail Simmons, met on Vancouver Island to do some fishing and then travelled from British Columbia to Nova Scotia by train. It was a grand seven-day adventure that took them from coast to coast along the storied steel that links Canada sea to sea with lots of adventures along the way. Join James as he recounts the journey with laughs, photos, birthday candles, missing the train in Hornepayne, and a few other tall tales along the way.

Tickets available at the door first come first served, or in advance by calling 613 387 3936 or by [clicking here](#).

Fundraising Continues for Steps Up

The Directors of the Seeley's Bay Area Residents' Association are moving forward with Phase 2 of their economic revitalization project, known as **Seeley's Bay Steps Up**, and once again local resident Dr. James Raffan has volunteered his talents to help with the cause. Please plan to attend TWO STORYFEST EVENTS this winter at the community hall, on Sunday afternoon, January 19, and again on March 16. Dr. Raffan will share the story of his journey across the country by train at the first event, and the second event will focus on his most recent trips to the Arctic. As always you can count on laughing and learning at these Storyfest events. Details of the first event are printed to the left of this column. Tickets may be purchased online by clicking this link <http://tinyurl.com/klredxl> An alternative way to get tickets is to email sbara@seeleysbay.com; the ticket price is \$10 each.

The second phase of Steps Up will add more signage and planters, create 2 more parkettes, enhance the paddling station, advance the water quality goals, and continue overall efforts to attract visitors.



Fundraiser a huge success – Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers working together, over \$41,000 was raised to help Seeley's Bay resident Zach Elliot (front row) get on with the next phase of his life. Congratulations to (back row) Jan MacPhail, Jan Holland, Don Bracken, Peter Gard, Sherri Collins, Jane Billings, Nicole Peters, and Sherri Gilbert.

All the best of the holiday season to everyone!



What's Happening:

- Dec 28 – Movie & Crafts, 4-12 yrs, 1 pm, Community Hall
- Dec 31 – New Year's party @ Legion, 6:30, \$45 for 2
- Jan 5 – Old Time Fiddlers @ Legion, 2 pm
- Jan 12 – Howl & Jam @ Legion, bring your instrument
- Jan 19 - Storyfest @ Hall; 2 pm; \$10; Rail Romance
- Feb 2 – Old Time Fiddlers @ Legion, 2 pm
- Feb 7-9 – Frost Fest fun, throughout the village
- Mar 16 – Storyfest @ Hall; 2 pm; \$10, Arctic Odyssey
- May 17 – Red Canoe Fest, Victoria Day weekend



This e- newsletter is sent to **over 250 households** every few months. To sign-up and/or to publicize community-oriented events, contact newsletter@seeleysbay.com Also, please print and post a copy on your public bulletin board and/or share copies with neighbours. You can also join the **over 720 people** who 'like' "Support Seeley's Bay Ontario" on Facebook for more frequent area news.

From the Library:

Amanda and Debbie would like to wish all of our library patrons a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years. Thank you for using our library. It has been a pleasure serving you over the past year. I would also like to give special Thanks to my awesome library volunteers. This year my top two volunteers are Ellen Young a grade 8 student at RDHS and Tammy Fisher, who works at the library, but also comes in to volunteer her time. Thank you ladies you make me look good!

We are starting a kids Cocoa club at the library in January. It will run every Thursday evening from 6:30-7:30. There will be cocoa and cookies, crafts and Lego. Start date is January 2nd. If anyone would be willing to bake cookies for the kids. they can contact Amanda @ the library 613-387-3885 or seeleysbay@ltipl.net



If you want to volunteer, donate or get more information about the Seeley's Bay Area Residents' Association, please contact: Peggy Sweet McCumber at sbara@seeleysbay.com

