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Action for Education

CFUW Summer Market kicks off Friday



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www.cfuw.org says "The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) is a national non-governmental, non-partisan, self-funded organization committed to promoting equality for women and girls through action, advocacy and education." The Sherbrooke and District CFUW branch is walking the talk.

Its annual Summer Market is in action this Aug. 24 and 25 at the Lennoxville United Church, 6 Church Street, Lennoxville. It's a silent auction and second hand book sale combined. It's Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bidding closes at 2 p.m. Bring your own bags.

What can you get? Hockey tickets to a Canadiens game are up for bidding. A dozen Mega Blocks toys. A child's stroller and car seat set. An electric bike. A mountain bike. A six-month membership to the Club de Tennis and Multi-form in Magog. And more, for prices ranging from \$25 to \$400, depending on the competition.

A very popular home baking and preserving station at the Market offers goodies such as raspberry jam, salsa or crab apple jelly.

The second hand book sale offers a vast array of used books, ranging from 25 cents to five bucks, if the books has coloured plates.

Then there's the good feeling of contributing to a good cause. "The Silent



COURTESY LAMPE FOUNDATION

Some of last year's 29 recipients of Lampe Foundation scholarships and awards. The CFUW's Summer Market raises a large chunk of the scholarship funds.

Auction is less about finding bargains and more about having fun outbidding friends and neighbours, even to the point of exceeding the actual price of the item," said Sherbrooke and District's CFUW President Mary Jane Amey in an email. "Let's face it—raising funds for the cause makes it all worthwhile!"

And the cause is? "The majority of the funds are donated to our local affiliate organization, the Lampe Foundation, which disperses them for scholarships," said Amey.

The Lampe Foundation gives scholarships at all levels, from high school to post-graduate studies, said its president Heather Bowman. Many are designated for students in healthcare professions.

"The Lampe Foundation is a separate entity that helps to light the way to a

brighter future," she said. "That's our motto. Last year, in 2012-2013, we gave over \$18,000 in scholarship awards."

"The Summer Market also helps support a regional high school public speaking contest," said Amey. Contributions go to the National CFUW Ecole Polytechnique Commemorative Award and international development projects of the International Federation of University Women. The book sale helps support internal operations.

Last year's Summer Market raised about \$8,400. Of this, \$6,400 went exclusively to educational awards, she said.

Amey said that more than 50 local CFUW members volunteer for the annual Summer Market. "This year our two leaders, Lucie Roy for the Used Book Sale component of the Market and Heather

Bowman for the Silent Auction component, deserve our utmost appreciation. They have devoted hundreds of hours to organizing this event. I am unable to thank all the volunteers individually, but each and every one of them has made a valuable contribution to our community."

Donations of items or books for the market are still welcome. Contact Heather Bowman at 819-842-4641 or hannbowman@hotmail.com. Books can be dropped off at the Lennoxville United Church on Thursday morning. No textbooks, no National Geographics, Bowman said.

For information about scholarships, visit www.lampefoundation.org.

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RURART marries culture and agriculture

By Rachel Garber

La G n reuse is a venerable domaine near Sand Hill. Francine Lemay and Ga tan Choquette bought it in 1980, and transformed it into a cutting-edge organic farm. Fields, ponds, cottages, orchard, and 150 acres of forest.

Think agro-tourism. Think organic farming as far back as 1987. Think community-supported agriculture almost before it was invented. Think pioneers who helped create the Enfants de la terre school for their daughter and other children, to give them an education integrating the arts and the environment.

And now think again. Here is the daughter, Am lie L-Choquette. She's back from Montreal, a graduate of Concordia University in visual arts and dance. She brings her own touch to La G n reuse.

That touch is christened RURART, and it brings contemporary art to a rural setting. L-Choquette is the artistic director of the event. This summer's edition features eight artists from different disci-



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Am lie L-Choquette is the artistic director of RURART. It brings contemporary art to a farm, La G n reuse.

plines and different countries. For example, Beno t Converset from Switzerland plays the double bass. From Sherbrooke is Thierry Laurent, percussionist. They will play in solo and in duo. Expect experimental music, soundscapes, maybe jazz.

From Montreal, Roberto Davanzo will show a video installation and Laura Delarosbil creates land art. L-Choquette herself integrates contemporary dance

and painting.

The event offers site-specific presentations at La G n reuse. "Immersed in the fields, the orchard, the forest and the century-old barn, they will present their creations to the public in the very environment that inspired them," L-Choquette wrote in French. "Join them in a presentation that reflects their process of experimentation inspired by an extraordinary environment."

This is L-Choquette's second RURART, and it's on for two weekends, Aug. 24 and 25 and Aug. 31 and Sep. 1. The Saturday performances are at 6:15 p.m. and the Sunday ones, at 2 p.m. They last about an hour and a quarter.

Aug. 24 and 25 will also feature special guest artists from Belgium - Brunot Briquet, Isabelle Gilson and Nathalie Louette of the Apr s Minuit collective. They're a trio of contemporary dancers who incorporate automatic writing and drawing in their process.

L-Choquette suggests you arrive at least 15 minutes in advance. Come dressed for the weather. RURART goes ahead, rain or shine. Refreshments at a small price are available at the small shop on the farm.

La G n reuse is at 540 Labont  Road, in Cookshire-Eaton, just 20 minutes east of Lennoxville. From Route 108, turn north at the Sand Hill Cemetery. For a preview of the farm, visit lagenereuse.com or rurart.ca. Suggested donation is \$10.

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