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Jasmin Grégoire harvests grapes at Broken Stone Winery's second annual Harvest Party on Oct. 4th. Grégoire drove down from Montreal with his wife, Betty Gosselin, to help Broken Stone bring in the grape harvest and experience a bit of rural vineyard life.

Winery celebrates the harvest

By Nakita Krucker

On Saturday morning a fairly new winery to the Prince Edward County region, Broken Stone, hosted their second annual Harvest Party.

Tim Kuepfer and spouse, Micheline, owners and founders of Broken Stone, opened their doors to the public to help bring in the harvest and share a bit of the wine-making process.

"It was a more challenging season due to the damp and cold, that means more

fungi, so a more vigilant approach needs to be taken throughout the season and during harvest...however the results were better," explained Kuepfer, head wine maker, after the two day harvest commenced. The volunteers managed to harvest a third of the grapes which would be going towards making the winery's pinot noir specialty.

The Kuepfers raised their three daughters within the city, but about five years ago they started to cultivate their dream of a rural life. They purchased their 34

acre farm in 2009 and have been working tirelessly on weekends and throughout the summer to turn this dream into a reality. "It takes time," recited Kuepfer in reference to many of the happenings throughout the day. Once when the grape crusher de-stemmer broke, adding much delay to the wine making process, and once more when referring to this whole vineyard development. They are in no rush, but are instead focused on enjoying the process and exposing their daughters and whoever joins in their rural venture,

to country living.

What started as mainly friends and family soon involved volunteers from across Ontario and a couple from Montreal. Jasmin Grégoire and Betty Gosselin drove down from Montreal for the weekend to get the county experience and were pleasantly surprised with their day out at Broken Stone. "This is our 10th winery in the county we've seen and the most rewarding since we actually get to participate by harvesting," stated Gosselin over a bowl of nourishing chili

and a glass of Broken Stone's 2013 Pinot Noir.

The harvest is in full swing across the county and helping with the harvest is not only limited to the Harvest Party experience at Broken Stone. Sandbanks Estate Winery also enjoyed having the public assist in the harvest and on Oct. 11, Grange of Prince Edward is having a harvest party of their own. If you are looking to explore the county this weekend, the grape harvest at a local vineyard is a fantastic outing suitable for all ages.

Glanmore celebrates culture and history

Historic site opens its door for tea fundraiser

By Hannah Eden

Glanmore National Historic Site of Canada opened its doors Sunday to celebrate the history and culture of the site with a Harvest Tea fundraiser.

The event was hosted by Friends of Glanmore, a registered volunteer run charity dedicated to the conservation of artwork and restoration of Glanmore House.

"This tea is to provide a different opportunity for people to come and see the museum in a different way," said Melissa Wakeling, education and marketing co-ordinator for Glanmore.

"Our Friends of Glanmore are actually the hosts of the events - that's our volunteer group. They do a lot of fundraiser work throughout the year and then they pick projects to spend the funds on. This time they have selected the reproduction of curtains for the second bedroom."

Built in 1883 for banker and financier J.P.C. Phillips, the regally adorned house boasts more than 20,000 artifacts, made to depict the original style and taste of the era.

The sheer volume of priceless collections housed in the museum is the sole purpose for events such as the Harvest Tea.

Artifacts such as ceiling moulds, painting and upholstery, need constant maintenance and the Friends of Glanmore are dedicated to this cause.

Karen St. Germain, a volunteer with Friends of Glanmore, remembers past projects the group has helped to fund.

"This past spring, we repainted the tea room," said St. Germain as she looked around the freshly painted room where guests were sat enjoying their afternoon treats.

Sunday marked the second annual Harvest Tea - a tradition steaming from years past at Glanmore House.

"We used to do teas every weekend -- about 20 years ago, but they sort of faded in popularity," said Wakeling.

"In the last few years, there has been an increased request for them, so we thought we would try it again."

A rich array of finger sandwiches, scones and sweet delights laid on every table as mothers, daughters, husbands, wives and close friends, bonded with those at their table while enjoying a traditional afternoon tea complete with china cups and saucers.

"There will be some lovely homemade



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Denzy James, 9, sits with her mother Belinda James during the Harvest Tea and Tour at Glanmore National Historic Site on Sunday afternoon. The tea was hosted by volunteer group Friends of Glanmore, a registered charity dedicated to the conversation and restoration of Glanmore House.

scones and they'll be served with homemade strawberry jam as well as honey-ginger, pumpkin butter," Wakeling shared. "Now doesn't that sound delicious!"

Educational services are also a huge part of Glanmore House's involvement in the local community with school groups taking tours of the grand halls and rooms as part of the education curriculum.

With the changing culture of 'quick' access to information, museums such as Glanmore House are a great way for children to immerse themselves in history - a piece of culture left behind by past Belleville residents.

"I always encourage young people to come and visit Glanmore and get involved here," says Wakeling. "For example, this spring we will have

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an exhibit from the Royal Ontario Museum. It's called Gift of the Nile. A lot of young people have visited Glanmore as a schoolchild, but I encourage them to come back."

With two tea sittings and two guided tours underway, Sunday proved a huge

success for all coordinators and volunteers involved.

"My favourite part of my job at Glanmore is the people," shared Wakeling.

"I like meeting people when they come and visitors. People are usually excited and interested." The chatter of plates and spoons sung from the tea room on Sunday afternoon and reflected the excited talk among guests as they marvelled at the house and its significance to the community.

"I don't know if it's a nostalgic thing or its due to the popularity of shows such as Downton Abbey," said Wakeling.

"But people want to come and have tea!"

For a multi-media view of the event, go to:

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Debate...

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Culhane said that in the past, council has assisted Loyalist but it is extremely difficult to project that going forward. She said the college is more than welcome to bring its needs to council to be discussed.

Kenzo Dozono said Loyalist is the heart and soul of the community. "Without Loyalist College, I do not think we have a future."

"President Maureen Piercy, don't ask us for support, we force you to be together with us and we will demand city council grow with Loyalist college's future," he said.

The panel also discussed the delays in construction of a new police station.

Dozono said he has been an interpreter for many companies and has found that when companies are considering moving to an area, they first ask what kind of policing and fire services are in place.

He said this problem must be solved as fast as possible to help bring industry and jobs to Belleville.

Bill Glisky said, "I am as frustrated as many people that four years after we had this discussion in the last election, we're still having this discussion." He said he is committed to completing the police station so it will not be an issue in the next election.

Christopher, who is on the steering committee for the project, said much of the work has already been done. "We have had the consultations. We have done the planning. We have done the reviews. They are done. The funding is in place."

In the strategic plan, he said it was slated for 2014 so it's only a couple months behind schedule.

Herrington said he would like to see shovels in the ground before Christmas.

Glisky said he hopes to introduce programs to make it easier for people to get nutritious food on their tables. The best way to fight poverty in the community, he added, is to get people working and the best way to do that is to ensure they have necessities like food and good housing.

Culhane said that there is a need for hospice beds. "Like it or not, there is an issue in this community with people who are dying and dying at home." She said when these people are eventually admitted to hospital, they put a strain on resources intended for more acute care.

She said she wants to look into getting a residential hospice for the community.