

Independent Shorts

• Don't forget to tune in to the CBC at 8:00 pm on the evening of Monday, Feb. 16 to catch the Murdoch Mysteries episode "Toronto's Girl Problem," featuring scenes filmed in St. Marys in October. The episode synopsis from CBC.ca reads: "Working with Brackenreid's nephew, Murdoch and the team discover a murdered woman may be connected to a gang of female jewel thieves. Guest starring Charlie Clements."

• The film with the unenviable task of opening this weekend against the adaptation of the best-selling novel "Fifty Shades of Grey" is "Kingsman: The Secret Service." It's also a literary adaptation, so to speak, based off the Mark Millar comic book series "The Secret Service." Starring Colin Firth, Taron Egerton, Michael Caine and Samuel L. Jackson, it "tells the story of a super-secret spy organization that recruits an unrefined but promising street kid into the agency's ultra-competitive training program just as a global threat emerges from a twisted tech genius."

• The lineup of musicians playing 'WayHome,' the new music festival coming to Oro-Medonte (near Barrie) this July 24-26, was announced this week. The inaugural 2015 lineup features headliners Kendrick Lamar, Alt-J, Modest Mouse and Sam Smith. Canadian acts on the bill include Sloan, The Sheepdogs, July Talk, Alvvays, Hey Rosetta!, Timber Timbre and Rural Alberta Advantage. General admission and VIP tickets, which include camping, go on sale Monday, Feb. 16. More information is available at WayHome.com.

BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

St. Marys Ford



Visit the "New" St. Marys Ford this Saturday

In 1985 St. Marys Ford was established as a service, sales and gas station facility and over the years they have become a community retail landmark. When it opened for business they started with a skeleton

staff of approximately 7 employees. The owners Joe and Lorne had a motto that said "A dealership is either made or broken on its service." Today the staff has grown to 25 employees and still believes in great service in all of the departments. Some

of the employees have been with the dealership for more than 30 years! Sales, service, parts and gas have grown to help customers with today's busy lifestyle. Over the years the dealership has seen some changes in the buildings and today the building has received a major update. The sales, service, and parts departments joined together to offer our customers a better experience. With the help of the St. Marys Heritage Committee, the dealership was able to obtain an approval from Ford of Canada that allowed the dealership to use a stone and brick façade opposed to a

metal cladding building frontage. The new exterior will become better suited to our Stonetown heritage. The project is ready for friends and neighbours to visit this Saturday for our Open House from 9 – 2 PM.

The St. Marys Ford team are very excited to see their past current and future customers visit the dealership and see the changes over the past 30 years!



Tree Tips: Ornamental Trees



Everyone who attempts to landscape around their home, whether you have a green thumb or are just all thumbs, might consider ornamental trees. Ornamental trees are a main feature in a garden, they add character and distinction. Though I am always attracted to the tall, broad, spread trees of a forest, I am still always fascinated by the beauty of a properly trimmed flowering ornamental.

There are many ornamental trees to choose from when landscaping a garden. In the next few articles we will examine a few different species. My favorite by far is the Red Bud (*Cercis canadensis*). The Red Bud is an extremely slow growing tree, with small purple or pink flowers. Though it finds our winter hard, it is always

the first tree to flower in the spring. Once the flowers fade and disappear, the leaves come out and are shaped like a heart. Perhaps this is why many people choose to make this tree the heart of their garden.

There are many other ornamentals that are easier to grow. The Red Bud is normally situated in a slightly warmer climate, and finds a long winter like last year extremely hard. It often requires more work and patience, but once it begins to flower, it is well worth the effort.

If you have a question, you can email me at jtsquote@gmail.com, and I will respond either by email or in a future article. If you would like me to come and assess one of your trees, you can call me at 519-272-5742.

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Joel Hackett does not assume any liability for any information in this article.

Celebrate Canada's Heritage Week
with your community at the 19th annual

St. Marys Heritage Fair

Friday, February 20, 2015, 7 to 9 p.m.

Location: Community Centre, Pyramid Recreation Centre

317 James Street South

Sponsored by the St. Marys Historical Society and the St. Marys Museum

- Free admission
- Door prizes
- Terrific displays
- Silent auction
- Refreshments

Exhibitors include organizations, groups and individuals with an interest in the rich history of this area. Please join us to learn "what's new" in local history!

For information about the Heritage Fair, contact the Museum:

519-284-3556 or museum@town.stmarys.on.ca

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