



# IN THE NEWS

May 2018

**We're 45!**  
Empowering people with disabilities since 1973.

## Team Bonny Lea Farm Takes on the Chester Cut 'n Run



This spontaneous picture includes some but not all of Team Bonny Lea Farm. For a complete list visit the event on our website.

Raising confidence, spirits and achieving goals! Become a part of their journey.

This year we have a record of 28 athletes taking part in Team Bonny Lea Farm. They are enthusiastic, and excited both by the physical challenge and the fundraising challenge.

It is the one event each year where participants are raising funds themselves. Some enjoy visiting families and neighbors with their pledge sheets. Others engage their broad networks of family and friends, taking advantage of the online giving option.

Currently, Debbie Austin is our leading fundraiser. At the time of writing the Austin clan, from CB to BC, and from Mabou to Miami, have raised over \$1000 in support of Debbie and Team Bonny Lea Farm.

For the past few weeks the team has been training in the gym and outside. Preparing their bodies and minds for the event. Some have taken part in a practice walk along the Cut 'n Run route.

We also can't say enough about the support we have received from the Municipality of the District of Chester in facilitating our participation - from allowing us to use the event as a fundraiser for Team Bonny Lea Farm to developing a wheelchair friendly route to ensure inclusiveness.

Team Bonny Lea Farm is looking for your support. Make a donation to the Team or a team member. No gift too big, no gift too small. ([www.bonnyleafarm.ca](http://www.bonnyleafarm.ca)) Come out and cheer them on, on June 3.

## Are You A Gardener?

### Do You Like A Good Breakfast?

If you answered yes to either of these questions, or better yet, both, we suggest you plan to attend our Annual Plant Sale & Breakfast on June 9. Doors open at 8:00 and it's wrapped up at 11:00am.

The plants in the greenhouse are growing, budding and are "blooming beautiful".

The Greenhouse instructor and crew are busy tending to the plants and are excited about the new raised beds that the Greenhouse work crew will be using for the first time this year.

If you are a regular, be sure to come this year. If you have never been, it's worth the trip. Trust us, you won't regret it.

### Annual Plant Sale & Breakfast

June 9

8:00 - 11:00am

Hanging Baskets

Transplants

Breakfast \$8

Bake Table



Coming soon:

Eastlink Magazine Live from Bonny Lea Farm!



# ART SHOW

Laurie Finck has a gift for art.  
He also has autism.  
Come see how art changes lives.

June 1 – 29

Margaret Hennigar Public Library  
@ the LCLC, Bridgewater

“Art is for Everyone” Talk  
June 17 @ 12 noon

## Art Changes Lives - Laurie’s Story

Laurie Finck has an extraordinary gift for art. He has an exceptional eye for design and an affinity for colour. He also has autism, giving him a unique view and style. He devotes hours each day to his passion.

From his early years it was evident that he was artistically talented. He was fortunate throughout his school years to have teachers and program assistants who understood and encouraged this.

In 2008, Laurie began studying Art with professional artist, Marlene York. The lessons launched his artist explorations at home in a variety of media.

Laurie loves doing art and enjoys it as a relaxing activity every day.

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“Art became a focus, a teaching strategy, and a daily pleasure.”

Elizabeth Allard, Speech-Language Therapist

Laurie graduated from Sir John A Macdonald High School in 2013, and transitioned to the day program at Bonny Lea Farm, where he works on products for each of our social enterprises.

We are over the moon that Laurie, his family and his art teacher have embraced this art show to raise awareness of the benefits of art for people with disabilities, as well as his work here at Bonny Lea Farm. Over the past two years, we have printed his art on t-shirts and note cards.

## Good Times Gallery



Bonny Lea Farm was visited by the #Canada150Mosaic project. Many of the participants painted tiles which are now part of the Municipality of the District of Chester mosaic. One of the one hundred mosaics created for 150!

## Hold the Date

Check our website for more details: [www.bonnyleafarm.ca](http://www.bonnyleafarm.ca)

- Amanda Robar Memorial Benefit Concert May 27 @ 1:30pm
- Anglican Church Hall, New Germany
- Art Show @ Bridgewater Public Library June 1 - June 29
- Chester Cut 'n Run with Team Bonny Lea Farm June 3
- To join or sponsor the team online click on the event on our homepage: [www.bonnyleafarm.ca](http://www.bonnyleafarm.ca)
- Plant Sale & Breakfast June 9 @8:00-11:00am
- “Art is for Everyone” Talk @ Bridgewater Library June 17 @ 12 noon
- Lobster Lovers’ Feast August 5
- Annual Benefit Golf Tournament September 9