



# IN THE NEWS

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Blair Hatt and Amanda Robar look forward to our Spring Concert on April 9 from 7:00-9:00pm.

## See You at our Spring Concert on April 9!

Blair and Amanda are holding their spring bouquets and are looking forward to seeing you at our Spring Concert on Saturday, April 9 right here at Bonny Lea Farm. The concert features the Studio Singers, Chester Brass, Jazzette, Lori Davis and Peter Parsons, and a surprise grande finale.

*"When you hear the music, you will want to get up and dance,"* said Amanda.

Local merchants have donated over \$1,000 in silent auction items. *"I like the jacket. My mother would like the chair,"* exclaimed Blair. You can preview the silent auction items on our Facebook and website ([www.bonnyleafarm.ca](http://www.bonnyleafarm.ca)).

The doors open at 6:30pm. Show starts at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$15 each or \$40 for a family (2 adults + children).

Call Jane at 902-275-5622 ext.224 or email at [jrfuse@bonnyleafarm.ca](mailto:jrfuse@bonnyleafarm.ca) Tickets are also available at Chester Pharmasave.

## Why is Valerie Doing the Blue Nose Marathon?

Valerie Roode was interviewed for the Blue Nose Marathon newsletter. Here is what she had to say:

Question: Why are you running/walking for this particular charity?"

Valerie: *"I want to give back to Bonny Lea Farm because Bonny Lea gives so much to me everyday."*

Question: What does your charity mean to you?

Valerie: *"Bonny Lea Farm is a good place for me. I have friends and a good job. I have lived here since 1990. When it was time to move away from home, I didn't know what my options were, but when I saw this place, I knew I could be happy here. I want to help others too, and I feel really good being in this race."*

Question: What are you hoping to accomplish or change for your charity?

Valerie: *"I don't want anyone to fall or tip over on the old pavement. We need the money for new pavement. This will be safer for us to get to work and back home again."*

Join or sponsor Team Bonny Lea Farm at [www.bluenosemarathon.com](http://www.bluenosemarathon.com). Our goal is \$7,500. We are at 36%, having raised \$2,706 to date.



Valerie is looking forward to the Blue Nose Marathon Charity Challenge on May 21 at 3:00pm..

## Volunteers Recognized by the Municipality of Chester

The Municipality of Chester is celebrating the tremendous efforts of local volunteers by hosting a Volunteer Awards Ceremony and Reception during Volunteer Week, April 10-16. We have two very special individuals who we were pleased to nominate, Mary Ellen Clancey and Whitman Giffin. Both of these caring individuals have given of themselves over several years to Bonny Lea Farm and many other organizations.



Mary Ellen is Chair of our Board of Directors. She works closely with our Managing Director and fellow board members to ensure that we are doing our very best to carry out our mission with careful planning and navigation through changing and challenging times.

*"One gets involved because of the interest you have in an organization initially for self fulfilling reasons, but then you see and experience the bigger picture and the impact that all have in working together for the common good. I have developed wonderful friendships and community connections that will last a life time.*

*Volunteering brings much happiness and satisfaction because you are giving back and we know it is better to give than to receive." - Mary Ellen Clancey*

Whitman, a former Bonny Lea Farm employee, has for a number of years, taken the six participants who live in Mary Hamilton House, one of our three group homes, on special outing of their choosing. This could be a walk around Graves Island, going shopping or out to a movie. Each June, Whit and his wife JoAnne invite the whole group to a picnic serving a special chicken dish that has become a traditional part of this gathering.

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Whitman Giffin



*"I have been volunteering since the 1950's and have had a wonderful time doing so. I love people and it is a great way to feel connected with one's community. I do it without thinking about all that is involved; it's in my DNA. I feel that if you can volunteer, go for it. Everyone can contribute in some way. Over the years my family would say, 'there goes Dad again.' Family comes first and they know this, but they have accepted the fact that Dad is going to say, 'Yes' to volunteering." - Whitman Giffin*

## What Does Bonny Lea Farm Mean To You?

Has your life been touched in some way by Bonny Lea Farm? Do you or a family member have a story to share?

What is your answer to "What Bonny Lea Means to Me"?

It could be a sentence, an anecdote, a testimonial, a video, an MP3 or a drawing or a photograph with a caption.

You can mail it, email it, or phone it in. Whatever and however you would like to express it, we'd love to hear it!

Please contact Liz at 902-275-5622 ext 241 or [efinney@bonnyleafarm.ca](mailto:efinney@bonnyleafarm.ca) or at our address below.