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# Rocmaura

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Rocmaura Gala Dinner & Auction

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## Look Who's Coming to Dinner!

CTV Atlantic's Senior Meteorologist Cindy Day will host this year's Rocmaura Gala Dinner & Auction!

Foundation Coordinator Sally Cummings says "We are thrilled to meet Cindy after watching her weather reports nightly on the ATV evening news.

Cindy recently published her first book "Grandma Says" which has made the Globe & Mail's year end top 20 list.

"Thankfully, there is no Alzheimer's in our family,"

says Cindy, "but that's precisely why I decided to donate a portion of the proceeds from my book to that organization.

I was blessed to have two healthy grandmothers with incredible memories. They were able to teach me so much and share their wisdom with all of us. It breaks my heart to meet people who have all those stories locked up inside them."

This year's Honorary Chair and Auctioneer is Tim Isaac, who's been bringing in many high end items. Herzl Kashetsky, will be honoured as 2013 Artist of the Year, and is working on a special painting for the event.

Our goal is to raise \$75,000 this year for new wardrobes on Hopewell Court. Please contact the Foundation Office to make a donation or buy tickets 506 643-7090.

## Because You Cared...

Ken Isaac found a sense of peace during his last years living at Rocmaura Nursing Home.

The Saint John man, who had become a solo pilot at the age of 16 and was studying to become an engineer, was in his early 20s when he developed schizophrenia.

For years, Isaac was in and out of institutions and special care homes, some far outside the city. But when his health needs increased and he became bedridden, his family sought a nursing home, which could give him the care he required and be in proximity to his family members.

"As a family, we always took care of Ken," said his brother and well-known antiques dealer and auctioneer Tim Isaac, "But we were very fortunate Rocmaura received him as a resident."

Coincidentally, Tim was well acquainted with Rocmaura by the time his brother called it home.

Since 1998, he had served as its auctioneer at the foundation's annual gala – an event that raises money to provide improved resident services and programs.

It's a role he will assume again on Sept. 21.

"The money is not there like it used to be years ago from government," he said. "Today, it is the foundation that raises the extra money to make residents more comfortable."

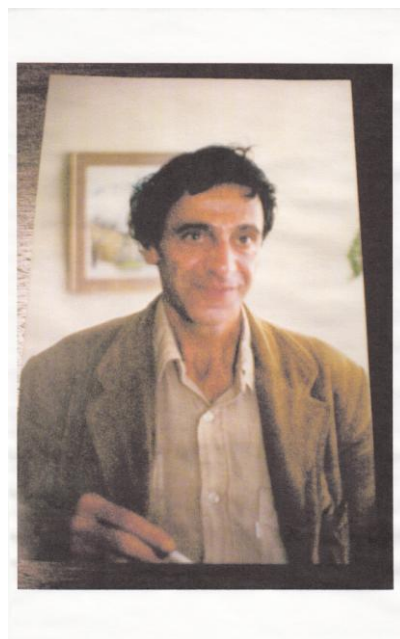
Because of Rocmaura Nursing Home, the Isaac family is forever grateful for the care given to Ken, who died in 2010 at the age of 71.

"We are very thankful for the care and the love he received at Rocmaura. I think it gave him several good years in his life he had never had before...I think he did find some peace."

By Erin Dwyer



Tim Isaac, Auctioneer for more than 40 years



Ken Isaac, Tim's brother







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Congratulations to the Sisters of Charity of  
the Immaculate Conception upon  
receiving the YM-YWCA's Red Triangle  
Award, honouring their work in the  
community since 1854.

## Rocmaura means

### "Rock of Mary" in Gaelic

The name was suggested by Sister Carmella  
Nugent when Rocmaura opened in 1972  
because of Saint John's rich Irish history and  
because it is built on rock .



Herzl  
Kashetsky  
works on  
his  
painting  
of rocks  
for the  
Gala  
Auction.

### Did You Know?

Rocmaura hosted it first Gala in 1998 in the  
clubroom with Mike Duffy as the honorary chair  
and guest speaker.

### We are freshening up!

Unfortunately we don't have the funds to do it  
all at once or on our own. New carpeting has  
been placed in the Main Lounge, surrounding  
areas and Hopewell Court from Capital  
Repairs. We are painting in some areas and  
are waiting for approval to paint throughout --  
with your prayers!

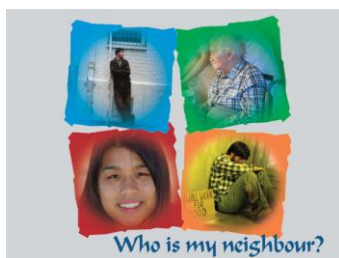
Sheana Mohra, Executive Director



*"The quality of care at Rocmaura Nursing Home was superseded only by the love and kindness shown there. The very capable staff made our mother feel at home and gave us true peace of mind."*

**Marsha Stephen Zed & Family**

Many of Rocmaura's Management Team attended the 2013 Annual Catholic Health Alliance of Canada Conference May 1 -3 Calgary, Alberta



## Mother's Day Draw

May 9, 2013

Show Mom you Care!

Tickets

**\$10 Each 3 for \$20**



Only 3000 Tickets Being Sold

Available at Foundation Office & Bank of Montreal Saint John Branches

**WIN:**

- Diamond Ring from W Smith
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- Celebrate Mom Bouquet from Keirstead's

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