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Artist of the Year
Gerard Collins

Dinner & Speakers
Silent & Live Auction

Casino

"COME HOME" FOR ROCMAURA FOUNDATION'S 16TH ANNUAL DINNER, AUCTION & CASINO

Rocmaura Maritime Kitchen Party

Host: CTV's Cindy Day
Honourary Chair & Guest Speaker:
Dr. Terrance Comeau, Saint John

50 / 50 draw

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2014 SAINT JOHN | TRADE & CONVENTION CENTRE

Rocmaura's 16th Annual Dinner & Auction will be a lot of fun , with a Maritime Kitchen Party & new Casino. This year's theme is 'Coming Home' with Dr. Terrance Comeau as Honourary Chair & Guest Speaker. Comeau moved back to his hometown to be closer to his ailing mother and was given the task of setting up the province's first stem cell transplantation program. Comeau is grateful for the care and compassion his mother received at Rocmaura. "The nurses and support staff were incredible." Last year's dinner raised \$55,000 for the betterment of Residents lives.

Saint John Councillor Gerry Lowe is helping Rocmaura add a few new twists to its annual Gala, as Chair of the Sponsorship Committee. The first change was to drop the word Gala and add a new Casino. "We're hoping to reach new sponsors, broaden attendance, and just have a lot of fun," says Lowe.

Lowe was born and raised in the South End, attended St. Malachy's High and worked for Canada Post for 35 years as a letter carrier. During those years he was a full time business agent for the Letter Carriers Union. Serving on the Planning Advisory Committee and Plan SJ led Gerry into politics to help solve the problems of ordinary people.

Gerry's entrepreneurial background included building a housing development in the old Rockland Road area and renovating many older buildings in the city. He also owned and operated Vets taxi for 43 years, as well as 29 restaurants and liquor establishments, including the first licensed Billiard Halls in New Brunswick.

Gerry still runs many of his own businesses, loves harness racing and has served 15 years with the Saint John Exhibition Association where he has tried to develop an indoor field house.

Gerry has known many friends and relatives at Rocmaura. After having attended last year, he was asked to help with this year's event and gladly accepted.



Holly Singh from Thandi's Restaurant, Ralph Landers, Councillor Shirley McAlary, and David Craig from the Hilton are also part of the new Sponsorship Committee this year. Roland Roberts is this year's Gala Chair, CTV's Cindy Day is returning as Host, and Tim & Liz Isaac as Auctioneers.

Gerard Collins to be honoured 2014 Artist of the Year



Gerard Collins works on a painting of the Cathedral for this year's auction valued at over \$4000.

Many look forward to Rocmaura's Auction for the artwork.

Among this year's works include a Fred Ross Painting appraised at over \$5000 and many more artists will be featured including Rene Collins, Joanne Fitzpatrick, Octavio Ribeiro, and Alma Campbell, to name only a few.

Saint John Artist Gerard Collins has chosen to remain and make his art in the city he calls home. However, his influences arise out of a number of currents in 20th Century art.

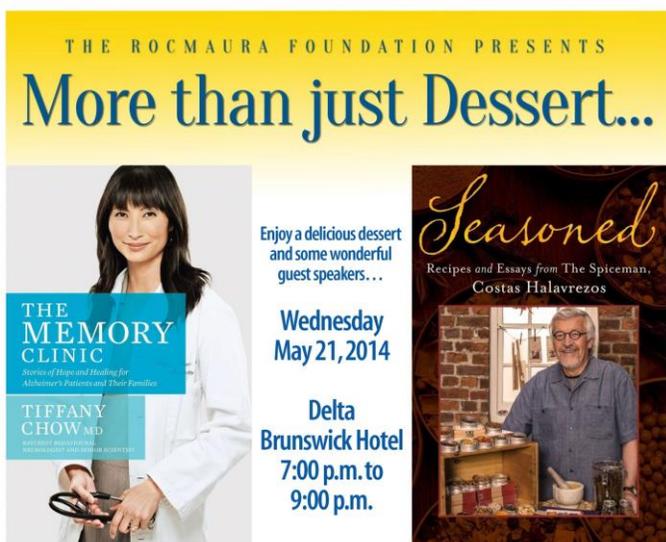
His early education in the visual arts took him to the St. Martin's School of Art in London England, then to the Dusseldorf Staatliche Kunstakademie in Germany and studies under Gerhard Richter one of the world's leading contemporary artists, and to the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Halifax.

The fact that Collins' paintings are quite beautiful seems almost a fortunate afterthought. Artist, curator and Director of the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia Ray Cronin says "Collins' practice is rooted solidly in a world of subversive ideas as befits the conceptual tradition. The fragments, the individual paintings are, finally, records of the fact that art has happened. That Collins is a very fine painter is almost incidental."

Considered to be one of the finest contemporary painters in the region, Gerard Collins has had numerous exhibitions since 1977. His work can be found in many important collections including The National Gallery of Canada, the New Brunswick Museum, and the Beaverbrook Art Gallery. Collins was the 2001 winner of the prestigious Strathbutler Award from the Sheila Hugh Mackay Foundation.

THE ROCMAURA FOUNDATION PRESENTS

More than just Dessert...



Enjoy a delicious dessert and some wonderful guest speakers...

**Wednesday
May 21, 2014**

**Delta
Brunswick Hotel
7:00 p.m. to
9:00 p.m.**

THE MEMORY CLINIC
Specialty of Diagnosis and Treatment for
Alzheimer's Patients and Their Families

TIFFANY CHOW MD
Assistant Professor, University of Toronto

Seasoned
Recipes and Essays from The Spiceman,
Costas Halavrezos

On May 21st, RocmauraFoundation held its first guest speaker event, "More than just Dessert" which surpassed our goal by drawing 250 people, and raising close to \$13,000 for the betterment of our Residents' lives.

We often joke about having a "senior moment" but there's nothing funny about watching a loved one decline into a shell of their former self. We feel very fortunate to have speakers who gave their time to address a very important topic affecting so many in our community.

Dr. Tiffany Chow, from the world-renowned Rotman Research Institute in Toronto offered stories of hope and healing. Costas Halavrezos, former host of CBC's Maritime Noon and Halifax Spiceman, shared touching stories about his father's struggle with dementia.

We are an aging population. Of the people who call Rocmaura home, 85 % suffer from dementia including Alzheimer's. It is becoming one of the greatest pressures on caregivers today. One in 11 Canadians over 65 has dementia.

Funds raised from this event will allow Rocmaura to provide some of the "niceties" of life. Heartfelt gratitude to the many companies and groups who purchased tables and made donations, including the medical community, and the media for your ongoing promotion. Many thanks also to Rocmaura Board members who sold tickets, and to staff and friends who lend a hand. Special events like this would not be a success without our dedicated volunteers: Sr. Anita Naves, Sr. Mae Arseneault, David Levangie, Marie Murphy, Maureen Creamer, Louise O'Connor, Roxanne Beatteay, and Patrick Gallagher. Thanks also to Sue Delaney and Melanie Bell Hughes who shared their personal stories in the Telegraph Journal.

Finally, a huge thank you to our generous sponsors, the **Delta Brunswick Hotel** and **Liquid Gold Tasting Bar** for their support.

WIN! \$100 gift certificate from Thandi's Restaurant! Fill out one of these post cards and drop at the Foundation Office or Email us at Foundation@rocmaura.com to be added to our mailing list today!

A GIFT FROM ROCMAURA FOUNDATION

Dear Friends, Neighbours, and Family Members;

We want to stay connected with you, our Community of Caring People. Sign up to receive information from the Foundation and updates about our fundraising efforts.

YES! I want to receive FOUNDATION NEWS

Fill out this card and you will be entered into a draw to WIN! DINNER AT THANDI'S RESTAURANT. Value: \$100 Gift Certificate

Would you like to become involved? We need help with our events, selling tickets, soliciting auction items and much more!

YES! I would like to VOLUNTEER

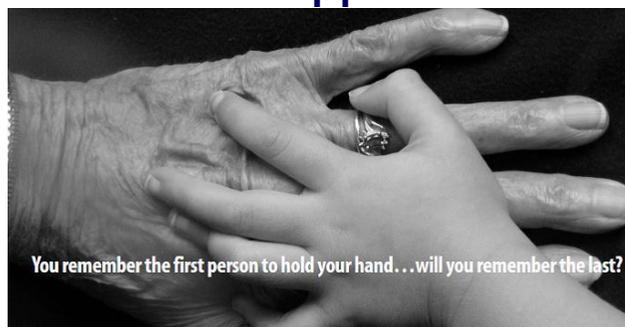
Mark your calendar for our Foundation events:

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| May 21, 2014 | More Than Just Dessert with Dr. Tiffany Chow & Costas Halavrezos |
| June 2014 | Annual Direct Mail Campaign |
| Sept. 13, 2014 | Maritime Kitchen Party Annual Dinner, Auction & Casino SJTCC 5pm \$125 |
| Jan. 24, 2015 | Curling Fanspiel Carleton Curling Club |

Thank you Volunteers!

Congratulations to Sue and John Delaney & Jean Hamel, who were awarded the the 2014 Volunteer Excellence Award by Catholic Health International. Jean Hamel is know as the adopted daughter of many of our Residents. Sue Delaney lives by the motto "to those who are given much, much is expected" and she volunteers where she feels she can make a contribution, leading the rosary in Trinity Court, distributing communion, & visiting with residents. John is on the board of Rocmaura Foundation, a member of Family Council and also assists residents to attend weekly Mass.

Have you seen our new Direct Mail appeal?



New brochures were mailed out to our donors in June and were inserted into the Telegraph Journal. Please consider a donation to Rocmaura Foundation. Your help is needed to enhance Residents lives and provide some of the comforts of home not funded by government.

"The staff provides mom with lots of attention and affection. They know we like her to look nice and they take special care to try to keep mom looking the way she always has. Knowing mom is safe, cared for and loved at Rocmaura gives me great comfort. "

*Susan Delaney
Saint John*

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We are Grateful to our Generous Donors!



New Coaguchek Machine Makes a Big Difference

Rocmaura Foundation wishes to thank Don Mitchener for his generous donation of \$1000 for the purchase of two new Coaguchek machines. Resident Vida Robinson also donated her own machine to Hopewell Court.

Nursing staff are over joyed as the new piece of equipment drastically improves Residents' quality of life, by providing immediate in-house test results, without having to take painful blood samples and waiting for them to be examined in the hospital lab.

Choosing to make a donation is a way to assist in the care of so many others. Enhanced services and new equipment require monies not totally funded by government. Therefore, our fund-raising efforts are extremely important to us.

Our sincere gratitude to Carol McNamee who donated \$3500 to the Wardrobe Project in memory of her Aunt Ruth McCaan.

So far 8 wardrobes have been installed on Hopewell Court, with 21 more to build at a total cost \$150,000.

With a \$3500 donation you can have a plaque engraved in memory of a loved one.

DOWNSIZING? We can take some things off your hands!
Drop off your Gala Auction items by August 10 at Foundation Office:

- (a) Gift Certificates
- (b) Art work, Quality Goods, Antiques (at least \$50 value) Jewellery (with certified jeweller's certificate)

GALA TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

\$125 with \$65 tax receipt

<http://rocmauragala.eventbrite.ca>

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