

Summerville festival about to bloom

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The spring freshet that nearly cancelled this year's Summerville Art Festival ended up serving as its inspiration.

Organizer Cindy Scott said the second iteration of the event, scheduled to take place later this month on August 25, celebrates the "human qualities of creativity and resilience" inspired by the flooding experienced by the area's residents.

"Summerville was basically cut off from civilization during the flood and many of the homes that hosted the art last year either spent 24 hours sandbagging or eventually gave up and watched the water enter their home," said Scott.

She initially had her doubts about whether the resulting damage would cancel the show this year.

"But somebody told me this is the year we need it," she said of Summerville's effort to pull together to celebrate local artists new and old.

Similar to last year, artisans will be showing off their work in backyards and front yards, on beaches as well as decks of Summerville residents.

The one-mile, or 1.6 km route, of Route 845 begins at the Summerville United Church and continues alongside the Kennebecasis River.

"It will be a great art, great music and great community," said Scott.

There will be more than 20 local artists along the way, ranging from



Andrew Clark and Randy Wilson performed at last year's Inaugural Summerville Art Festival. They will also perform at this year's festival, scheduled to take place on August 25.

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rock. "Traditional afternoon tea" and BBQ are also available for purchase.

The event is free to attend but the Summerville United Church will be accepting donations for parking as well as entrance to the church's own gallery.

Scott said any funds raised will be put toward repairing the 151-year old structure.

Last year's festival supported restoration work on the church steeple.

Aside from walking, Scott said the route is also ideal for bikers and boaters.

Some neighbours will open up their beaches and moors to accommodate those passing by on their pleasure craft.

painters to potters. Three bands are scheduled to perform too, playing tunes from genres like bluegrass, fiddle, outlaw country, folk and classic

For those unable to walk the distance, a shuttle departing from the church will also stop at routes along the way.



Artist Alisha Lyons at last year's Inaugural Summerville Art Festival. Lyons will also be in attendance at the 2018 festival, scheduled to occur on August 25th from noon to 5 p.m. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CATHERINE HUGHES