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Celebrating community masquerade-style!
(Residence Banquet, December 3, 2021)

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St John's College is located on original lands of Anishinaabeg, Cree, and Dakota peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation.

We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

Warden's Word!

by Dr. Allison Abra



Allison in front of SJC at Installation

In Lumine is the official alumni journal of St John's College.

Our mission is to foster a sense of connectedness among all members of the College community. We share information, stimulate discussions, and foster happy memories about St John's College and, in doing so, continue to build community through the forging and improving of relationships with the College. We love to share the inspiring stories and updates about our alumni, faculty, and students.

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We are thrilled to welcome back Dr. Allison Abra as the fourteenth Warden and Vice-Chancellor of St John's College. Allison '99 is a proud alumna of the UofM's Faculty of Arts, fourth generation Johnian, and a former Junior Fellow

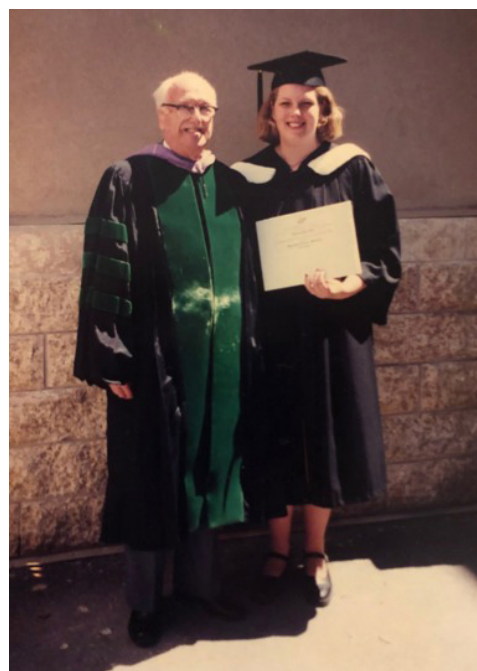
The significant challenges of the last two years have offered many of us the opportunity to reflect on what is truly important in our lives, and to identify who, what, and where matters most to us. If you are reading this issue of *In Lumine*, you are very likely someone to whom St John's College means a great deal, as it does to the students, alumni, fellows, and friends featured in these pages who consider the question "What does SJC mean to you?" It is also a question I have thought a lot about since becoming Warden last summer.

For me, St John's means a lot of different things. One of the first things I think of when I think of the College is family. My great-grandfather, my grandparents, my parents, my siblings, and many extended family, were all members of or spent significant time at the College as students. My grandmother, Marion Smith Abra, taught English and Classics and served as Dean of Women at St John's back in the 1930s and during the Second World War, and I love that in working here I get to follow in her footsteps. For generations of Smith-Abras, the College has been where we studied, lived, ate, played sports, and made friendships and connections that have endured well beyond our university days.

Because SJC is not only about the family you have, it is also about the family you choose. When I was an undergraduate, the College was always where my friends gathered.

When I think back on that time, the College and the good friends I made here are always at the centre of the first memories to emerge: trekking across Q-Lot in the -30 temperatures to the warmth of the College building, eating bagels in the Daily Bread Café, someone teaching me what the internet was in the computer lab (it was the 90s – Netscape was a whole new world!), waiting on a bench in Blake Wood Square or the lounge for the last member of our carpool to appear, studying in our carrels or an empty classroom.

That studying proved to be pretty formative too, because it was at SJC that I took the classes and found the mentors who set me on the path towards becoming a historian. This is another of the reasons the



Allison with grandfather Jack on her graduation day in 1999



Jack and Marion Abra, who (re)met at SJC, travelling through Europe where Jack served during his time in the Canadian military before becoming an orthodontist

College means so much to me. When I walk the hallways now, I still associate the doors of certain classrooms with the courses I took in them: U.S. Foreign Policy, Twentieth-Century History, etc. I am also so grateful for the year I spent at SJC as a Junior Fellow after completing my PhD. The support and the guidance I received from the fellows made me a better teacher, scholar, and colleague,

and was crucial to helping me launch my academic career.

St John's College has shaped my life in so many important ways, and I know it has played the same role for thousands of people over the last century and a half. In the last few months, I have had the opportunity to connect with many members of our community – in Winnipeg, and across the country and



Dr. Christopher Trott welcoming back Allison Abra as a Junior Fellow at Installation/Matriculation on Sept 25, 2011



UM President Dr. Michael Benarroch, Dr. Allison Abra, Bishop Geoffrey Woodcroft, and The Ven. Godfrey Mawejje '97 at Installation (Oct 7, 2021)



Allison with her parents Doug '68 and Glennis Abra at Installation (Oct 7, 2021)

around the world – and it has been a joy to hear their stories and to better understand why this place means so much to so many people. If I haven't already, I look forward to hearing your St John's story, and to working with you to make the College even stronger and more special for the next generation of students, staff, and faculty.

We are Johnnians

What Does SJC Mean to You?

“St John’s has been my academic home since 1959. When I went to Australia in 1964, College Council granted me a leave of absence for three years. I was warmly welcomed back in 1967 and given an office which I continued to use for the next 46 years. I did all my teaching in the College until I retired in 2006, worshipped in our beautiful College Chapel, and played my part in the governance of our society. Any theology I know I learned there, many of my closest friendships have been formed there, and I have always enjoyed and profited from the interdisciplinary character of our Fellowship.”

– *Anthony Waterman '62, retired Fellow*

“For me, the College was a new beginning. Two years earlier my father had died, throwing my family into turmoil. I had hit a psychic wall in my music studies, where high expectations gave me a breakdown. So it was with relief that I entered this quiet, cheerful academic haven on the fringe of the university campus. I was only 16. I stayed for five years, during which I found love and loss, intense friendship, literature and politics, committees, and responsibility. And I had so much fun, dancing and singing, just kidding around, learning to laugh again.”

– *Barbara Black '64, Lady Stick*

“In the early 70’s, I came to Winnipeg from the other side of the world to pursue my dreams and a higher education. Being new to Canada with no family, I felt alone. I found my “home away from home” in Residence. In my 4 years in Residence, I made many friends whom I keep in contact with after 40 years. Other than meeting with Johnnians for supper regularly in Winnipeg and while travelling, I was able to reconnect with long-lost Johnnians through the virtual reunions. I encourage and hope more people can join these virtual and in-person reunions. St John’s is pivotal to me personally and in my career providing me with tremendous experience as a Proctor and Junior Don that built my character and independency.”

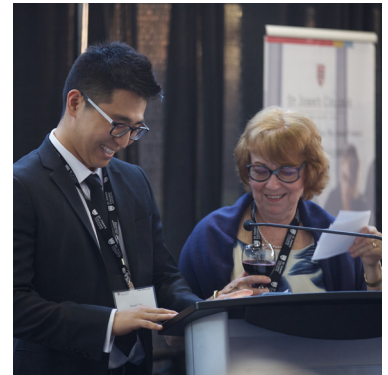
– *Kevin Leung '78*

“I have no doubt that my experience at SJC has contributed greatly to success in life. The College provided a unique blend of the high-quality education from a large University with the opportunity to mix and mingle with people from all faculties, cultures, and life backgrounds, not just fellow students but the faculty as well. This life experience was just as important as the education provided to me and has helped me see the richness in variety in every community I’ve been in since graduation.”

– *Jeff McConnell '89, Senior Stick*



Anthony Waterman



Past Sticks Barbara Black '64 and Daniel Lee '18 presenting at the SJC 150th Anniversary



Kevin Leung



Jeff McConnell with Christopher Trott



Katherine Abra



Karen Froman



*Harley Shepherd and Heather
Bartley-Shepherd*

“St John’s was my home away from home during my four years at UofM. My carpool met there every day. It was a rare day where I didn’t have either breakfast or lunch in the Daily Bread (everyone loved chicken finger day in particular). I studied for many exams in the carrels and used my first email address in the old computer lab. The student lounge was always full, particularly during Days of Our Lives at noon. I was at St John’s when I wasn’t in class because there was always someone to chat with, or else you could catch a snooze on the benches in Blake Wood Square. I loved every minute of it!”

– *Katherine Abra ‘97*

“I am a proud Johnian and I tell all potential UofM students to consider joining the College. I am eternally grateful to SJC for the financial support I received every year in all three of my degrees. I would not have been able to support my family and complete my degrees without this. The College became one of my “homes” on campus, a place where I would spend most of my free time either in the library, the café, or chatting in professors’ offices, usually Chris Trott’s.”

– *Karen Froman ‘03, ‘08, ‘21*

“St John’s College has been a huge part of our development. When we arrived in Residence, it became our gateway to the world as we met so many different people from all over the globe. It allowed us to build connections, make lifelong friendships, and to share in and learn about cultures and traditions vastly different from our own. We learned nearly as much from the discussions in the Residence dining hall as we did from attending class. SJC is where the two of us met and fell in love. For us, SJC will always be community and connection.”

– *Harley Shepherd ‘08 (Senior Stick) & Heather Bartley-Shepherd ‘10 (Residence Don, SJCSA member), Johnian married to Johnian*

“Since joining St John’s College in 2014, I have been very fortunate to have met many incredible members and developed lasting relationships. This community has been a cornerstone to my education and identity. My most memorable experiences throughout my undergraduate years have been tied to my time with the St John’s College Students’ Association. These experiences helped shape me to become who I am today, and I am grateful to continue to be part of a wonderful community.”

– *Daniel Lee ‘18, Senior Stick*



Daniel Lee

**We want to
hear your
story!**

**Connect
with us!**

(details on p.16)

Chaplain's Corner with The Rev. Helen Holbrook



Our new healing garden: to gather, share, learn, and relieve stress

This past summer Dr. Esyllt Jones, Dean of Studies, and I got together to think about ways we can support students and still be safe.

Prior to Covid-19 students were experiencing more stress and mental health issues at an alarming rate. Over the past 2 years there is no doubt that the pandemic has had an even more detrimental effect on students. Dr. Robert Hutchins an internist at Chapel Hill cites several benefits of gardening some of which are particularly important to the young adults who attend university. It

can boost self-esteem, reduce stress, increase the amount of Vitamin D you get, and can make you happy. A garden touches on the physical = getting hands dirty in the earth; intellectual = learning about the different growing cycles, planting mediums of the plants; emotional and spiritual well-being = when we feel good



Bring on the sunshine! Rev. Helen Holbrook with Tawanna (Residence Don) winning the battle against the weeds!

about ourselves, we can handle stress in a more successful manner.

And so, the idea of a gardening club, specifically a Healing Garden, with the multitude of benefits that it possesses was

settled upon. As a school with denominational ties, we strongly believe that we need to honour and respect the lives lost because of the residential schools and survivors, as well as support current Indigenous students.

A small healing garden was started which included sage, sweet grass, and peppermint as well as tomatoes, flowers, and other herbs. Students, Faculty, and Staff helped to plant, weed, water, and nurture the garden both flower and vegetable. A sharing circle was planned for this past Fall where we would use the sage and peppermint, but Covid-19 foiled that idea. The second garden we started included medicinal plants from around the world. Unfortunately, the rabbits also enjoyed this particular garden.

We noticed how, with this simple activity of gardening, stress was being relieved, smiles were broader, and problems were being worked through. The garden has connected people to life, community, creation, and their own spirituality. With the receipt of a grant through the Anglican Foundation we are planning a bigger garden this summer with more healing plants and inviting elders to share their knowledge.

This is your invitation to all community members, students, staff, fellows, and alumni to join us – **we would love to see you!**



*Remember to breathe. We will get through this.
(Meditation group in the chapel at SJC)*

Indigenous Christian Theology:

A Sacred Journey of Spiritual Renewal, Faith, and Hope

Rev. Deacon Tanis McLeod Kolisnyk describes the new course she recently taught alongside Rev. Elder Barbara Shoomski at SJC on Indigenous Christian Theology. Visit the SJC website or contact us to find out how you can participate in the course in Fall 2022.

One of the goals of “A New Agape” is to walk in partnership towards reconciliation and healing. That is exactly what we were up to at St John’s College in Winnipeg this past fall term. Collaboratively, Rupert’s Land Theological Education Committee, CMU, and St John’s College, provided this course focussed on foundational understandings of the spiritual knowledge of Indigenous peoples.

It was a blessing to deliver this course for the very first time. Two Métis Anglican Clergy (Rev. Elder Barbara Shoomski and Rev. Deacon Tanis McLeod Kolisnyk), who actively serve in the Diocese of Rupert’s Land, taught in the classroom and occasionally on Zoom. Indigenous and Non-Indigenous people learned together, asked hard questions, cried a bit, and laughed a lot.

We had the honour of helping students examine Indigenous wisdom within the context of Christian belief, while honouring Indigenous and Christian ways of knowing God. The students expanded their own theological understanding of Indigenous spiritual practice, while respectfully affirming Indigenous beliefs within God’s creation and love manifest through the grace of Jesus Christ.

We discussed a variety of topics: Indigenous Ways of Knowing God, The Doctrine of Discovery, Sacred Circle Gatherings, Self-Determination of Indigenous People within ACC, the Residential School and 60’s Scoop Legacy and ongoing impacts, Apologies from a variety of traditions, A New Agape resource, the TRC 94 Calls to



Rev. Deacon Tanis McLeod Kolisnyk

Action and UNDRIP, exploring pathways to Reconciliation. Discussions were based on principles of truth-telling, justice-seeking, valuing identity. Gospel Based Discipleship (GBD) kept Christ in the centre of our circle. Elder Rev. Barbara Shoomski taught by stories, smudge ceremonies, and wisdom keeper reflections.

The students will now continue the important work of truth-telling and reconciliation. We look forward to offering more courses like this at SJC beginning in the Fall 2022.



Lynn McLean Memorial Garden

College Events



37th Marjorie Ward Lecture presented by Professor Brenda J. Child:
"Ellen Red Blanket and the Origins of the Jingle Dress" (March 4, 2021)



Lunch & Lively Conversations -
alumni and friends enjoyed lunch
and a presentation by Dr. Allison
Abra (Sept 24, 2021)



Thank you Dr. Christopher Trott for
10 years of leadership and service
as Warden & Vice-Chancellor. You
will be dearly missed!



Tatenda (Residence student)
captured the northern lights
above SJCSA!



Jump Start the new term hosted by
SJCSA (Sept 11, 2021)



Residence Banquet (Dec 3, 2021)



We welcomed back fourth generation Johnian, Dr. Allison Abra '99, as the fourteenth Warden & Vice-Chancellor of SJC (October 7, 2021)



We enjoyed reconnecting with Johnians safely in-person and via Zoom!



Allison Abra catching up with alumna Simone da Silva Rosa '18, '21 in Toronto (November 9, 2021)



Thank you for your ongoing support. Together, we raised \$1715.00 at the Christmas jazz concert in support of SJC Chaplaincy and Velma's House/Ka Ni Kanichihk Inc.

Alumni/Student News

We are proud of all alumni and their accomplishments!

Michael Bancroft, O.C., member from 1958-60 and DCL '06, had his book (with Dennis Johnson) published by the University of Toronto Press, entitled "The Canadian Light Source: A Story of Scientific Collaboration". The book describes the long struggle of over 25 years to establish the largest scientific facility in Canada in Saskatoon.



Jocelyn '63 and Warren Barnard celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary!

Violette-Marie Arsenault-Bulmer (Vivi) was born August 17, 2020, to Dominique Arsenault-Bulmer (BA 05) and Jennifer Loughlan in Montréal, granddaughter to the **Venerable Garth E. Bulmer '67** and Kathleen Arsenault.

Christian Okwudiwa '17 was the recipient of the 2021 Mayor's Volunteer Service Awards.

Simone da Silva Rosa '18, '21 successfully defended her thesis and received her PhD in October 2021!



Gordon Van Tighem '71 and his wife Carol celebrated their 50th anniversary!

Kristen Wittman (LL.B) '95 published her second poetry collection *Death Becomes Us* where she connects her audience with the shared human experiences of love, loss, and grief.



Diane Lee-Olenic '04 was ordained to priesthood at St. John's Cathedral on September 12, 2021.

Yongtian Cheng '16 was accepted into the PhD program at UCL!

Senator Pat Bovey (HD) was awarded an honorary degree at the UofM Fall 2021 Convocation.



Shaylan Cottick '17 was called to the bar in June 2021. She plans to practice mainly family law in Brandon.

Ifeanyi Nwachukwu '19 is an Assistant Professor of Nutritional Biochemistry in the School of Public Health at Loma Linda University.

Former College member **Alex Sirant** is now the Manager, Partnerships & Group Ticket Sales with the Winnipeg ICE Hockey Club. If any Johnians would like discounted tickets, connect with him at alex@50below.ca or 204-963-7940.

Gabriel Mastromatteo now 19 of Kenora and grandson of the late **Canon Grant Hyslop** and Johnian **Linda Hyslop** was selected to the Canadian Olympic Swimming Team for the 2021 Tokyo Games. Gabe is the eldest son of their daughter Janet who is his coach. Gabe previously won 6 gold medals at the 2017 Summer Games.

If you have something you would like to share in the next In Lumine, connect with us!

Família St John's

A group of Brazilian students have stayed connected long after graduation and created a group called "Família St John's"

St John's College Residence was a life-changing experience.

SJC has always given me a sense of community and belonging. My journey started when I first arrived in 2012 as a Brazilian Science Without Borders undergraduate Nursing student, along with over 80 others at the UofM. Since day 1, I have made lifelong friendships with people from all over the world. To this day, we all keep in touch through our What's App chat group called "Família St John's" and we visit each other when possible.

SJC provided the perfect environment for social connection and learning, allowing us to grow personally, professionally, and spiritually. I spent many hours attending services or simply playing the piano by myself in the chapel. You have the Residence, restaurant, chapel, library, study spaces, computer lab, activities, and so many amenities where one can live and study comfortably. More than the infrastructure, **St John's has the people.** The

staff are at the heart of the College, and they are outstanding professionals and loving people who genuinely care and advocate for the students' and residents' well-being. A small act such as saving a meal for me when I couldn't be there for dinner or preparing me a breakfast bag when I had to leave early meant a lot. SJC helped me get to where I am today. I have concluded my PhD in Human Anatomy and Cell Science in October 2021. I look forward to re-living these experiences by reconnecting with fellow alumni.— *Simone da Silva Rosa '18, '21, Sr. Don*

"Living at St John's was one of the most memorable moments of my life. We all truly felt like a big, happy family. I remember so many things dearly, like the Super Smash Bros competition, Halloween, having fun at the



dining hall, the talent show that wowed everyone, digging through snow to get to the dorm after a night out, even when the alarm went off in the middle of the night and we all had to gather outside. St John's made so many good memories that we all crave going back to live that again." – *Luan Grilo (12/13)*

"One of the best memories I have is when we got together for birthdays. It was special to spend time with sweet and friendly people who, like me, were away from their families. I felt like they were a new family to me!" – *Alisson Pinheiro (12/13)*



"It was an unforgettable few years at St John's. SJC Residence provided me the opportunity to meet and live with students from around the world where I made lifelong friends. I met my future husband, Roger (Brazilian student), in Residence! Even though the Canadian experience was short, our friendships are forever strong and we keep in touch (thanks to internet and social media!).— *Jessica Yu and Roger Toyama (12/13)*



Residence Dons organize fun activities for students such as a friendly snowball fight or outdoor soccer game while embracing Winnipeg winters! (2016)

Fellow News

We are thrilled to welcome our incoming Fellows:

Sarah Teetzi, Suzanne McLeod, and Melanie Unrau are visiting Fellows.

Adolf Ng, Brandon Trask, Lauren Kepkiewicz, and Jamila Ghaddar are Adjunct Fellows.

Julia Santos Amorim, Shelisa Klassen, Jocelyn Thorpe, and Caroline Piotrowski are newly appointed Fellows.



After 10 years of incredible leadership as the Director of the Centre for Creative Writing and

Oral History, **Warren Cariou** (Senior Fellow) has stepped away. **Jocelyn Thorpe** (new Fellow) is the new Director.

Exciting news, the UofM Faculty of Arts Centre for Creative Writing and Oral History has moved to its **new home** in St John's College!

Congratulations to all Fellows on their outstanding accomplishments!

Kent Fowler, Liv Valmestad, and David Watt are the 2020 UofM Merit Awards winners.

Esyllt Jones (Dean of Studies) has a new Pandemic Histories website pandemichistories.ca and twitter handle @PanHist dedicated to promoting historical perspectives on epidemic and pandemic disease outbreaks with the emphasis on relationship between health, structural inequalities, and lived experiences.

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts has appointed **Esyllt Jones** as a Research Professor in Humanities and **Kent Fowler** (Senior Fellow) as a Research Professor in Social Sciences effective July 1, 2021.

Benjamin Collins (Senior Fellow) wrote a news and views piece in the journal *Nature* on how beads made of ostrich eggshells reveal long-distance connections in early Africa.

Gerald Friesen (Senior Fellow), **Murray Sinclair** (Honorary Degree), and **Evelyn L. Forget** (Fellow in the 1990's) are appointed as members of the Order of Canada in December 2021.

Evelyn L. Forget is among the three UM professors (along with Michael Eskin, Meghan Azad) newly elected Fellows and members of the Royal Society of Canada on September 7, 2021.

Anne Lindsay (Visiting Fellow) has joined the Manitoba TB History Project.

Dennis Cooley (retired Fellow) published a new book of poetry *Gibbous Moon* featuring stunning photography by photographer/composer Michael Matthews.

Barry Ferguson (retired Fellow) and **Robert Wardhaugh** (research Fellow 20 years ago) collaboratively wrote a book *The Rowell-Sirois Commission and the Remaking of Canadian Federalism* - Vancouver, UBC Press, June 2021.

Kurt Markstrom's (retired Fellow) entry on the 18th century Italian composer Leonardo Vinci was published in the final volume of the *Dizionario biografico degli Italiani* and his article "The Letters of Joseph Quesnel and the Creation of the First Canadian Opera" was published

in the *Cadernos de Queluz*, Vol. 4, by Hollitzer in Vienna. He is also working on a reconstruction/critical edition of the first Canadian opera. Kurt also received an Excellence in Teaching award from the Centre for the Advancement of Teaching and was appointed to **Professor Emeritus**.

Congratulations to **David Mandzuk** (visiting Fellow 1992-93), **Diana Brydon** (retired Fellow), David Arnason (English professor in the 70's and former Dean of Studies 1980-83), **Kurt Markstrom** (retired Fellow), and **Dennis Cooley** (retired Fellow) who were honored as esteemed Emeriti in a virtual celebration ceremony held on March 1, 2022.

Christopher Trott (retired Warden & Vice-Chancellor/Fellow) contributed to *The Inuit World* edited by Pamela Stern. His piece can be found on Chapter 17: *Social Relations Among Inuit*.



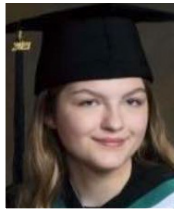
We wish **David Carr** (UofM Press Director) a happy retirement and extend congratulations to **David Larson** who has taken over the role.

Helen Kennedy (past SJC Council) was elected the 13th Bishop of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle in southern Saskatchewan.

Murray Sinclair (HD) was appointed as Queen's University's 15th Chancellor effective July 1, 2021. Murray and his son **Niigaan Sinclair** (past SJC Fellow) have been named to Maclean's 2022 Power List.

Staff News

Maureen Kolodie's (former Development Officer & Coordinator) granddaughter Mackenzie graduated from high school in June 2021!



After more than 20 years of wonderful service to St John's and its Residents, **Shirley Mooyman** (Head Housekeeper) has retired.

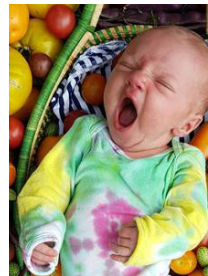
We are happy to announce that **Paul Cano** (housekeeping) and **Marlene Valdes Acosta** (Food Services) have taken over the Head Housekeeping role.

We welcome **Antonin (Anton) Hlas** who has joined our team in Food Services from Red River College.

Nick Procyshyn (Assistant Bursar) has accepted a new position as the Head of Finance & Administration at End Homelessness Winnipeg. Nick has been a great asset to the College and we are grateful for his contributions over the last couple of years.

We extend a warm welcome to **Gabriela Melo** who has taken over the Assistant Bursar position effective March 4, 2022.

Former Chaplain, **Allison Courey**, her partner Rachel, and older sister Adeline, have welcomed Fern Brigid Arta, born on August 2, 2021.



Please visit the Daily Bread Café for a coffee or a fresh meal!

Great new menu and long-time favorites! We are open from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. **100% of your purchases directly support St John's College!**

A special message from the SJC admin staff



We are here for you. Together, we can get through anything!

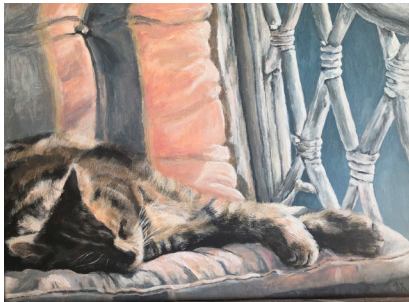
Johnian Coffee Talk

Grab a coffee (or a beverage of your choice!) and join us to connect with some of the incredible members of the community

Today we talk with Senior Fellow Dr. Bonnie C. Hallman, an Associate Professor in the Department of Environment and Geography.

How have you coped during the Covid-19 pandemic?

Some days, you cope better than others. I'm fortunate to have a wonderful 'chosen family' here in Winnipeg, and we regularly check in on each other. And some days, you do what you must, and then curl up on the couch with a good book and your cat.



And for me, over the last year, returning to creativity via painting has been enormously healing. It had been almost 40 years since I seriously made art. I took the odd class here and there over the years, but that was it. So, it has been immensely gratifying to rediscover and nurture this too-long neglected side of myself. I have been pleasantly surprised to have such a great response from 'my circle' and from local art groups I've joined, both on social media and in person. It was scary to put my work out there, but I figured, if not now, when? Nothing ventured, nothing gained. I find the time I spend at the easel incredibly therapeutic. All other concerns and worries go away, and I focus on what I'm doing. Next thing you know, two or three hours

have gone by! And I feel calmer, more at peace, yet also gently energized.

Where do you find inspiration?

I started on this new art journey after watching the British TV show Portrait Artist of the Year. Seeing lots of different professional and amateur artists at work with all their different styles, techniques and processes was a revelation. One of them, I don't remember who, said something like 'I just push the paint around,' and this was like a flashbulb going off! So, I dug out some painting supplies I'd bought years before (and not used) and had at it. Self Portrait #2, which I think you are including? – is the second painting I did. Since then, I've been inspired by my surroundings, by sights that



move me emotionally. The view from the wall of windows in my apartment – well, I could paint that big prairie sky every day and never capture all the moods and colours! 'Counting Clouds' is one of my attempts to capture the expansiveness and beauty of that view. I'm also inspired very much by interesting faces – human and animal! Perhaps because we've seen chiefly faces covered by



Dr. Bonnie C. Hallman is a Senior Fellow at SJC

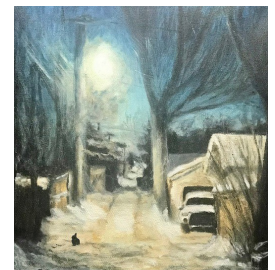
masks or in little squares on a Zoom meeting for two years!

What are your plans for the future?

Artistically, I've got a few things in the works, including showing some of my art at the College this spring, starting in April or May of this year. I haven't decided on the organizing theme yet. However, it is coming from this place of rediscovery, healing, and connection to place and people. I'm a human geography professor in my 'day job', and I am also starting to explore this relationship between artistic creation/expression and place in my research. And I have a solo show planned at Cre8ery Gallery (*editor's note: Owner Jordan Miller graduated from SJC in 2002!*) here in Winnipeg for the summer of 2023.

Beyond that, I now know that painting and creating art are integral to my well-being, and I plan to keep making and sharing my art.

You can find me on Facebook (Bonnie Hallman - Artist) and Instagram (@bonnie_wpg)!



Check out our new website or sign up for our bi-monthly e-newsletter to stay up to date on the latest news and upcoming events at SJC!



In Memoriam

Alumni and Friends of the College

Our heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to all who have lost a loved one

The Revd. Robert William English '56 passed away on May 4, 2021. "Father Bob" attended SJC to study Theology. In 1956, he married his long-time sweetheart, Victoria Wiens. Our condolences to his wife, Vickie, daughters Sandra, Teresa, Barbara, and family.

Elsie Schreyer (Hintz), in-law of **Ed '59** and Lily Schreyer, died October 16, 2021.

Charles (Bill) Shirriff, beloved husband since 1964 to **Wilma Shirriff (née Young) '60**, passed away on November 1, 2020.

Margaret Allen '63 died on June 26, 2021 at the age of 100, having noted in her own words "no business being this old." Dr. Allen taught in the 1970's at St John's College until her retirement.

Russell Peden, former editor on the Gazette's city desk, husband of **Barbara Black '64** died on May 31, 2021.

David Grant Frayer, Q.C. '64 died on November 8, 2021.

Ross Kirk (66-68) died on August 31, 2021. Our condolences to brothers **Bruce Kirk '69 (Karen)** and **Brian Kirk '68 (Barbara)**.

Dorothy Dawne Gordon (65/66) died on May 27, 2020.

Edna Grace Lumgair (née McLean), mother of **Carol Clegg (Leon) '69**, died on March 14, 2021, at 98 years of age.

Marilyn Wright, wife of 50 years to **Robert (Robin) '70**, died on November 19, 2021.

Harold Whalley '75 died on February 14, 2020. Harold was a former SJCSA member.

Our condolences to **Joan McConnell '78** on the passing

of her partner, **Trevor Smith** on November 12, 2021.

Tullio D'Ottavio '87 (aka Tootsie, Tu, Toots, Tool), husband to Gwen, passed away October 23, 2021.

Diane Scoles '07, died on December 9, 2020. Our condolences to her husband Ted and family.

Darius Majaraj Hunter '18 (UM Law alumnus '21), husband to Delyar Hunter, died suddenly and tragically on August 11, 2021.

Nancy Anne Toyne, mother to **Kevin Toyne '03**, passed away on January 23, 2022 after a valiant battle against cancer. She was predeceased by her husband Donald on July 10, 2018.

Mildred Gutkin passed away at the age of 99 on April 11, 2021. Dr. Gutkin taught English at St John's in the 60s and 70s.

Richard Samuel Smith (Dick), husband to **Hope Wilmot** (daughter of the late Laurence Wilmot), passed away on March 18, 2021.

Mohtaram Gharib Shojania (Moti) (*research Fellow 88-91, visiting Fellow 91-94*) passed away in July 2021.

Sandra Gail Nimik, wife to Rev. Ted Nimik, passed away on April 3, 2021.

Walter Chavez, brother of **Miriam Chavez (Receptionist)**, passed away on May 19, 2020, in Peru.

Nick Procyshyn's (Assistant Bursar) grandmother, **Margery Dorothy (Polnik) Bercier** died on December 7, 2021.

Jacob Peters, father of **Sherry Peters (Registrar)**, passed away October 24, 2021 after a year-long battle with cancer.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to **Maureen Kolodie** (*former Development Officer & Coordinator*) on the passing of her husband, **Richard Kolodie** on May 21, 2021. He was predeceased by their daughter **Erin Palamar (Registrar and Confidential Secretary to the Warden)**.

Joyce Laird (née Briggs) died December 8, 2021. She was the faculty secretary at SJC from 75-89.

Sterling Clavelle, husband of **Dana**, daughter of **Dennis (retired Fellow)** and **Diane Cooley**, died suddenly on May 28, 2021. "Living without you" in *Gibbous Moon* is dedicated to Sterling.

Justice Thomas Berger (HD), one of Canada's most respected lawyers and Indigenous and environmental rights activists, and former B.C. Supreme Court Justice, has died on April 28, 2021.



For many of our alumni and donors leaving a gift to SJC in their Will is a way to celebrate their life and values. These decisions are not taken lightly and entail many important conversations with family and professional advisors. St John's College has partnered with the *Will Power* movement, and you can visit our page here <https://www.willpower.ca/charities/st-johns-college/> or contact **Jackie Markstrom** (Development Officer) at 204-474-9350 or jackie.markstrom@umanitoba.ca

Pat Palanuk is a former College member who lived in Residence from 1979–80. She was one of three women in her graduating class in Electrical Engineering in 1984.

Every year, she creates ice art in front of her home on Thurso Street in Winnipeg. She has been featured in the Winnipeg Free Press. This year's theme features the highest



mountains in the world that is inspired by a friend who hiked in the Himalayas. In addition, blue and gold painted ice will be on display

as a tribute to her uncle and former Blue Bomber player (1958-1962) Ted Mikliechuk who passed away last summer. Photos do not capture all its beauty. Everyone is welcome to stop by and view the stunning ice art Pat creates yearly!




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