

## December's

### Events and Activities:

December 4 thru 7

#### Christmas at the Ross Museum 2025 CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE DECADES



A creative group of Spindrifters, under the leadership of Susan Laidlaw, spent a number of hours decorating the Drawing Room in a 1960s Christmas theme. Be sure to visit the Museum to admire their work. Opens daily at 4 PM.



#### The Night Before Christmas By Spindrifters



Tw'as the night before Christmas, when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring – sleeping children can't grouse;  
Homemade stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
Opened Christmas Eve presents, some here and some there.

Four children were nestled all snug in their beds;  
Thoughts of Mom's Christmas feast danced in their heads.

Mom prostrate on the couch, Dad shoveling the walk,  
Many chores still to do, left no time to talk.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
Dad shouting at deer and making them scatter.

Away to the window Mom flew like a flash,  
Just joking, but she did ponder clearing the trash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,  
Hid the evidence when dogs could poop and just go.

When what to Mom's wondering eyes did appear,  
Uber Eats with Christmas dinner? Nope, just Dad with a beer.

He went to the drinks tray so lively and quick,  
He'd fix Mom a martini just in the nick.

Dad had a broad face and the hint of a belly,  
Sweating from shoveling, he was a bit smelly.

But he fixed a mean drink and had remembered the smokes,  
Mom thought she might keep him despite his dumb jokes.

They planned for the 'morrow when just out of sight,  
They heard a strange noise that gave them a fright.

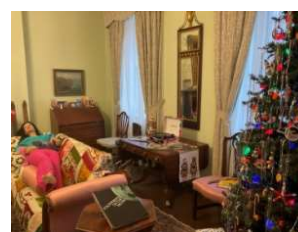
Bells tinkled outside like the knife-sharpener's truck,  
They had a dull turkey knife, twas a bit good of luck!

Mom rushed to the window but what did she spy,  
More ubiquitous deer, with a man looking sly.

He leapt from a sleigh, giving a jolly Ho Ho,  
She reached for the phone prepared to dial O!

But the cookies and milk were already laid out,  
If moon landings were possible, why would Santa she doubt?

By Susan Laidlaw



**December 6****CHRISTMAS FARMERS' MARKET**

**SJDA Gym**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

After completing your shopping, stop by the Spindrifters' table and chat with representatives from your organization. They are interested in hearing your comments and suggestions. While there, take the opportunity to renew your membership for 2026.

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**December 6**

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**SANTA CLAUS PARADE**

**5:30 PM**

Santa Claus comes to Town!  
 The parade starts at NBCC and travels along  
 Water Street to the WC O'Neill Arena Complex

**December 11**

**HOLIDAY LUNCH**  
**NOBLE BY THE SEA**

Join friends for a warm and inviting dining experience!  
**132 Water Street Saint Andrews**  
**Windsor House**  
**1:00 Lunch Reservation**  
**Menu available online.**  
**Reserve your spot with Betty (529-4802)**



**Spindrifters Inc.**  
**Ongoing Activities**

**EXERCISE CLASSES**  
**Tuesdays**  
**10:00 - 11:00**  
**Thursdays**  
**1:00-2:00**  
**WC O'Neill Complex**  
**Spindrifters \$2 - Guests \$3**

**GOOD MORNING" WALKS**  
**Mon/Wed/Fri**  
**Leaves Algonquin Resort at 8:30**  
**AM**

**CARDS AND GAMES**  
**Mondays - 1:30 to 4:00**  
**Anglican Parish Hall**  
**Spindrifters \$2 - Guests \$3**

## PHOTO CHALLENGE 2025 RESULTS



During the fall months, members were invited to enter a photograph in Spindrifters' ninth annual Photo Challenge. The 2025 category was "*The Sky's the Limit.*" Thirteen amazing submissions were received and...

the Members' Choice Award goes to Sylvia Humphries' entry *Tree on Fire*. It received 26% of the vote.

The photograph receiving the second highest number of votes was Brian Glebe's entry *The Red Sky and a Dog on Chamcook*. It received 24% of the votes.



### Christmas by the Sea



#### HOLIDAY SHOPPING

During the events of "*Christmas by the Sea in St. Andrews,*" the shops downtown will be open longer for your shopping pleasure. Stop by, enjoy browsing, sip hot mulled cider, sample festive treats, and listen to holiday music while strolling the streets in historic St. Andrews by-the-Sea.

Many more events are being planned for November/December in Saint Andrews. We will send out the schedule as soon as it is available and add new events to the weekly reminders.

