

Concert to assist Skinner with medical costs

A special benefit concert for local arts activist James Skinner will be at the St. John's Parish Hall Aug. 27 at 8 p.m.

Performers will include: Donna Holmes, Daniel Heikalo, Jesse and Liam Potter, Kimberly Matheson, Kimberly Smith, Mike Aube, Maxine Fender, Andy and Arianna and Jenny MacDonald along with Nora and Jayn Kenny.

Mike Butler and Donna Holmes will act as emcees.

Admission is by donation and a raffle for a number of door prizes will take place. An art sale is being organized and refreshments will be available.

Skinner grew up in Kings County, graduated from Acadia University in computer science and moved to Ottawa to work as a software designer at Bell Northern Research. After becoming ill, he moved home to Weston.

Skinner has been an active member and promot-

er of the arts in the Valley since moving back four years ago. Being involved with the community, he says, has helped him cope with his sleep-disordered breathing. Even through his worst bouts of illness, he has actively volunteered with many groups, including the Al Whittle Theatre, Evergreen Theatre, the Alliance of Kings Artists and others. He also created a free website that advertises local arts and culture events in the Valley: ValleyEvents.ca.

In March of this year, Skinner went for a consultation with an ENT specialist to explore his options. Unfortunately, an unplanned surgery was performed and went terribly wrong leaving him with a debilitating condition known as Empty Nose Syndrome.

Earlier this month, Skinner went to see the most respected empty nose spe-

cialist in Cleveland, Ohio. The doctor has told him he will need to return in March 2012 to receive turbinate implants. This trip is expected to cost \$10,000 U.S.

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