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## Watershed Project has plenty in store for you

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The Bonnechere River Watershed Project has plenty in store for you this summer.

We're thrilled to be able to introduce you to this exciting new monthly column, brought to you by the Bonnechere River Watershed Project.

Each month from now through December you can look forward to hearing what's on our minds, as stewards of your Bonnechere River watershed home.

First, let's get you up to date, we've been a busy organization recently!

In collaboration with the Ottawa River Institute, we've been working on a projected entitled Nature in Your Neighbourhood. Through this project, we've been able to offer many presentations and events across the watershed that have promoted an appreciation of our local neighbourhoods and

all the wonderful natural features that are here for us to enjoy. We published the Bonnechere River Watershed Nature in Your Neighbourhood Guide that is available on-line on our website, or locally at libraries, municipalities and information booths. ([www.bonnechereiver.ca/nature-in-your-neighbourhood-1](http://www.bonnechereiver.ca/nature-in-your-neighbourhood-1))

We've also developed a wonderful four-part video series that features local people and local topics of interest from your neighbourhood.

This series starts broadcasting soon on TVCogeco. If you miss an episode, you can easily catch up by viewing them on-line ([www.bonnechereiver.ca/nature-in-your-neighbourhood-1](http://www.bonnechereiver.ca/nature-in-your-neighbourhood-1)).

The series features an original theme song Homescape Watershed, by local writers Cathy Morris and Jim Slavin, and performed by Jim Slavin and Elizabeth Irwin. ([www.youtube.com/](http://www.youtube.com/)



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Coming to towns and villages across the watershed this spring and summer is Bonnechere River: Future Tense, an innovative and fun-filled theatrical look at the past, present and future of the Bonnechere River Watershed; a collaborative project of the Bonnechere River Watershed Project and Stone Fence Theatre.

The premier performance takes place on Saturday, April 27 at the Wilno Tavern at 3 p.m., following our Bonnechere River Watershed Project's annual general meeting.

Ten performances are scheduled for this spring and

summer, and most of the performances are by donation at the door.

For those interested in a little more, plan to come out to the lunch theatre performance on May 2 at The Sands on Golden Lake, or the dinner theatre performance on Aug. 22 at the Horton Community Centre. Pick a date and plan to see great theatre, support our cause, and have a chance at winning one of dozens of adventure expeditions and restaurant gift certificate door prizes, providing yet another way to explore the Bonnechere River Watershed.

Visit our website for a performance schedule located on the events page.

Bonnie Chere, our frog spokesperson for the Bonnechere River Watershed will be making the rounds this spring and summer as well! Bonnie will be making guest appearances at some of the theatre performances, and for those looking for an

up close and personal Bonnie Chere experience, be sure to sign up for our puppeteering workshop on April 14. Visit our website for registration details.

The arts are also enhancing our work by way of photographic imagery through the commissioned work of Dorothy Garlough, whose submission will be unveiled at the final Stone Fence Theatre dinner performance at the Horton Community Centre on Friday, Aug. 22.

Also in store sometime this summer is a Septic System Awareness workshop. Keep an eye on our website for details.

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