

2018

Celebrating Lucille Harper

30 Years at the Antigonish
Women's Centre and Sexual
Assault Services Association



A celebration for a centre and a career

Lucille Harper
honoured
during AWRC
SASA open
house



For the love of a tree,
she went out on a limb.
For the love of the sea,
she rocked the boat.
For the love of the earth,
she dug deeper.
For the love of community,
she mended fences.
For the love of the stars,
she let her light shine.
For the love of the spirit,
she nurtured herself.
For the love of a good time,
she sowed seeds of happiness.
For the love of the Goddess,
she drew down the moon.
For the love of Nature,
she made compost.
For the love of a good meal,
she gave thanks.
For the love of family,
she reconciled differences.
For the love of creativity,
she entertained new possibilities.
For the love of her enemies,
she suspended judgment.
For the love of herself,
she acknowledged her worth.

Open House for Lucille Harper



Venue

Antigonish Womens Resource Centre
Suite 204, 219 Main Street, Antigonish

Time

Wednesday Dec 12, 2018
100pm - 3:00pm

Join us for refreshments as we celebrate 35 years of
the AWRC SASA's work in our community, and Lucille's
30 years of leading that work

A Celebration in Honour of Lucille Harper's Retirement: A feminist life of joy, peace, and love



St. James United Church Hall Antigonish, NS
Saturday, November 24th, 2018
6 pm to 9 pm

Senate Tribute to Lucille Harper, Community Leader, Feminist Activist

Colleagues, Friends, Family, Neighbors, said
"Never retreat, never explain, never apologize, get the thing done and let them howl!"

Well colleagues I can assure you that our community of Antigonish will be leaving with joy and appreciation at this very minute as they gather to celebrate, thank and honour Lucille Harper, community leader and feminist activist for her more than 30 years of service to our region and the greater causes of social and economic justice.

Lucille Harper was awarded the Governor General's Award in 2010. Her award citation read: "An Executive Director of the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre since 1988, she has assisted thousands of girls and women with issues related to poverty, women, social exclusion, health education and training. In addition to her voluntary work with the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre, Lucille Harper has been on the forefront with the Antigonish Poverty Reduction Coalition, the Antigonish Affordable Housing Society, Antigonish Community Transit and Senior Antigonish Ladies' Institute."

Lucille Harper is a fierce and tireless defender of women's rights and as Emily Murphy extolled, she certainly never retreats. She does however take great pains to explain - educating women, girls and all members of our community has been her life's work and we are all the better for it. Lucille stands up for the most vulnerable and rallies support for those in our society needing assistance. In addition to her voluntary work with the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre, Lucille Harper has been on the forefront with the Antigonish Poverty Reduction Coalition, the Antigonish Affordable Housing Society, Antigonish Community Transit and Senior Antigonish Ladies' Institute.

Lucille was one of the most moving speakers at last year's grand opening of the Halstead Family's Peace By Disobedience Factory in Antigonish which partners with today.

Well respected for her creative and activist leadership at the regional and national levels, Lucille Harper was a pioneer with Neoliberalism, Capitalism, Feminism, for just and equitable Policy, the Western's Actor Network of Nova Scotia and the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women.

Accompanying people facing real life situations of poverty and violence for decades as Lucille Harper has, could cause anyone to lose their sense of humor and wit for life, but this is not the case with our local Antigonish hero.

Lucille and a group of like-minded feminists in our community established a club called the Wandering Monarchs which regularly entertains crowds at community events.

Lucille Harper is a gifted member of young women and as she retires this month she leaves a strong team of next generation women leaders as her enduring legacy.

Another Antigonish Friend member, Emily Murphy, said

"I think women can save civilization."

Well Lucille Harper certainly has done her utmost, to take up this societal challenge. I salute this passionate, intelligent woman of integrity as she retires from this phase of her activist life. Lucille was and is proud and in awe of you.

Thank you
Wandering

Celebrating Lucille St. James United Church Hall Antigonish, Nova Scotia Saturday, November 24th, 2018 6 pm to 9 pm

Co-hosts: Sue Adams & Jeanette Fecteau
Mingle & Appetizers

Welcome

Prayer - Please help yourself

Songs - Lucille & Women's Centre Staff

Testimony - Katherine Reed

Memories & Reflections

Fun Facts & Trivia - Nancy Forestall

The Wandering Menstruals

Mary, Mary

The River

We're Not Going to Take It

They'll Never Keep Us Down

Presentation of Gifts

Memories & Reflections

Reflections from Lucille

Cake & Desserts

Closing