

**Controlled Damage at****Neptune Theatre | Jan. 14– Feb. 2**

Controlled Damage is a play that explores the life of Canadian civil rights icon, Viola Desmond. Her courageous act in a movie theatre in 1946 progressed Black rights in Nova Scotia, and sparked a ripple effect that continues to resonate today. Don't miss this theatrical piece of Nova Scotian history at Neptune Theatre! Tickets can be purchased online or in person. [Info HERE](#)

**Halifax Thunderbirds vs.
Rochester Nighthawks | Jan. 18**

Did you know that Canada has *two* official sports? Everyone is familiar with hockey, but Canada is also known for lacrosse. Halifax also happens to have its very own lacrosse team, the Halifax Thunderbirds! Don't miss our team's match against the Rochester Nighthawks on Saturday, January 18 at the Scotiabank Centre. Tickets can be purchased online or in person. [Info HERE](#)

**NOVA SCOTIA SPOTLIGHT |
BernArt Maze**

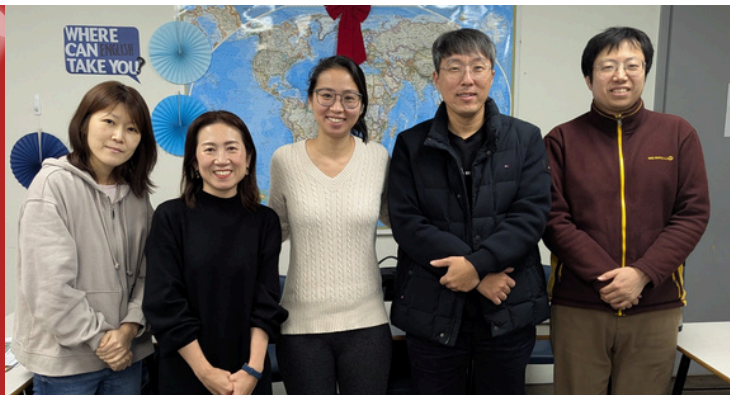
BernArt Maze is Canada's very first art maze with nearly a kilometer of paths to explore and a unique surprise around every corner. Just minutes from Lunenburg and Mahone Bay, this maze and outdoor gallery includes sculptures, mosaics, and murals throughout, all of which were hand-crafted by talented artists from all over the world. The maze is open from the end of June to the beginning of October every year. [Info HERE](#)

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT****GEP 3**

Favourite thing about Halifax: Halifax Central Library

Fun Fact: Every student has one or more children

Language Learning Tip: Speak English outside of class



Christmas Cards & Tree Decorating

Christmastime is full of fun traditions, and you'll find Christmas trees wherever you look! ALCC students and teachers made the school ready for the holidays with Christmas cards and decorating our very own Christmas tree. Did you know that Lunenburg County, here in Nova Scotia, is the Christmas Tree capital of the world? Over 500,000 Christmas trees are produced every year, and many are exported to other countries, such as the U.S. and Japan!



Gingerbread Houses

Another popular Christmas tradition is the creation of gingerbread houses. Who doesn't love a craft you can eat? Our creative GEP students competed in teams to put together the most interesting gingerbread house to win a prize! The tradition of gingerbread houses is thought to have started in Germany between the 16th and 18th centuries. Many people believe it was inspired by the fairytale, "Hansel and Gretel."

Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank

Holidays are a particularly busy time for all charities, and ALCC students and teachers were happy to offer their time and assistance to Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank once again. Located on Maynard St. in Halifax, Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank distributes food, clothes, and furniture free of charge to families in need in the Halifax Regional Municipality, and is always looking for new volunteers. Interested in volunteering? Find out more at:

<https://parkerstreet.org/>



ALCC Information Session

Know anyone who might be interested in studying English, but aren't sure what we offer? Be sure to follow ALCC on social media to catch one of our information sessions! This month, our teachers and staff had the opportunity to share class and program details with some members of the community at Halifax Central Library. Hope to see you there next time!

