

# JOIN US FOR THE KINDRED SPIRITS OPENING RECEPTION

WHEN: JANUARY 10, 2025

TIME: 5:30-8:00PM

WHERE: WELDON COMMUNITY ROOM (LONDON, ONTARIO)



Binding by Gwenda Dieleman

**Note: Participants are welcome to join CBBAG SWO for a workshop from 3-5pm. Visit [cbbag.ca/southwesternontario](http://cbbag.ca/southwesternontario) for more information**

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5:30

## COFFEE

6:00

Coffee and treats will be served prior to the reception. Guest are welcome to visit the archives to see the exhibit before hand.

6:00

## OPENING RECEPTION

7:00

Opening remarks by Deb Meert-Williston (Rare Book Librarian), and Barb Helander (Event coordinator), followed by a lecture by Alan MacEachern on his new book "Becoming Green Gables".

7:00

## EXHIBIT VIEWING

8:00

Following the opening reception Kindred Spirits will be available to view until 8:00pm. The exhibit will run from January to mid-March and be available to view Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm.



# BECOMING GREEN GABLES

THE DIARY OF MYRTLE WEBB AND  
HER FAMOUS FARMHOUSE

ALAN MACEACHERN

August 1st Four of our boarders left. We were very  
much in love with all of them. Miss Harvey and Miss Mason came  
to night. Very tired.  
2. A lovely day that! Cloudy in the morning.  
Not feeling very good. Girls at my side  
to night. Miss Bled of Stables found a nice  
3. A lovely day. Picking berries, very thick

## BECOMING GREEN GABLES

In 1909, Myrtle and Ernest Webb took possession of an ordinary farm in Cavendish, Prince Edward Island. Ordinary but for one thing: it was already becoming known as inspiration for Anne of Green Gables, written by Myrtle's cousin L.M. Montgomery and published to international acclaim just a year earlier. *Becoming Green Gables* is the true story of how a literary connection enriched – and, ultimately, upended – a family.

***Becoming Green Gables* will be available to purchase at the event.**

### About Alan MacEachern

Alan MacEachern grew up on PEI – on a farm much like Green Gables – and has been teaching History at Western since 2001. He has written extensively on environmental history, the history of humans' relationships with nature, and was the founding director of NiCHE, the Network in Canadian History & Environment. He's published 3 books with McGill-Queen's University Press this decade, including this year's *Becoming Green Gables*. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

