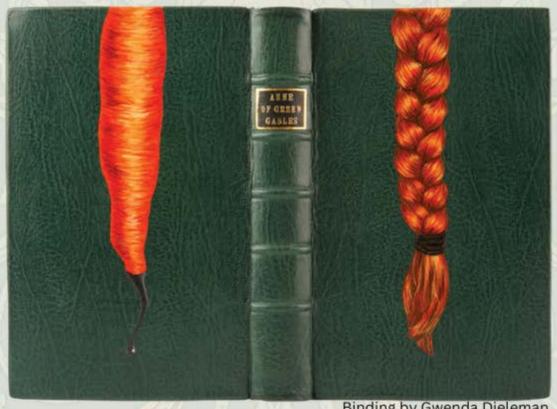
## JOIN US FOR THE KINDRED SPIRITS OPENING RECEPTION

**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 for more information









# JANUARY 10, 2025 SCHEDULE

5:30

6:00

#### COFFEE

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

7:00

#### **OPENING RECEPTION**

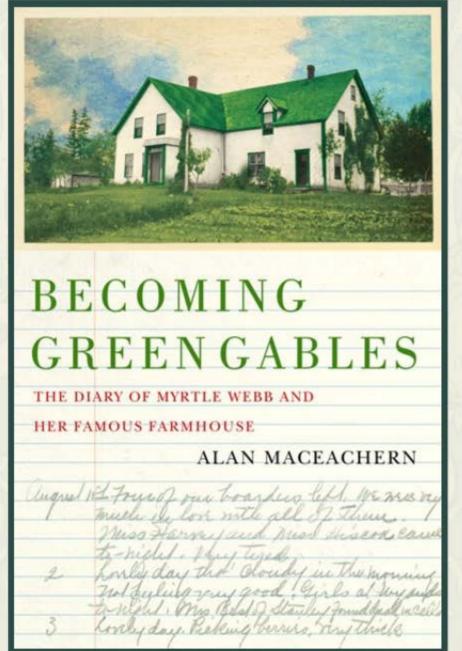
Opening remarks by Deb Meert-Williston (Rare Book Librarian), and Barb Helander (Event coordinator), followed by a lecture by Alan MacEachern on his new book "Becoming Green Gables".

7:00

8:00

### **EXHIBIT VIEWING**

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**

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.

