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During a recent trip to New Zealand, the Gilchrist family visited with the Black family. From left: Dale, Ellen, Marilynne, Erin Gilchrist, Dave and Joan Black. December 2014.

Gilchrist Family in New Zealand

Marilynne Gilchrist

Dale, Marilynne and Erin Gilchrist returned on Christmas Day from a holiday in beautiful New Zealand. Ellen Gilchrist also toured with her family but she is staying for the month of January to complete a midwifery placement at Waitakere Hospital near Auckland.

While touring, the Gilchrists enjoyed a visit with Joan and Dave Black at their home in Christchurch. Dave is working as a building inspector in Christchurch as that city continues to recover from a devastating earthquake which occurred on February 22, 2011. A number of buildings in the city and surrounding areas are still

standing but are unusable due to the effects of the earthquake. There are also many other buildings being torn down and rebuilt. Dave and Joan are quite happy living in Christchurch and they are enjoying the opportunity to explore New Zealand. They send their love to their friends and family in the Lucknow area.

Maitland Trail Association Sponsors Art to Celebrate 40th Year

Goderich Co-Op Gallery

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During January, February, and March, the Maitland Trail Association will bring artists renowned for celebrating our forests to the Goderich Co-op Gallery. This show will open Saturday, January 10, 2015 with friends, artists, and members of both groups attending. Dignitaries will open the show at 2 p.m. and refreshments will be served. Susan Hay, Devin Surgeon. Bill Creighton, Madeleine Roske, Clarence Denomme, Anne Laviolette and Ron Walker will all have works in this show.

On July 2, 1965, a group was formed which proposed building a trail all along the Maitland river

from Goderich to Wingham. However that task was too ambitious for the new group and instead it focused on the 48 km. trail from Goderich to Auburn.

The liaison and permissions with and from the landowners was the first important step. Trail creation and maintenance continues to the present with scores of keen volunteers donating their time and energy to keep the trails accessible and safe. There is an impressive list of trail rangers who monitor the conditions of their section of the trail doing minor repairs while recording major work to be addressed in the future by a larger group of workers. This group maintains other local trails totaling 80 km!

The MTA hosts dozens of hikes and ski/snowshoe outings and nature studies throughout the year.

The largest End to End hike in the MTA history was the Camino-Maitland hike. After two successful hikes, a third is planned for 2015.

The MTA's detailed Trail Guide is a great help to hikers. The first edition was published in July 2000 to celebrate its 25th anniversary. The third edition will be a special 40th anniversary celebration edition to be released in early 2015.

For more information, about the Maitland Trail Association, visit HYPERLINK "http://www.maitlandtrail.ca/" \t "_blank" www.maitlandtrail.ca.

The Co-op Gallery, 54 Courthouse Square is open winter hours, Wed. to Sat. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the duration of this show. For more information call 440-0523, or visit www.gcgallery.ca.

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