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October 18th, 2010……Protected Areas Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (PAA) celebrates 21 years of saving spaces for species. The 21st Annual Benefit & Silent Auction will be held on **Thursday, October 21st**, 7:00pm, at the Royal Canadian Legion in Pleasantville. The evening will include a silent auction with a dinner theatre/cabaret style atmosphere. Organizers are thrilled at the lineup for this year!

"Having just celebrated the Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve in Labrador, we are happy to be having another celebration of the broader scope of our work in this province", says Development & Outreach Coordinaor, Ruth (Godden) French. "This year we celebrate the retirement of Laura Jackson, our Executive Director, who has been with PAA for 19 years. It's a little sad, but she'll be volunteering with us so we haven't lost her altogether. We will also be remembering our dear friend, Jon Lien, who was one of the founders of PAA."

The lineup includes **local musical artist Selina Boland accompanied by Christian Johansen and Robert Ryan, the Silvern Voices Choir, the Dance Academy, and the music of Dan Ficken on guitar.**

PAA is a non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to the establishment of a network of protected natural areas in our province. As this is the only annual fundraiser held, PAA hopes to get many supporters out for the event. It is also an opportunity for new people to come out and see what PAA is all about. More information can be found at www.paanl.org

Tickets are $40 for General Admission and $30 for Students/Seniors and can be purchased through the PAA office at The Gathering Place, 172 Military Road.

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