Mr J, the magician, wowed the crowd when we made a rabbit appear. The children were especially happy when they had a chance to pat the little bunny. (Harrington Photo)



Mariah Rushton, Megan Rushton, Abby Thompson and Autumn Rushton give Mr J a few extra hands to assist with one of his tricks during the magic show on Oct. 2nd in Great Village. (Harrington Photo)

Great Village Community Association

Bringing a Community Together by Building Ideas

By Heather MacKay

Fall in Great Village, there is no better place to enjoy the changing of the leaves. Did you notice how quickly they changed color this year, and did you notice that the color of the Community Centre has changed as well. It happened very quickly with the help of many volunteers. Keith Smith generously donated his time and the use of his machine to reach the top of the building and with brush in hand he did a great job. Many thanks from the Community Association Keith and the others on hand, Alli Francis, Jeff Maluske, Terry Francis, Heather MacKay and AJ Bird. This was made possible by a donation from the Bass River Community Credit Union for the paint as well as Masstown ProHardware for great discount. Unfortunately the weather is not cooperating so the last few spots are waiting to be finished.

Mr J the Magician entertained us on the 2nd of Oct. I think it brought the child out in all of us. This was sponsored by CALA (Colchester Adult Literacy Association) who has returned to the village, for more information on classes with them, call 895-2464.

Community Association members have together many times this month. Oct 3rd we had our Elizabeth Bishop Brazil in the Village events. In the Great Village Gym we had the opportunity to watch in awe as Ross and Marta described and performed the Capoeira dance. This dance is a musical expression incorporated into a game. The instru-

ments that they played were very basic and made from things that the Brazilians had access to. It was an unbelievable performance and I so glad that we had the opportunity to experience it. After the performance the Community Association served an authentic Brazilian lunch of Black Bean soup or Pumpkin Sweet Potato soup, followed by cookies from Brazilian recipes.

On Oct 10th we saw of you at the many Thanksgiving Day Market as the Community Association was preparing breakfast. Thanks to everyone who supported the Market this season, see you in the 2010 season. Friday Oct 16th we had a lot of lucky loaded down winners leaving from our Penny Auction at the Great Village Legion. It was a great evening and everyone had fun. The bottle drive was a huge success thanks to everyone who donated recyclable. We raised \$249.90. Monies from our fund-raising efforts are used towards, heat, electricity and internet at the Centre as well as for costs of some of our programs. It may be a lot of work, but usually everyone has fun doing it and your help is certainly appreciated. The Library and Cap site has been open every Wednesday from 3:30-5:30 if you would like to know if we have any of your favorite author email us so we can check it out for you or stop in an visit and catch up on your emails.

The Hunters Safety course has been booked to capacity for every course at the Community Centre. We have had people come from far and wide to attend. Karate, Yoga and Exercise Classes are very well attended but always room for more. Call Heather MacKay 668-2501 for more information

For those of you that want to butt out, we are looking for enough participants that are interested in taking part in a stop smoking program, you will receive free quit smoking aids. Contact Addiction services 893-3900.

November is going to be a great month to do some Christmas shopping in the Village. The Farmers Market Christmas Craft Sale will be taking place in the center of the Village, utilizing the Fire Hall, the Legion and the lower level of St James Church on Saturday, November 7. Lunch will be available from the Great Village Community Association, so if you'd like to help out serving that day, put your apron on and call Heather 668-2501 or Terry 668-2766. Lowland Gardens Christmas in Village opens

that day as well.

On November 28th the Community Association is hosting a Christmas Sale in the School Gym from 10-3. Many vendors with unique and beautiful products such as ceramics, stained glass, leather crafts, baking, knitting, preserves, sewing, jewelry, handcrafted knives. Of course we will be serving lunch Glenda's famous chili. Hope to see you there.

Don't forget our regular monthly meetings are every third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. This is open to everyone in Great Village and the surrounding area. There are many things that can be accomplished when we have ideas from everyone, young and old

As new events come up you can check our website www.greatvillage.cobequid.n et. Also sign up for our email greatvillagelearningnetwork@gmail.com to be kept up-to-date and get reminders of events and meetings..



Josh Farrell(left) and Madison Rushton were amazed when they were able to help Mr J join a series of rings together by simply blowing on them. The magic show was sponsored by CALA at Saint James United Church on Oct. 2nd. (Harrington Photo)

A New Beginning

A Local Activist

Jim has always been involved in community organizations and activities.

A Community Leader

· Chair of Clifton Acres Senior Housing - a community owned co-operative- and president of the Fisher Creek Cemetery Corporation (since 1985).

A National Representative

 Jim has been active in encouraging and promoting environmental change in the farming community.

A Business Leader

- · Chair of the Board of Directors for Scotsburn Co-operative Services 1998 to present as well as Member of the Board since 1995.
- Past President of Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture.

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