

# Londonderry Auction Raises \$600.00



The “We Care” Kitty Help Line Society raised \$600.00 in their first fundraiser (a bake / yard sale) on October 18, 2009, at the Londonderry Community Center. Pictured above are: Susan Dobson, treasurer, Venetia George, founder, and Erin Adams, president, (seated). (Dobson Photo).

By Erin Dobson

The “We Care” Kitty Help Line Society held their first fundraiser (a bake / yard sale) on October 18, 2009, at the Londonderry Community Center. The many items and baked goods were donated from local people in the surrounding areas. The event was a huge success and approximately \$600.00 was raised.

The money raised is to help with the costs associated in caring for the local feral (or stray) cat population in a caring and humane way. Costs in operating the shelter include: heating the shelter, the cost of spaying and neutering, food, medicine, kitty litter and many other supplies. We are also trying to set up an “adoption” program to find homes for those cats / kittens that are adoptable.

All unsold items were donated to the Great Village Fire Brigade for their upcoming Fireman’s Auction. Volunteer firefighter Terry Spence drew the winning tickets from our two draws. Winners of the first draw

include: Susan Dobson who won the gift basket donated by “Gifts from the Woodshed” (Kathy Simpson-Giles), Karen Murphy who won the baked goods basket donated by Susan Dobson and Erin Adams, and Louise Cooke who won the gift certificate (pizza, garlic fingers and a large pop) donated by Smith Rite Stop.

The winner of the second draw was Alton George who won a handcrafted hunting knife donated by Jeff Maluske (Bladesmith). We would like to thank the following businesses for their support: Glenholme Loop Petro-Canada, Masstown Market and Wilsons Gas Stops. In addition, we would like to sincerely thank all of you who supported us by donating goods, coming to our fundraiser and purchasing baked goods and yard sale items or making a donation.

If you would like to offer a donation or would be willing to become a volunteer, please contact Venetia at 668-2613 or Susan or Erin at 668- 2913.

# Harvest Time For Grapes at Lr. Debert Vineyard

By Linda Harrington

Lower Debert: The birds seem to always know when the grapes are sweetest, as they swooped into the vineyard just the day before harvest.

It was a beautiful frosty autumn morning on Debert Beach Rd., in Lower Debert and about a dozen pairs of gloved hands were carefully clipping a bountiful crop. October 15th was harvest day in the vineyard.

Gerry Simpson tends to about an acre of vineyard, with roughly 1000 plants in production. The grape vines were originally planted by Donald Folkins about six years ago. Dr. Folkins passed

away in 2008 and Gerry took over tending to the vines. This is his second year of harvest.

Two varieties of grapes are grown in the vineyard, a purple Leon Millot and a green L’Acadie. The L’Acadie is only grown in Nova Scotia.

The harvested grapes were being shipped directly to Jost Vineyards in Malagash, where they will be made into wine. Mr. Simpson was pleased with the overall crop but would only know the actual value once it arrived at the winery. “The price is based on the sugar content and this is compared on a Brix scale. The lowest is 15 Brix and for every point above this the grower is

paid an extra 15%.”

The total weight of the crop was also very important. “If we get over 1 tonne, the wine will be produced under its own label,” says Gerry. “Unfortunately the birds got the jump on us yesterday and we lost some valuable pounds.”

A wire mesh covers the grape vines during their growth but the birds were still able to get through and do some damage. Even as the crews were harvesting, the birds were trying to steal their way to a tasty treat. Ilze Folkins says this is a sure sign that the grapes are at their peak sugar content.

Gerry Simpson had just removed the fences that protect the crop from raccoons, another creature that enjoys grapes. He says growers are fortunate that insects are a not problem to the crop. “They don’t even need bees for pollination, as the wind is their natural pollinator,” he says.

The harvesting crew were certainly enjoying the day in the sunshine, not looking at it as a chore at all, but more of a social time with friends and family.



Ilze Folkins (left) and Linda Simpson were enjoying the fresh autumn air as they helped harvest the grape crop. (Harrington Photo)



Gerry Simpson makes his way through the vineyard with a wagon full of freshly harvested grapes. The grapes will be shipped to Jost Vineyard in Malagash. (Harrington Photo)

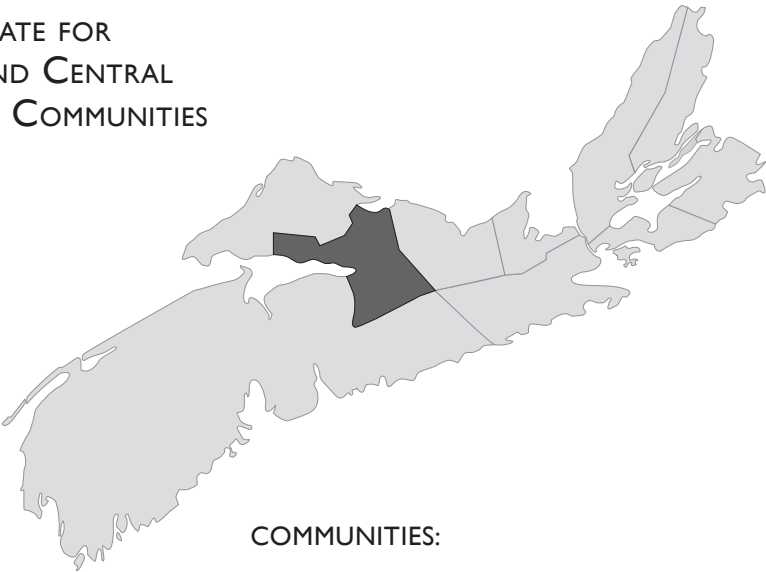


Purple Leon Millot grapes hang on their vines. (Harrington Photo)

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