

## Great Village Historical Society Notes



Mark Wood points with a hydrophone to a poster showing some of the underwater uses of the equipment designed and marketed by Instrument Concepts. (Shears photo)

By Linda Shears

The monthly meeting of the Historical Society took place on March 2, beginning with a presentation by guest speaker, Mark Wood. Mark owns and manages Instrument Concepts which is located across the road from the Legion Hall, in the historic A.A. Hill Building.

Instrument Concepts is an ocean sensing company whose mission is to research, test and build smart hydrophones. Mark demon-

strated the use of a hydrophone in action, showing how it both recorded audible underwater sounds and displayed them as a series of rippling and jagged lines on a laptop computer (in technical terms, a "waterfall display").

He explained how the hydrophone can measure environmental noise, be used in fisheries and mammal studies, as well as measure seismic shifts and tsunamis. The instruments have been tested

to an ocean depth of 5,000 metres. The company has several employees from far-ranging places such as Hawaii and England. To look at the range of modern acoustic technology being designed and built by this local company, go to the website: [www.instrumentconcepts.com](http://www.instrumentconcepts.com).

Richard Akerman is working on the material which will be used in the next historical panel for the pergola. It will be an enlarged replica of the 1889 Currie map, which depicts the houses and businesses of Great Village of that time. Richard agreed to speak at a future meeting on the life and times of Captain Wilbur Johnson.

This Village resident joined the Canadian Army in 1915 at the age of 59, claiming to be only 45. By 1918, he felt he had had enough of the army and the war and finally told them his real age. To find out if he was believed, we'll have to hear Richard's account.

The next meeting of the Historical Society is on Wednesday, April 6, at 7:30 PM.

## Great Village Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

A Peaceful Week of activities was enjoyed by students and staff. Students wore special outfits each day, a Teacher-Student Beach Ball Soccer Game was held, breakfast was held in the classrooms each day and to celebrate a successful week of peaceful behaviors the whole school went swimming at Centennial Pool on Friday, March 11th.

Thank you to the Home & School for delivering fresh fruit and baked goods during Staff Appreciation Week and for the special messages.

Mrs. Rushton's and Mr. Murphy's classes celebrated the 100th Day of School on

Feb. 23rd with a variety of activities. Mrs. Rushton's class collected 113 items for the Food Bank, weighing a total of 43 kilograms.

Eight students have registered for the 2011/12 Primary class. Current enrollment in the school is 71 students.

Students recently completed activities to demonstrate that although people may look different on the outside, they are all the same on the inside. This led to classroom discussions about respecting people.

Technology update! Students in the Grade 3/4 classroom are receiving additional support in technology. They have been able to access

special programs such as "Claymation".

The school has recently received three computer notebooks for use in all the classrooms. Ceiling mounted LCD projectors will be installed this spring and Mrs. Rushton will be receiving a Mimeo Board (an interactive whiteboard).

Water tests continue to show a minimal presence of Total Coliform Bacteria but no E.coli. Work was scheduled over March Break to install a submersible pump and two ultraviolet disinfection units.

A Family Dance is planned for April 15th. Come and enjoy and evening of fun.

## Great Village Area News

By Florence Adams

The school's spring break was from March 14th to 19th with spring like weather in our district. Tammy and Danny Garnham and son, Brent enjoyed a trip to Cuba during March break.

Eileen Eaton has returned home after a prolonged stay with her son, James and family in Ottawa. It's good to have you home Eileen, you were missed.

There has not been a meeting of the Isabelle Pope UCW since Christmas, on account of the absence of the president. Now that Eileen is home, we are looking forward to a meeting.

Andrew Leeman and family visited family and friends in Bear River and Digby the weekend of March 18th to 20th. The village was saddened to learn of the death of Joan Carter in Perth, Ontario. Joan (Kennedy) Carter grew up in Great Village. It was her childhood home.

Robert and Natalie Adams visited their daughter and family in Toronto recently.

Wheels to Meal on March 1st and 15th was held in the Legion hall as usual. On March

15th it was catered to by the Fireman's Auxiliary and there was a larger attendance including several children who were on March break.

Robert Layton had the misfortune to fall in February and break both bones in his ankle. He is still wearing a cast and

expect to continue to do so for several more weeks.

David and Valerie Austin and son, William, visited family and friends in New Brunswick during the March break.

Carter Patriquin, Shubenacadie and Matthew Peppard, Truro spent part of their March break with their grandmother, Marie Peppard.

## Clifton 4-H Club News

By Marla McNutt  
Club Reporter

March proved to be a busy month for the Clifton 4-H club. We started off the month on March 1st with our regular general meeting. On March 5th we had our club rally with speeches and demonstrations on topics such as Yo-Yos, Justin Bieber, rabbits, hurdles, smoothies, and piñatas.

Congratulations to our members going on to County Rally which will be held on March 26th at North River Elementary - Amy Crocker giving her Speech on "The Mighty Uke" with Mackenzie Stewart as the introducer and Hanna Murphy as the thanker, as well as Marla McNutt for Intermediate speech "Shutterbug in the Making" and Heidi Anderson

for senior speech "A Life Long Passion".

Also, Ella McCurdy for Junior Demo "How to Make a Tie-dye Quilt" and Jacob and Anna Works for senior double demo "Redneck Feng Shui. We would like to extend our thanks to volunteers who judged: Andrea Caven, Shelly Alward MacLeod, Lydia Sorflaten, Margie Harlin, Kathryn Jollymore and Gordie Miller.

We are also selling chocolate bars, so if you know a 4-H member give them call to help satisfy your sweet tooth.

The next time you are heading towards Old Barns take note of the new welcome sign put up by The Clifton Federation of Agriculture that also recognizes the Clifton 4-H club.

## Great Village Community Association News

By Linda Shears

The monthly meeting was held on March 16 at the Community Centre, with eight people in attendance. Heather MacKay reported that several special events are occurring. These include a Beginners' Cake Decorating class on April 14, and a Tea Leaf Reading Workshop on how to read the mysterious messages found in the bottom of tea cups.

A Health and Wellness Day is planned for April 30, from 10 AM to 2 PM, which is the same day as the Great Village Firemen's Auction, so people can plan ahead and attend both events. On May 28, also from 10 AM to 2 PM, there will be a Home Business Show at the school gym. The Farmers' Market will open on May 21st for the season. May 28 should be a busy day in the village with both the farmers' market at the home business show.

The Community Supper sponsored by Select Nova Scotia on February 19 was very successful; it was well-attended, people enjoyed the meal prepared from local foods, and it was a good fundraiser. Some visiting diners came from as far away as the Yukon.

The Girl Guides, under the leadership of Rebecca Taylor, impressed diners with their skills at serving and their cheer-

ful smiles. We owe a big thank-you to the Girl Guides and to all the people who baked brown bread, beans and desserts as well as those who helped out in the kitchen. Guest speaker Dr. Kris Pruski, provided an interesting presentation on caring for an apple orchard.

Application forms have been submitted for summer students to assist with programs and events during the summer months.

It was noted that the Great Village Farmers' Market is scheduled to re-open on May 20 and operate until October 8. New vendors of home-made and home-grown products are being sought. For details and application forms, contact June Ramsay at: [ramseyd@vrodinternet.com](mailto:ramseyd@vrodinternet.com) or phone 647-2547.

The Friends of St. James group will provide the Market breakfasts until the end of August, then other community groups will keep the breakfasts going.

We are still looking for a coordinator for the Community Orchard. The Movement & Motion winter program did not proceed because there were not enough applicants. The program will be re-offered in the summer.

The next meeting will be on April 19 at 7:00 PM. At the Community Centre. If you are interested in community events and programs, please join us. If you have questions relating to any of the programs, workshops or events being offered, contact Heather MacKay at [greatvillagelearningnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:greatvillagelearningnetwork@gmail.com).

## Great Village Fire Brigade Auction – April 30

By Kathy Simpson-Giles

This year will see our Annual Auction happen in the Spring instead of the fall. It has been a long winter and now it's time to start getting out and about.

Mark the last weekend in April for the Great Village Fireman's Auction. Although it's coming early, it will still be filled with our usual fare including a canteen by the Ladies Auxillary.

It is true. We are replacing another of our trucks. Our Rescue unit is being updated this year. The old '78 Chev is

retiring and we will be getting a new Dodge with the body coming from a family business in the Valley. Lantz Truck Bodies in Port Williams will be building it for us and we have seen the designs. We are very excited.

Back to the Auction, it is because of the generosity of our community we can undertake these ventures. Without your continued support, it would be a struggle to meet the demands. Our rescue truck responds to almost every call and is our Medical unit. It contains the Jaws of

Life and all our extrication tools as well.

Your donations and participation in this annual event go towards the everyday basics, the cost of equipment, training costs and the huge cost of updating the trucks. You are like the credit card commercial... "the support of our community... priceless." We are looking forward to seeing you this month.

The Annual Auction will be held, Saturday, April 30 at the Great Village and District Fire Hall starting at 10 a.m. til sellout.

**GREAT VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
with  
**ALONG THE SHORE HEALTH BOARD**  
PRESENTS

**Health and Wellness Day - April 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Great Village School Gym**  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. • **FREE ADMISSION**

Practitioners and vendors with CALA, Tia Chi, Fitness, Eye and Ear Wellness, Nutrition, Angel Readings, Sleep Apnea Centre, Reiki, Authors, Fibro Specialist, Yoga, Tops, Exercise, Physio Therapists, Reflexology, Chiropractor, Hypnotist, and Alternative Medicine

**WITH GUEST SPEAKERS**  
10:30 a.m. Susan Macdonald "The Language of the Soul"  
1:00 p.m. Mellisa Sarazin "Wellness from within - Embracing what is"

Door Prizes, Lunch and snacks available

Watch for more info on our Facebook  
or email at [greatvillagelearningnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:greatvillagelearningnetwork@gmail.com)

**FBC Softball Registrations**

**Register now for the 2011 FBC Summer Softball League. Must be 18 and over. Registration accepted until April 30th.**

**Cost: \$15.00, to cover cost of team T-shirt and prizes.**

**Season starts May 30th**  
**Ends with**  
**Championship Play-Off Weekend August 19th-21st.**

**For information or to register, contact:**

**Doug Campbell @ 668-2718**  
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