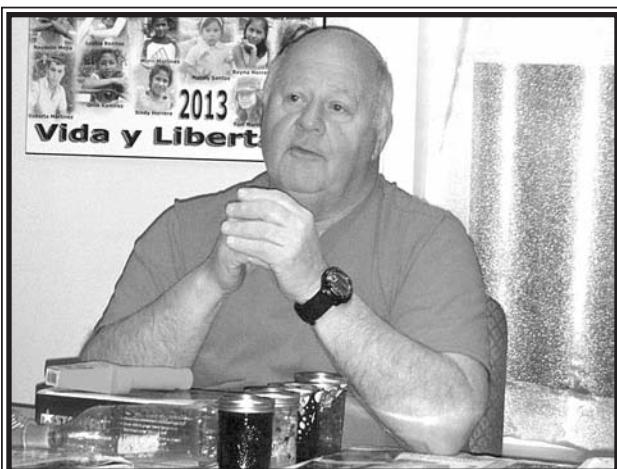


Great Village Garden Club News



Great Village Garden Club member Arthur Haskins answers gardening questions at the club's most recent meeting on February 25 (Patti Sharpe Photo)

By Patti Sharpe

Following a break for the holidays, the Great Village Garden Club resumed its regular meetings on January 28. On that evening, members gathered for a business meeting and program concerning the annual convention held in Wolfville, NS in 2012. This year is a busy one for garden clubs in the central part of the province as they play host to the 2014 Convention of the NS Association of Garden Clubs (NSAGC) on June 6 and 7 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Truro.

The association has held an annual convention each year since 1954. Many of the early conventions were held at the former NSAC, now Dalhousie University's Agricultural Campus. By the mid 1990s, the annual convention began to move to various locations throughout Nova Scotia to better accommodate members and the number attending each year has grown steadily. This year's

committee is planning for 250 convention attendees.

At the February 25 meeting, we confirmed arrangements have been made to hold our annual perennial sale at the Great Village School gym on Saturday, May 10. The perennial sale is the club's only fundraiser each year and usually draws a large crowd of gardeners from near and far. Following the business meeting members took part in a gardening question and answer period and a swap of gently used gardening tools, books and paraphernalia.

Our program committee have planned a year's worth of exciting speakers and a summer road trip and workshop for members. When we meet again on Tuesday, March 25, member Arthur Haskins will do a presentation on pruning evergreens and flowering shrubs. Please feel free to join us at 7 p.m. in the foyer of Faith Baptist Church. All are welcome to attend.

News from County Council Meeting - February 26, 2014

By Maurice Rees

Michelle Newell, has been appointed Director of Public Works at Municipality of Colchester, Effective March 3, 2014. Twenty three applications were received for the position which closed on January 3, 2014, but the list was reduced to four applicants who were interviewed in mid-February.

She had been appointed acting director, when Ramesh Ummat, resigned the position to become Chief Administrative Officer.

Colchester Ground Search and Rescue Association property at 73 Ventura Drive, Debert has been added to the properties granted exemption under the Tax Exemption By-law.

The former Maple Leaf School in Salmon River will be sold "as is" at market value through a request for proposals with the Municipality of Colchester. The proposals are expected to be released in early March. Council approved the matter at its February 26th meeting.

Council has declared null and void its previous draft agreements with the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition, which is now controlled by the province since the Farm Loan Board called its mortgage on the facility.

The Debert House Sales Fund will be used as the source of up to \$8,100.00 to cover the cost of relocating copper and fibre cables leading to the property known as "The Diefenbunker".

The Nova Scotia Department of Environment has approved \$200,362.50 as its 50% share of the Flood Risk Study for the Salmon River, North River and McClures' Brook watersheds. The area's Joint Flood Advisory Committee has received 8 proposals in late November, and awarded the \$393,935 contract to CBCL Limited. The County and Town of Truro will share 50/50 the remainder of the flood risk study not covered by the province. The county is to receive the province's share of costs before March 31, 2014.

The value of building permits in the County for period of April 1, 2013 to January 31, 2014 is \$49,531,522 up from \$44,778,560 for the corresponding period in 2012-2013. A total of 425 permits have been issued for the 10 month period, down from 438 for the same period in 2012-2013. In January 2014 the value of 11 permits was \$1.758-Million compared with 24 permits have a value of \$2.081-Million for January 2013.



Lion Frank Hartman reads the invocation to Wendell Gallagher (blue sweater) while his presenter, Lion Ron Forbes stands by. The club now has 42 members. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



On February 20th Parrsboro Lions Club inducted Wendell Gallagher as its newest member. Wendell lights his candle to "Light the Way". (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

Church Services for April

By Christine Urquhart

Church services for the month of April will be:

April 6 - 10am in Debert,

April 13t - 10am in Glenholme,

Maundy Thursday - 7pm

April 17 - Debert

Good Friday - 10am

April 18th - Glenholme

Easter Sunrise Service - 7am Masstown April 20th

Regular Easter Sunday Service 10am Masstown April 20th

April 27 - 10am in Debert.

Sunday School meets during Church times at our regular Sunday services. We invite everyone to come to all



our services especially our special Easter services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter itself. We have 21 children registered for Sunday School and more are always welcome!

Congratulations on your 20th Anniversary!

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Municipality of the County of Colchester Low Income Tax Exemption

SUBMISSION DEADLINE - MAY 9, 2014

Residential property owners may be eligible for an exemption on their 2014/2015 property taxes, up to a maximum of **\$300.77**. To qualify, applicants must own and occupy the property and fall into one of the categories in the table below:

Family Size	Gross Income	Exemption
single	Less than \$23,980	\$180.47
family of 2	Less than \$31,554	\$240.61
family of 3 or more	Less than \$37,864	\$300.77

Gross Income refers to the **total gross income from all sources** for the calendar year ending December 31, 2013. This must include the income of all members of the household, except full-time students, however, you should not include income from the following sources:

1. War Veterans Allowance Act (Canada);
2. Veterans Affairs Canada, Pension;
3. Child Tax Benefit; or
4. GST Rebate

Application forms will automatically be mailed to last year's successful applicants. If you have not received your application form by April 30th, please call 897-3162

If you did not receive the exemption last year, you may obtain an application from the Municipal Tax Office, 1 Church Street Truro, or by calling 897-3162.

For income verification purposes, please bring a **COPY** of your 2013 **INCOME TAX RETURN**, which you submit to Revenue Canada.

Ramesh Ummat
Chief Administrative Officer