



Village Follies cast have been busy rehearsing for their annual dinner theatre, which will take place first two weekends in May. Tickets are still available by phoning the Debert Hospitality Centre at 662-4074. Left to right: Paul Gamble, Lynn Macpherson, John Harrington, Lisa McBurnie and André Myette (Harrington Photo)

## Dr Ewing's Gorgeous Gorges Initiative

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dumping garbage can be curbed.

An idea to designate restored gorges as Gorgeous Gorges has been put forward.

Placing surveillance cameras near Gorges previously used as dumping grounds has also been suggested."

Several ideas for possible signage for areas that have been cleaned was also proposed. It was hoped the signage might prevent these sites from becoming dump zones again.

Members of RASCALS were very receptive

to helping clean-up our communities and ensuring there is no further dumping of garbage.

It is hoped people who might be responsible for garbage dumping will understand the consequences. Garbage doesn't randomly disappear. Whether you drop an empty bottle while fishing, throw a coffee cup out the window or dump off an old appliance...these things remain where you put them and becomes someone else's responsibility for generations to come.

## RASCALS Holds Weekly "Drop-in" Events

By Linda Harrington

RASCALS (Rural Association for sustainable communities along our shore) will hold their next monthly business meeting on April 23rd, 7 PM, at Joy Laking Gallery, 6730 Hwy. #2, Bass River. Everyone is welcome. Phone 647 2816 for more information.

The Purpose of RASCALS is: to encourage sustainable development along our shore; to improve communications and enhance opportunities for folks to get together; to enhance our relationship with the incredible natural landscape that is at our doorsteps; to work together to protect our environment and to make it possible and encourage residents to stay in the area, tourists to visit and new folks to consider moving in.

RASCALS Drop-Ins are held each week (10AM- Noon) for a chance to socialize, meet your neighbours and share thoughts and concerns.

April 1st- Cathy Mazur's at 20 Station Road, Great Village. Phone 655 2053.

April 8th - Heather Williams at 2563 Hwy 2, Carrs Brook. Phone 647 2550.

April 22nd- Tom and Micheline Beaton at 2716 Highway 2, Upper Economy. Phone 647 2985.

April 29th - Bayside Pharmacy, Bass River Plaza. Phone 647 2552.

### MINUTES FOR RASCALS Meeting MARCH 12, 2015

*(Editor's Note: Normally, I don't print minutes as written from a meeting. However, RASCALS is a new group and I wanted everyone to get a flavour of the group directly, rather than my spin. Plus, I've lost two weeks this month as my main computer's hard drive was made useless by a nasty hard drive and I'm trying to catch up).*

**Present:** Joy Laking, Cathy Mazur, Anita McLellan Ashley Fletcher, Jim Campbell, Karen Ewing, Carol McNutt, Margaret Condon, Linda Harrington (representing the Shoreline Journal) and Jim Wyatt

**Regrets:** Todd, Devin Trefry, Valerie Meredith, Micheline Beaton, Annie Saint-Jacques, Tom Taggart

Call to order at 7 pm. Joy gave an update on events since last meeting

**Drop Ins:** First one at Heather Williams was cancelled by weather. One held at Joy's Gallery yesterday had seven people attend including Tom Taggart our county counselor. It was an interesting and enjoyable time.

Next drop in at Tom and Micheline Beaton's on Wednesday March 18 at 10 am

**Drop-ins for April include:** April 1 Cathy Mazur; April 8 Heather Williams; April 29 Bayside Pharmacy, Bass River. All are welcome to attend. Schedules and directions will be on Facebook

"Rascals, our shore"

We need volunteers to host drops for April 15 and 22 and for May. It was discussed that we might try early evening drop-ins in the summer months June through Sept.

**Electric Car Plug In:** Tom Taggart informed us activities were underway to have one installed at Dominion Chair, Bass River.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Canada Day:** We found out a Londonderry/Great Village group was planning an event for Canada Day this year. Tom Taggart suggested that it could move around the communities in other years.

**Facebook/website:** Joy up-dated the group on the facebook page which has now been established with the help of Annie Saint-Jacques. Everyone is urged to get access to this site for the latest news and events. There was discussion about the possible future website which will have a cost. A number of people will be looking into web design and assistance. We need someone who will take this on for the group. Annie Saint-Jacques will be a resource person offering guidance and training if necessary.

**Book Box:** In addition to the seasonal one at the museum in Bass River, Margaret advised the group there would be one at St. James Church in Great Village and that it would be year round.

**Gorgeous Gorges:** Karen Ewing gave a (sometimes humorous) outline of her idea to clean up some of the rural dump sites (over banks) and her efforts to clean up the one on Brown Road. There ensued a discussion of similar programs which are or have been in existence ie. annual roadside clean-up. Women's Institute Adopt-A Highway, Roses and Raspberries newspaper articles etc. There was a discussion of signs and cost. Carol and Jim Campbell will report back on the status of Roadside Clean up and Adopt -a-highways programs and the municipality's role. There was also consideration of recognizing people who clean up gorges or road sides, such as Chris Bartlett and Karen Ewing.

**Continuing Education:** Saint James in Great Village will be having a cooking course when it re-opens. Jim Campbell will look into the feasibility of other courses and report at the next meeting.

**Jam Sessions:** These are not intended to be open for spectators but rather an opportunity for people who play an instrument to get together with others to make music for their own pleasure. The first one will be at the Joy Laking Gallery at 7 pm on April 8. Carol and Jim will oversee the first one. For the initial one, we will invite folks rather than broadly advertise until we see how it goes.

**Shore Banners:** Great Village and Bass River will have banners this summer. (Elizabeth Bishop and 250 Anniversary) The possibility of banners for the rest of the shore was discussed. Anita will check with Economy and Five Islands and Linda will talk to Laurie Jennings.

**Next Meeting:** Joy will check with Tom Taggart re changing the usual meeting date so that it doesn't conflict with council Meetings and then Tom will be able to come to rascals. Date and time will be on Facebook and will be emailed.

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