

Great Village Farmers Market

ATTENDANCE IS UP AND OFFERINGS ARE VARIED



Marie Eaton's pottery attracted attention from Jim Wyatt, Sandra Phillips and Joy Laking Wyatt during an outdoor day at the Farmers' Market. (Shears photo)



Arthur and Shirley Chisholm admire the strawberries and tomato plants on June Ramsey's table at the Great Village Farmers' Market. (Shears photo)

By Marguerite Phillips

The month of July marked the return of the crowds to the Great Village Farmers Market. Although the weather didn't always cooperate, the spirit of the community proved to be alive and well. We even had a few Colchester Highland Dancers to entertain us!

The strawberry's made their welcome appearance to the market. June Ramsey had flats of berries as well as fresh preserves. Mindy and Muffy's Baking created yummy strawberry & rhubarb pies and

were serving up strawberry shortcake (which were lunch for more than a few people!).

We were pleased to welcome some new vendors in July. Marie Easton from Debert brought her pottery which was very well received. Look for her again in August! Laura Lewis of Bass River is a Bio-natural Hair Stylist at BISH in Halifax. She brought shampoo, conditioner and skin cream that she creates using an extract from Nova Scotia kelp. We look forward to her visiting home again so she

can join us! Quentin Connolly brought his beautiful paintings and photography. Quentin, who is from Glenholme, has been painting for 15 years and has had exhibits in the St. Francis Xavier Art Gallery and the McCarthy Gallery in Truro. He was joined by his wife Kelly who makes and decorates cookies, which are little pieces of art themselves!

We are very happy to welcome back Kathy Simpson-Giles as a regular vendor. Kathy owns Stagecoach Road Gifts (formerly Gifts from the Woodshed) and creates scent free skin care products for people with chemical sensitivities and handmade wooden toys and puzzles for children. Her skin care products are made with no chemicals or scents added. As much as possible she tries to source ingredients locally. Most of the wooden gift items are made from scraps and recycled materials. She is proud of her traditional toys which run on imagination, not batteries.

The month of August will bring The Elizabeth Bishop Centenary Arts Festival to Great Village. It takes place August 19th to 21st. On Saturday the Farmers market site will be buzzing with Festival activities and we will be staying open later that afternoon. That weekend we will also welcome back local artist, Andrew Meredith with his stunning paintings. Andrew's work has been part of group exhibitions at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Ottawa.

So stay tuned for more new faces at the market and the arrival of fresh vegetables and blueberries!

John Simms to play

Truro and Oxford Exhibitions

By Maurice Rees

Truro's singer/songwriter, John Simms, will be appearing at a variety of events this summer in Colchester and Cumberland Counties. John was inducted into the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame in 2004 as a member of the Nova Scotia Ramblers.

He has been on the bill at many major venues across the province, including: The Stan Rogers Folk Festival (twice); The Maritime Acoustic Music Festival (twice); Various locations in Halifax, Dartmouth, Cole Harbour, Windsor, Wolfville, Kentville, New Glasgow, Pictou, etc.... concerts, theatres, lounges, etc.

In 2010, John returned to school (after 20 years), and this past June he walked across the stage as a graduating student of the Chignecto-Central Adult High School, finally having earned his high school diploma. He was asked to write and perform a song at our graduation, where he received a huge standing ovation, and has found out since, that the song performed ("Dig Deep") was also quoted as an inspirational piece at the graduation ceremony of CEC, Truro's High School.

John, who is billed as a songwriter / singer / story teller, has been working this summer with the John Simms Trio, and is excited to be bringing their sound to the Parrsborro area. The trio includes John playing acoustic guitar, Pete Goguen (North River) playing bass, and Jim



White (West Branch) on percussion. With their smooth playing and harmonies, they do a blend of originals and covers that are sure to please audiences of all ages.

Additional appearances will include the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition in Truro, August 25th, and The Cumberland County Exhibition in Oxford on September 2nd.

August Church Service Schedule

By Chris Urquhart

Church services for the month of August are as follows, and always at 10am.

August 1st - worship at St. James in Great Village - this is a combined service for both the Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge and the Great Village Charge and Rev. MacQueen will be preaching this service.

August 8th - Erskine United, Glenholme with Communion; August 15th - Masstown, August 22nd - Debert, August 29th Erskine United, Glenholme.

In September we meet on the 5th, 10am in Masstown and on the 12th in Debert. On September 19th our winter services resume. Everyone is welcome at these services so please come and join us.

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