

Newly Opened- Willie Ed's Bed & Breakfast



Willie Ed' Bed & Breakfast features a bright and cheerful sunroom where guests can relax after a busy day touring the area. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

Imagine wind chimes tinkling in the breeze, birds chirping in the trees and a visit from a pileated woodpecker as you sip your morning coffee by the lily pond. A new Bed & Breakfast offers this peaceful start to your morning, following a restful night's sleep under cozy quilts in spacious bedrooms. Collections of colored glass and family heirlooms will catch your eye, while art works by well-known and new artists grace the walls, beckoning a closer look.

After 24 years in this lovely home, Pat and Sybil Flemming have decided to open Willie Ed's Bed & Breakfast. "We felt there was a need for more quality accommodations along the Shore," says Sybil. "The central location should make it a welcome stop for tourists. Within 1½ hours, you can be in (or come from) NB,

PEI, Halifax, Annapolis Valley or Antigonish and there is very convenient access from Exit 10 off the TCH via Station Road."

This spectacular house had been in the Spencer family since mid1800's, the last Spencers to live here were Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ed Spencer from about 1917 to 1953, when Mrs. Spencer died. She was the one who upgraded the interior to its present appearance.

Mrs. Willie Ed was known for her good works in the village: the old organ in St James, an aboiteau, a circus performance for the community. She was also responsible for building Balamore Manor as a home for her parents.

Originally Willie Ed's family had farmed 100 acres for several generations, but presently the house sits on about 4 acres of landscaped lawns and gardens including a water gar-

den with fountain, fresh herb garden, perennials, and tree-lined drive.

This Second Empire style house is located at 64 Station Road, a connector between Hwy 2 and the Trans-Canada Highway. The home is set well back from the road, so it is restful and quiet, but only minutes from Village Center with a post office, laundry services, churches, bank machine, gas, groceries and antiques for guest convenience. It is close to the Elizabeth Bishop House and walking tour areas, as well as a pergola with historical info on Great Village.

In an effort to promote local tourism, the over-sized bedrooms have been named: Cobequid featuring 2 single beds, private ensuite and sitting room; Windsor (after Sybil's home town) featuring 2 double beds, ensuite and sitting area and Arisaig (from Pat's heritage) with a queen bed, day bed and shared bath. Each offers a desk with themed reading materials provided and themed pictures of scenes from each area or by area artists.

Sybil says hot or cold breakfasts will be served on Mayflower china, with the menu to change daily. "For example, one menu might be blueberry pancakes with local maple syrup, smoked apple sausages on the side, fruit of the day, juice/ tea/ coffee. Our menu will support local vendors wherever possible."

Pat Flemming, who will be cooking up these tasty breakfasts, also fills the role as manager, house domo and business head behind the venture. Sybil will be contributing to the meal planning, nutrition concerns and gardening when she is not teaching at WCCS in Bass River.

The relaxing atmosphere at Willie Ed's B & B entices you to curl up with a favorite book in any one of the cozy reading areas including the sunroom, patio by the water garden, fire pit area, and the porte-cochère. A large living room is for guest use, with cable TV, an organ and piano. Inside or out you will find plenty of spots for personal space or mixing by guests. Most of the house has wireless access, also.

The Opening will be held on August 12, 2011, just in time for the Elizabeth Bishop Centenary. One of the writer's workshops for the Bishop Weekend will be held on site, as well. Reservations are now being accepted at this delightful, newly licensed, B&B.

For more information please call Pat & Sybil Flemming at 668-2373.

Retirement Celebration for Rev. Don MacQueen

By Linda Harrington

A retirement celebration was held on June 29th, at Debert United Church, in honour of Rev. Don MacQueen, who has been minister of the Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge since 1996.

Rev. MacQueen was ordained by Maritime Conference in 1969 and his ministry took him to five different Pastoral Charges over a span of 42 years. He has always been heavily involved in Presbytery Committees and often volunteered in the local community, as well.

He was a member of the Communication Committee in all Presbyteries - Committee chair in Sudbury, PEI, Truro, and Manitou Conference. Rev. MacQueen was involved in all Communication Committee sub-committees including AVEL, Media Relations, Vision TV (National), Computer Use and Education. He was the first webminister for Maritime Conference. He stepped into Stewardship, World Outreach, Nominating, Archives, Education and Students, Finance and other committees as needed.

If this didn't keep him busy enough, he always finds time to volunteer in the community. This time has been shared between his involvement in the Debert Legion as a Member and Legion Chaplain, the Debert Military Museum, Spiritual Care Committee at Colchester Hospital, Truro Amateur Radio Club and Chaplain in turn for the Debert Fire Brigade. He expects these volunteer activities will continue and hopes to spend some time behind the pulpit as a part time Supply Minister where needed.

Rev. MacQueen has always had a keen interest in



An interesting guest made an appearance at the Retirement Celebration for Rev. Don MacQueen (right) on June 29th flooring a story read by Linda Giddens. The chicken was presented by Rev. Lester Settle. (Harrington Photo)



Glen Matheson (right) presented Rev. Don and Jean MacQueen a gift on behalf of the Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge at the Retirement Celebration held in their honour on June 29th at Debert United Church. (Harrington Photo)

Amateur Radio, photography and computers. (He has often submitted community photos to the Shoreline Journal).

Rev. Don and his wife Jean MacQueen have two daughters, Elizabeth lives in PEI and Roberta in Fall River, NS. They enjoy spending time with their two granddaughters Nicole, age 6 and Emily, age 3 ½. Nicole was baptized in Masstown and Emily in Debert.

Many people came out to Debert United Church on June 29th to wish Don and Jean well on his retirement. Several speakers, including those from Presbytery and neighbouring congregations, thanked Don for his help over the years and offered their best wishes, as well. Everyone was pleased to hear he would still be involved in the community.

Linda Giddens recalled a particular Worship Service a few years ago at Erskine United, involving the story of a chicken. After reading a passage from a book, she asked Rev. Lester Settle to present Don with a live chicken, so he would not forget this moment, much to the amusement of all present.

Glen Matheson presented

the MacQueen's with a parting gift on behalf of the Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge. Fellowship and entertainment followed.

Rev. Don and Jean MacQueen have recently moved to an apartment in Truro.

Best wishes for a Happy Retirement from the Shoreline Journal and all our readers.



Rev. Don MacQueen, retiring minister for the Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge, and his wife Jean pose for a photo during the celebration held at Debert United Church. (Harrington Photo)



Sit down and play a few tunes on the piano or curl up on the comfy coach and watch television in the spacious living room shared with guests at the new Willie Ed's Bed & Breakfast. (Harrington Photo)



Sybil fluffs the pillows in the Windsor room of Willie Ed' Bed & Breakfast. Pat & Sybil Flemming are taking reservations for their new B&B on Station Road, Great Village. (Harrington Photo)

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