



A popular place for a swim on a hot day. Little Dyke, Colchester County. (Harrington Photo)

## Natal Day Fun to Replace Canada Day Activities

By Christine Urquhart

The Masstown Community Association's Canada Day plans were rained out - it seemed like fate took a dislike to them as it only poured from 12:30 to 3:30 and the events were scheduled from 1-3! So to replace these rained out plans they are holding a Natal Day Fun Day on Monday August 5th from 1-3pm at the Masstown Community Park.

There will be live music, face painting, games for children and adults, Teddy bear nurse - bring your stuffed friends along for a checkup, a fortune teller, Fire Truck, Police car, Bar-B-Que and more!

Bring a lawn chair, bug stuff and sun screen and come have a great time! You can also pray for sunshine.

## Do You Feed The Birds?



provide hiding places for birds.

If you have an open area with the feeder just sitting out there you are basically putting out bait for hawks and other predators. Birds also need water, just like you and I, so a bird bath or fountain will help to attract more birds to your yard. Moving water will attract more than stationary water and will also attract more insects for the birds to feed on.

Plant plants that have seeds such as sunflowers, cone flowers or trees that produce fruit as they are a great attraction. All of these will help bring birds into your yard. Bird houses are fine but many birds prefer to make their nests in trees. If you think that it takes too long for trees to grow, you are wrong. Within a few years small trees will be tall enough for birds to hide in.

They also provide shade for you and the birds and

## RRFB Accepting Nominations for Mobius Awards

The nomination period for the 15th annual Mobius Awards of Environmental Excellence opened Monday, July 22, 2013. The provincial awards showcase innovative individuals and organizations that help make Nova Scotia a leader in waste reduction.

Hosted annually by RRFB Nova Scotia, this year's Mobius Awards ceremony will be held on Oct. 16. The deadline to submit nominations is Monday, Sept. 16, 2013.

The awards process included the following categories: Business of the Year (two awards will be presented); Region/Municipality/Authority of the Year; Institution of the Year; ENVIRO-DEPOT™ of the Year; School of the Year; Innovation in Waste Reduction; Waste Reduction Education Program; Best Community-Based Project and Individual Excellence in Waste Reduction.

"The Mobius Awards acknowledge individuals and organizations who have helped improve Nova Scotia's waste diversion efforts over the past year," says Jeff MacCallum, CEO of RRFB Nova Scotia. "Many people and organizations across Nova Scotia implement incredible waste reduction ideas, and the Mobius Awards is a great way to support, recognize and celebrate their achievements."

The Mobius Awards of Environmental Excellence luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at Pier 21 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The event is open to the public, and attendees are asked to make a donation in support of Habitat for Humanity in lieu of purchasing a ticket to the awards luncheon.

The awards ceremony will feature Canadian environmentalist, Gill Deacon as the keynote speaker. Born

and raised in Toronto, Ontario.

Deacon is an award winning author, broadcaster and public speaker. For six years, Deacon co-hosted Discovery Channel Canada's @discovery.ca alongside Jay Ingram. She has delivered countless speeches to many

different audiences broadening their awareness and commitment to sustainability. Her book, "Green for Life" (2008) offers practical solutions for leaving a smaller ecological impact and sustainable living.

*Nominations forms are available by visiting: [www.rffb.com](http://www.rffb.com)*

## Annual Blueberry Harvest Mad Hatter's Tea

By Terry Francis

Sunday, August 18 the Great Village Community Association will be holding their Mad Hatter Tea Party on the lawn of the St James United Church in Great Village. Come join in the fun and sip tea with the Mad Hatter and his friends.

Tea will be served from 2:00 to 4:00, but don't miss the Mad Hatter Tea Party Skit at 3:00. We will have local

musical talent, great Blueberry Desserts and of course Blueberry Tea both hot and iced.

Cost is only \$6.00 for an afternoon of fun. The Decorations alone are worth the visit.

Last years tea was a great hit so you don't want to miss this year's. If it rains we will hold it inside so you can still enjoy the fun.

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