

# PHOTO FEATURE

"Out of the Blue" Art Exhibition opening August 20 at the Holiday Inn, Truro. (Submitted Photos)



A painting of chairs on a porch overlooking the Bay of Fundy is always recognizable as the work of Joy Laking. This masterpiece will form part of the "Out of the Blue" art exhibition opening on August 20th at a reception at the Holiday Inn, Truro.



Bruce Woods depiction of the Bluenose II will form part of the "Out of the Blue" art exhibition opening on August 20th.



Out of the Blue art exhibit will be part of the annual Wild Blueberry Festival. This painting by Janice Quinan will be one of the many works on display.

## "Out of the Blue" Art Exhibit Opens Aug 20

By Janice Guinan

Blue is continually recognized as the favourite colour of most people, all over the world. It's nature's colour for water and sky, but is rarely found in fruits and vegetables, that is why the blueberry is so worthy of its own festival. In celebration of the Wild Blueberry Festival, the Holiday Inn has invited some prominent Nova Scotia artists to find inspiration in the colour blue and exhibit their artwork.

An opening reception for "Out of the Blue" will be held at the Holiday Inn, 427 Prince Street in Truro on Thursday, August 20th from 6pm til 8pm. Featuring original works by Janice Guinan, Joy Laking, Sharon McKenna, Jaye Ouellette, Leonard Paul, Darlene Watters and Bruce Wood. The term "out the blue" suggests that you will be amazed by the unexpected and delighted by this wonderful exhibition. The show runs til Saturday, August 29th and everyone is welcome to attend!

## \$1.08 Million Program for Low Bush Blueberry Producers



Three busloads of Wild Blueberry Producers were on hand to hear the \$1.08 million announcement by MP Scott Armstrong and Agriculture Minister Keith Colwell at Millen Farms in Great Village on July 18th. (Harrington Photo)



Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley MP Scott Armstrong, on behalf of Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz, announced \$1.08 million over three years for the Lowbush Development Program. The announcement was made during the Wild Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia annual field day on July 18th. (Harrington Photo)



Agriculture Minister Keith Colwell speaks to Wild Blueberry Producers at Millen Farms, Great Village following the announcement of a \$1.08 million Lowbush Blueberry Development Program. (Harrington Photo)

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Wild blueberries are the #1 fruit crop grown in the province, accounting for more than half of the value of all fruit production in Nova Scotia. The farm gate value for the 2014 crop was over \$38 million.

Agriculture Minister Keith Colwell thanked the Federal Government for their co-operation with the funding and expressed his enthusiasm about the Program, especially the fact it is over three years.

"We want to keep our businesses here and keep our young people in Nova Scotia. I am tired of the young people leaving this province. What a wonderful place to live. What wonderful people we have here, and when we lose one of these young people, they often don't come back and we can't afford to have that."

For more information on the program see <http://novascotia.ca/programs/lowbush-blueberry/Guidelines-BlueB-Dev-2015-16.pdf>

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### My Favourite Pet

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**ELVIS**

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