

Ruby Throated Hummingbirds in Nova Scotia



By Hope Bridgewater

On this early September morn
 Even the front yard looks forlorn
 The humming birds have gone away
 I only wish that they could stay
 These hummingbirds will fly so far
 So many miles it seems bizarre
 These tiny birds can go so far.
 They fear the cold of Scotia's snow
 It is a mystery how they know
 The need for warmth so far away
 I understand, but wish they'd stay.
 I miss their beauty and how fast they sped
 With colours violet, green, white, black, and red;
 I miss their humming, hovering flight
 From sunlit dawn to darkening night
 May they be safe and on their guard
 So they'll be back in this same yard.

This year again in 2017, I miss the hummingbirds every single day since they recently left Wentworth in early September for southern Mexico and Central America. I have added violet as a colour to the poem as a young male hummingbird can show a forked black tail with a faint violet sheen at times.

Each year a lone male hummingbird appears in mid-May, later followed by a female hummingbird and later a family of young hummingbirds, with all soon darting about looking for food, and all, except one, suddenly disappearing again.

Once again I missed the

hummingbirds from my home window with the three bird feeders in which I put a sugared drink (one cup of sugar with 4 cups of boiled water and when cold placed in the feeders). I sit and watch the hummingbirds for long periods of time as I also read. Once again a lone male hummingbird stayed behind after all the other hummingbirds left, and I made sure he had the sugared drink along with all the bees, as long as he stayed, and then one day he was no longer here. He must have had a lonely trip all he way back to the south.

Hummingbirds are my favourite birds.

Natal Day at Masstown Community Park

By Christine Urquhart

Monday August 7th is Natal Day! There will be lots of fun events at are our Masstown Community Park from 1-3pm. There will be games; cookie decorating and a teddy bear

nurse (bring your stuffed friend for a check-up) for the children, as well as a fire truck from our local Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade and an RCMP officer and car.

For the adults there will be

live music and washer toss. For all there will be a BBQ with hot dogs, drinks and cake! Be sure to bring a lawn chair - there are picnic tables but not enough for everyone to sit! Come out, bring a friend or two

and meet your neighbours!

We are pleased to note the Masstown Community Park, with its pretty Canadian flags, is being used for picnics and other things! The park is there to be used so use it. Thanks to Owen Rudolph for doing the mowing at the Park this year.

Giddens 40TH Family Reunion

The 40th Annual Giddens Family Reunion was held on Sunday, July 16th, with relatives coming from New Zealand, BC, Ontario and all over NS. Special t-shirts were made for the day, with the slogan "It's a Giddens Thing".

The day started off with a Church service at Thirsty Church in Londonderry Station, which was built by several members of the Giddens family including

Jack Giddens and his brother, who were only kids at the time and had the job of "go-fers!"

After Church, many walked across the road to the location of the Giddens' farm and had a picnic lunch. The afternoon activities were held in Debert at the home of Wade and Betty (Giddens) Jennings, with family members providing the entertainment, while other's socialized and played washer-toss.



Ian and Alison Jennings, wearing their Giddens Family Reunion t-shirts which say "It's a Giddens Thing", assist Karen Giddens with the sale of raffle tickets. (Harrington Photo)



Serious game time! Over 20 teams signed up for the annual Giddens Washer Toss Tournament, with Larry Giddens (left) acting as Game Official and Stats Keeper.



The 40th Annual Giddens Family Reunion had a great attendance this year with close to 80 family members sharing in events on August 16th. (Harrington Photo)



Check out new and exciting summer stock in our Fashion & Gift Boutique

Join us Thursdays on the wharf for:

Catch of the Bay Kitchen Party
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Thursday, August 3rd

Darcy Doucette

Thursday, August 10th

Gordon Tucker & Guest

Thursday, August 17th

Bruce Elliott & Friends

Thursday, August 24th

Dean & Tim Murphy

Thursday, August 31st

Gordon Tucker & Guest

****Rain or Shine****

If raining, entertainment will move to The Peg across from Masstown Market

Celebrate the Wild Blueberry Harvest

Fresh local Wild Blueberries, wild blueberry shortcakes, wild blueberry baked goods, wild blueberry spinach salad, wild blueberry sundaes & much more!

Wednesday, Aug. 23rd- Community Supper at the Peg- all are welcome, no charge! Come visit with friends and neighbours and enjoy a Corn Boil, with Wild Blueberry Dessert.

Thursday, Aug. 24th- Kitchen Party at the Lighthouse with complimentary Wild Blueberry treat.

Friday, Aug. 25th- Friday Night Cruise. Antique car show & complimentary wild blueberry ice cream.

Saturday, Aug. 26th- Sample our Market-made Wild Blueberry Jam in-store.



Catch of the Bay Fish & Chip Boat
 Open 11AM- 9PM
 7 Days/ Week



Enjoy fun in the sun and leave the kitchen heat to us!