

International Artist Day

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October 25th is International Artist Day and is gaining support worldwide.



In Parrsboro it is celebrated on the closest Sunday (October 23rd this year) and it was a wonderful success. Many vendors displayed Paint and Photographic art and other wonderful crafts .

This is the third year the event has been held at the newly renamed and renovated Bernie Burke Auditorium at the The Hall in Parrsboro.



Krista Wells and Lori Lynch were the key volunteers to put it all together this year, and it was well attended bringing in folks from all over Cumberland County and beyond.

(Lawrence R. Nicoll Photos)



Bass River Notes

By Joyce Starratt

November is coming to a close. It's been a good month hasn't it? Unusually mild weather for the time of year. Of course, Remembrance day was nasty, but that is "par for the course". After the Remembrance Day service a lovely lunch was served. The concert by the Stadacona Band was great. Not a large audience, but it was an awful day. People missed lovely music. There was a "drop-in" goodbye at the Fire Hall on November 12th for Blane and Rhonda Dickie, who left for Ontario this week. They are going to be missed because they were such great community workers and a lovely family. We wish them well in their new adventure. Our Loss is a

gain for their new hometown in Ontario. I don't know of any local residents who are in the hospital at this time. Margie Taggart was not well last week, but is

feeling a bit better this week. Our prayers are with you, Margie, and anyone else who is not enjoying good health. Not much going on, so long for now.



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Great Village and Area Notes

By Florence Adams

The Isabelle Pope UCW of St James United Church met at the home of Carrie McCully on November 9th with five members present. The worship led by Eileen Eaton, assisted by Carrie McCully and Cindy Smiley was "Christ the King" taken from the book, There is a Season. Eileen reported she and Carrie had attended the service in Truro on October 3rd celebrating the 225 years of service in the Presbytery. It's the Oldest in Canada. A motion was made to donate to the Colchester Food Bank, the Brunswick Street United Church, Halifax and the M.S. of the United Church. The December meeting will be

held December 9th. Micah Adams and friend, Amanda from Toronto are visiting Micah's parents, Robert and Natalie Adams. Kenneth Smith and family have moved out of their former home, the old Presbyterian manse on the Londonderry Road, Great Village. The old building has been destroyed and the wreckage removed improving the looks of the street. Remembrance Day attendance here was large, as usual, but held in St James United Church, because of the weather. Look elsewhere in this issue for the Shoreline's multiple pages devoted to pictures from area services. Wheels to Meals, November 15th had its usual attendance. It was a roast beef dinner with Jello dessert. The next Wheels to Meals dinner will be held on December 8th. Arnold Hatfield, Truro visited friends in the village on November 20th. George and Betty Hudson are enjoying a month vacationing in Alberta guests of their daughter, Julie. The Village Market had a good turnout to their Christmas Fair in the gym of the village school on November 19th. Harlan Akerman enjoyed a visit from his daughter, Gayle and friend, Fred from Ontario in mid-October. Harlan's grandson, Adam Akerman, from Ontario spent the past week with Harlan and wife, Audrey.

Heated Bird Bath Will Attract More Species

By Christine Urquhart

Do you feed the birds? Did you know that there are more than 800 species of birds that breed in North America, visit regularly or even occasionally? Hard to believe when all you see in your yard is just a few species such as blue jays, chickadees and starlings! Believe it or not, if you put up more than one feeder and use different kinds of seed you will attract many more birds to your yard! Having black oil sunflower seed, a mix of cracked corn, millet seed, this seed and more will result in a number of different birds in greater numbers. Also, be sure to hang suet to attract wood peckers! If you want to really attract birds to your yard set up a heated bird bath in winter and always have a bird bath in the summer which is kept clean with fresh water. Birds need to drink as well as eat! In the Mastown area we often see blue jays, juncos, chickadees, gold finches, purple finches, mourning doves, evening grosbeaks, sparrows, starlings, ravens, wood peckers, northern flickers, grackles, hawks, owls, snow buntings, and hummingbirds, robins and red winged black

birds in summer, and every now and then a cardinal, a mocking bird or an eastern towhee! It can be fun to keep track of the birds that come to your feeders and this can be a great way to share with your children and grandchildren the wonder and enjoyment of bird watching. We also see sea gulls and Canada geese as well as different kinds of ducks here but not always in our back yards! Birds are very useful. They eat bugs (swallows eat their weight three times over in mosquitoes a day!) as well as helping to pollinate our trees and flowers. Their singing is a blessing to hear, especially on a clear morning. Take time out of your busy day to watch the birds. You won't be sorry, but your stress level may drop!



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