

## Damage to Cemetery - “DISRESPECTFUL AND DISGUSTING”



By Linda Harrington

Lower Onslow: Family members with loved ones buried in the Lower Onslow Clarke Cemetery were stopping by to survey the damage and they could only shake their head in disbelief.

Vandals drove a vehicle through the iron gate leading into the cemetery sometime in the overnight hours of Sunday, November 20th, says Grace Fiddes, secretary of the Lower Onslow Clarke Cemetery Corporation.

“It was a sturdy steel gate and they must have rammed right through it with their vehicle,” she says. “We never expected anything like this, with the Cemetery located so far off the road.”

The Lower Onslow Clarke Cemetery was incorporated in 1984. The site, originally donated by Kenny Clarke, is located off McKinley Road, behind the Fire Hall in Lower Onslow.

The Cemetery’s stone monument and directory, located at the entrance, were completely pushed over and severely damaged. The lawns are a mess with rutted tire tracks. One headstone had

been pushed over and the doors to equipment shed were damaged.

“This is so disrespectful and disgusting,” said Barb Clarke as she surveyed the damage. Barb’s husband, Darrell, and son, Doug, are both buried in this cemetery. “Is there nothing sacred anymore? And what pleasure did they get out of doing something like this?” she wondered out loud, as she shook her head sadly.

Grace says they estimate the damage to be about \$15,000, depending on how much work needs to be done to the Cemetery’s monument, but despite all this she is still thankful. “I am very thankful none of the headstones were damaged,” she says. “One was pushed over but it was able to be stood back up without any damage. It could have been so much worse.”

RCMP are continuing their investigation. The same night a car was burnt at the end of McKinley Road, not far from the Cemetery’s location.

Anyone with any information is asked to call the Bible Hill Detachment of the RCMP.



## Lyndia Baird - Lighthouse Art Show December 3-31

By Linda Harrington

Lyndia Baird-Wellwood was born in Truro and currently resides in Hilden. She has always had a love for art and started painting at age 13. Over the years she has studied floral design, watercolour, pottery, drawing, architectural drafting, and graphic design.

Since becoming a member of the Attic Painters, a group of local painters in 1972, Baird-Wellwood has specialized in patronage-style portraits of people, pets, landscapes, gardens. She has also painted watercolours of specialty items such as bridal bouquets. She uses a wide variety of media including pastels, oils, charcoals, pen and ink, and watercolours. She previously taught watercolour classes to adult students at her classroom in Truro as well as to teenagers at a local pottery studio. Her latest works include a series of 22 watercolour and acrylic lighthouse portraits, titled For the Love of Our Lighthouses.

“Over the years, I have been inspired by my yearly trips to Queensport in Guysborough County,” says Lyndia Baird-Wellwood. “As I passed the lighthouse, I was overcome by the beauty of the deep blues of the ocean, the crisp white and red of the lighthouse, the ever-changing clouds, the rugged rocks, and the feeling of mystery surrounding the Queensport lighthouse. Who lived there? What was life like for the keepers over the years of protection they gave us?”

In March of 2010, Baird-Wellwood decided to act on this feeling and painted a watercolour portrait of the Queensport lighthouse. After completing a series of paintings, each from a different angle, she realized she was hooked on the beauty of lighthouses. Soon after, she contacted the Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society (NSLPS) to learn more about the province’s lighthouses. She was saddened to learn they are in danger of being lost through neglect and environmental conditions as a result of being declared surplus by the Department of Fisheries and

Oceans in May 2010. A complete list of endangered lighthouses, called The Doomsday List, is available on the NSLPS website at [www.nslps.com](http://www.nslps.com).

During the summer of 2010, Baird-Wellwood and two friends (Maureen and Katrina DeAdder) drove around Nova Scotia, taking photos of lighthouses. Along the way, they met enthusiastic lovers of lighthouses who helped them get to islands and secluded coves. “The best part of our trip was the warm, genuinely caring new friends we met along the way,” says Baird-Wellwood. She then took these photos back to her home studio and began painting portraits of the lighthouses on The Doomsday List through the winter and spring of 2010-2011.

For the Love of Our Lighthouses will be on exhibit at the Masstown Market Lighthouse Dec 3rd to 31st. An opening reception will be held on Dec 3rd from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., with hot apple cider and cookies.

“I am very excited for the exhibit to be at the Lighthouse,” says Lyndia. “I guess it’s a rather a marriage of sorts.”

The lighthouse portraits were previously exhibited at the Marigold Centre and Cole Harbour Library and as a result 8 paintings have already been sold. Lyndia says she has added 4 new paintings to this show, 16 original works plus 6 prints will be on display.

Masstown Market’s Laurie Jennings was pleased when Lydia Baird approached him about having her exhibit in the Masstown Lighthouse and he thought it was a good idea. “I would say it is an appropriate place to view local art work and certainly gets you inside the subject of the paintings. It will be interesting to have her art work on display,” says Laurie. “Hopefully we will get a little publicity for both of us.”

The Masstown Catch of the Bay Fresh Fish Market, which is housed in the Lighthouse is open Monday to Friday from 9AM to 6PM. For the Love of Our Lighthouses will be on exhibit during these hours, from Dec. 3rd until Dec. 31st.

## Great Village Wheels to Meals program continues

By Marion Bird

We have been experiencing some confusion about the Wheels to Meals program. I wonder if you could put something about it in our Shoreline Journal.

The Great Village Legion decided to continue the Wheels to Meals program because those who are able to attend enjoy getting together. This program continues to be primarily for those who eat alone, some come just to be among friends. We will be serving good home cooked meals twice a month, as always. We will be there the first Tuesday and the third Tuesday of each month. The only cancellations will occur when schools are cancelled for the day; this is because it is easier to say that than it is to call those who have signed up for the day. We don’t always have an accurate idea who will be there.

Unfortunately we lost a great helper last year to a full time job, thank you Trish, for your help all those years. This

year we are once again blessed with a regular staff of four. Three have experience working in kitchen service, though not all in restaurants. We all, even the guests, work together to plan the meals depending on sales and requests.

We have run low on food at times due to the fact that not everyone realizes the importance of letting us know before the shopping is done, that they plan to come. Unlike a restaurant we are not able to have enough food on hand, just in case. I am sure everyone would agree that this would be wasteful. Everyone has always had enough to eat, except a few times the kitchen workers. If there are enough leftovers they are usually left in the freezer to be used another time as with all leftovers. For example we have a bit of gravy and beef saved for a nice soup next time.

On the matter of soups: they are only served once or twice a year, and always

because certain ingredients were leftover. We may have a turkey soup, in late winter, after the Christmas dinner. Even a soup meal would include coffee, tea, juice, bread, and dessert. In this case it might be a special, (more expensive) dessert. We never have complaints, not serious ones anyway, from those who come regularly.

Surely a good buy for \$6.00. If necessary you can even call for a Legion member, to pick you up and drive you to dinner. I don’t believe anyone has ever called. Most usually have family members join them.

Wheels to Meals is always on the first and third TUESDAY of each month except July and August. We are still serving good meals for only \$6 no tax and no tips. This program is primarily for those who normally eat alone, but it also includes many who come just for the company. This month’s menus include a soup with biscuits on the 6th. Christmas ie: turkey dinner on the 20th. As usual we will have juice, tea, coffee, and dessert, also included. We serve at 12 noon at the Great Village Legion. Please come

you will enjoy everything. Call Marion at 668-2586 for details or to be sure we have enough food for all.



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