



Behind tables Wee Wana Sprague, Linda Ogilvie, Jessica Palmer give out treats with Jack O' Lantern looking on, to Alice Scallion up front in costume. (Barbara Palmer Photo)

'Christmas Show & Sale' Art & Craft Show

Visual Voice Fine Art gallery in downtown Truro opened its annual Christmas Show & Sale on November 20th. The show of one-of-a-kind pieces features art and crafts from over 42 artists and artisans.

"We have selected the whimsical and the creative, which we all look for this season to surprise and delight our loved ones," says curator Nuri Guerra "as well as more traditional, beloved pieces". The talent showcased is all Nova Scotian and some local, with both renown and new to the scene artists.

There are pieces of wearable art, exterior and interior stoneware with gardening motifs, upcycled wood lamps, amusing sculptures, charming paintings in a variety of media from miniatures to larger pieces, decorative raku pots and fused glass plates, tree ornaments, hand painted or printed cards, and more.

"We hope new people will discover our gallery", says Ms. Guerra "art can be of quality and be affordable at the same time, this show is specially priced for gift giving with items

below \$10 and up. But mostly we wish to enrich our community's understanding of art and we welcome everyone to visit and enjoy."

The exhibit runs until Dec 23 with regular hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 12:30 to 5pm or by appointment. The gallery is located at 128 King Street, Truro.

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Halloween at Wentworth Fire Hall

By Hope Bridgewater

Halloween was once a religious event called All Hallows' Evening on October 31 preceding All Saints' Day on November 1 which was established by the Christian Church in the 800's A.D. so that pagans could continue their festivals before they became Christians. By the 1840's, the Irish and Scots brought their Halloween customs, now secular and not religious, to North America and by the 1930's, Halloween was a celebration involving treat-or-treating and entertainment.

In Wentworth some parents drive their children to houses for a trick or treat and for those who stay in their homes to greet the children and teens usually have a small

number of visitors. Because of road traffic, it is considered too dangerous to have young people walking from house to house especially in the rural areas. Now it is common for a community organization to organize an event in a building where both parents and children can gather together for a program.

The Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department has for the 10th year held a Halloween party at their Fire Hall for the community young and old. Although some families stayed at home to welcome trick-or-treaters, usually not many showed up unless there was a big house party for all ages. Many parents chose to take themselves, their teens and children to the Fire Hall in Wentworth.

The Fire Trucks were removed from the Hall to the outside leaving room for programs inside the Hall. This year there were 80 trick-or-treating children and teens and 20 community members, including several firefighters, who passed out treats or dropped off treats prior to the beginning program.

The Fire Hall was decorated by Jack O' Lanterns, pumpkins donated by the Wentworth Learning Centre and then carved by Jessica Palmer and Caleb Seymour.

All the youngsters asked for a treat in-

stead of doing a trick, but as a joke Barbara Palmer, Municipal Councillor for District #6 and a worker at this Halloween party, brought in a trick consisting of a bucket of jelly worms amid much laughter. It was a good trick because the jelly worms could be eaten and were given out as treats.

Most of the young at this party were dressed in costumes. As youngsters came in for a treat, they were given a ticket for two prizes which would be announced at the end of the evening. The special prizes were two four foot tall inflatable characters: Marshall the Fire Dog from TV program "Paw Patrol" and a Minion from popular movie "Despicable Me." At the end of the evening, the two tickets were drawn by Fire Chief Kevin Sprague. The two winners were Taylor Flanagan and Steven Smith.

Members of the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department are to be congratulated for their time, hard work, and talents in creating such a great program for all ages, but with an emphasis on the young. Another congratulation needs to be extended to the volunteer staff who helped make the evening a success. A special thanks to Barbara Palmer, Municipal Councillor for District #6, who helped as a volunteer staff worker, and taking the three photos accompanying this article.



Caleb Seymour eagerly waits for the Halloween party to begin. (Barbara Palmer Photo)



Fire Chief Kevin Sprague hands out treats to (behind table) Ellie MacLeod with parents Cecil MacLeod (face blocked) and Stacie MacLeod, and to (backs to camera and in front of table) Taylor Flanagan, Maddy Flannagan with mother Melissa Flanagan. (Barbara Palmer Photo)

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