

The Shoreline Tid-Bits Journal

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Paramedics Recognized

Day in day out, paramedics across the province use a variety of skills when they respond to emergency calls. Seven paramedics from Cumberland and Colchester Counties were among a group of 84 recognized with long service awards. Topping the list was Gordie Parker, Truro with 45 years, while John (Dale) Bartlett, Bible Hill was recognized for 40 years. Recognized for 35 years was Dwayne Semple, Tatamagouche; Chris Mizuik, Amherst for 25 years. Connie Daigle and Robert Hudson both of Amherst and Kelsey Wells, Truro each have devoted 20 years at a paramedic. Last year, Nova Scotia's more than 1,200 paramedics responded to more than 180,000 calls. Paramedics are involved in a wide range of health care activities, from responding to emergencies, providing in-home support for palliative care patients and providing care to seniors in nursing homes through the Extended Care Paramedic Program.

Memorial Grant for First Responders

Families of first responders who die as a result of their duties can receive a \$300,000 memorial grant to recognize their sacrifice and service. Families of firefighters, police officers and paramedics who are fatally injured on the job are eligible for the federally funded award. Attorney General and Minister of Justice Mark Furey made the announcement on October 28th. The Memorial Grant Program for First Responders is a federal government program established by Public Safety Canada. The Province of Nova Scotia has signed an agreement with the federal government to not tax the grant and to ensure other payments a recipient receives from government - for example, income assistance payments are not impacted. For more information about the memorial grant, visit: <https://memgrant.ca/>

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There were 538,752 cannabis transactions with an average dollar value of \$33.76. The average dollar value of each beverage alcohol transaction grew by 1.8 per cent to \$31.83 according to NSLC's second quarter results released on October 29th. There was strong growth in all local beverage alcohol product categories. Nova Scotia ready-to-drink sales, which are mostly coolers and ciders, were up 120.3 per cent to \$6.2 million while Nova Scotia craft beer sales were up 18.9 per cent, also to \$6.2 million. Nova Scotia spirit sales grew by 17.4 per cent to \$2.5 million while Nova Scotia wine sales were up by 2.9 per cent to \$3.9 million. Total sales were up 11.8 per cent to \$203.7 million with \$185.5 million in beverage alcohol sales and \$18.2 million in recreational cannabis sales. Compared to the second quarter of the previous fiscal year, net income for the NSLC was \$73.8 million, up 5.2 per cent.

NSBI Approves Payroll Rebate

Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI) has approved a business development incentive in the form of a payroll rebate for L3Harris Technologies Inc., in Enfield. L3Harris has the potential to create up to 75 jobs under the five-year payroll rebate agreement. Based on the maximum growth forecast of the agreement the company could spend \$18 million in salaries. L3Harris is a leading provider of in-service support, with over 50 years of experience in the aerospace and defence markets. The company provides core functions, including the complete spectrum of supply chain management, integrated logistics support, software and cybersecurity and systems engineering.

Film Production Announced

A newly approved production through the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund was announced on November 5th for a Documentary, Bernie Langille Wants To Know Who Killed Bernie Langille, produced by Mini Murder Productions Inc. The assistance is \$200,264 based on eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$702,680. Television series, This Hour Has 22 Minutes Season 27 DHX-Hour Productions (NS) XXVII Inc., has been approved for a funding commitment of \$2,855,469 based on eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$9,518,229. Thriller feature film, Gnaw, produced by Gnaw On Film Inc., has been approved for a funding commitment of \$75,136 based on eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$242,373.

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Truro Carvers Enjoy What They Create

By Eva Callaghan

Have you ever wanted to try carving or have already tried? Then Truro Carvers might be for you! Truro Carvers is a group of women and men of varying ages who enjoy carving and pyrography (wood burning). The group is comprised of both junior and senior carvers and wood burners. Some have been carving for many years, while others have been carving for a short time.

We have members from the ages of 18 to members in their 80's. Many members have entered and won for their pieces at the provincial level every year. Some of the carvers are competitive carvers, while others just love doing it like one member who said, "It's the first job I ever had that I loved."

The creations of the group are varied. They include wildlife, folk art, caricatures, relief, spoon, cane, shore bird, walking stick and Christmas ornament carvings. To make these, various hand tools, power tools or chisels may be used. The preferred wood of competitive carvers is Basswood or Tupelo. Non-competitive carvers may use any wood they can get their hands on, like Pine, Cedar or Poplar. On the competitive side, many of the group members have entered and won awards in

the Atlantic Wildlife Carving Competition which is held in Cole Harbour each year. Some members have entered and received awards in the Canadian National and Worlds Competition.

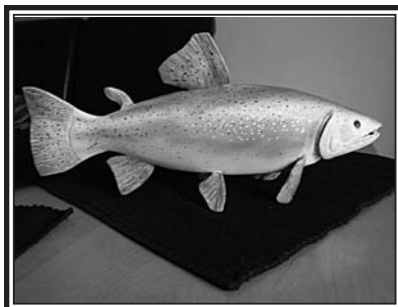
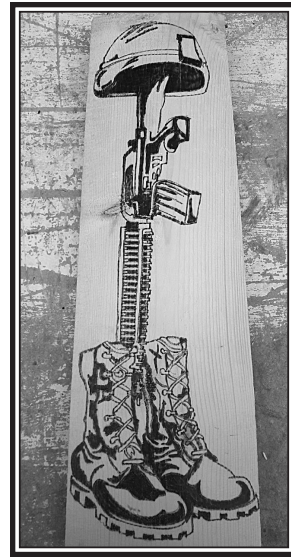
Truro Carvers have a lot to offer new members. Each year, we can be found doing demonstrations for the public. We have set up demos at the Truro Farmers Market, the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition, the Colchester East Hants Library and the Sutherland Steam Mill. We have an extensive library of carving books, some tools and a wood burner, which can be borrowed by members. Although we are a non-teaching club, all members are willing to help new and ex-

isting members.

So if you ever thought, "Yeah, I'd like to try carving or wood burning", and are at least 18, drop in and visit with us. No experience needed. You can spend an evening with us and decide if you would like to join. We meet from September to May. Fees are just \$30 for the season. This is less than the price of a cup of coffee per night.

Where else can you learn to carve, laugh and make new friends for a \$1.00 a night? So come join us at the Douglas Street Rec Centre every Tuesday night from 6:30 to 8:30.

If you would like more info or just to let us know you might drop by, email truro-carvers@gmail.com. Carving is a relaxing, satisfying and fun activity. Hope to see you soon.



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