

Sangster Retires as Exec Director of WBPANS



By Linda Harrington

Dave Sangster retired at the end of 2013 after 11 years as the Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Wild Blueberry Producers Association (WBPANS). Colleagues, friends and family gathered at Riverview Room on the Dalhousie University, Faculty of Agriculture campus, Truro on January 16th to offer their best wishes.

John Cameron poked a bit of fun at Dave, telling stories from some of the road trips they took to Wild Blueberry meetings in Maine.

Murray Creed had prepared a slide show where colleagues shared their stories from the past 11 years.

WBPANS President Peter Van Dyk presented Dave and his wife, Sylvia with two Adirondack chairs, painted with wild blueberries. WBPANS Past President Jeff Orr presented them with a beautiful wild blueberry photo.

Dave thanked everyone for the lovely gifts and for taking the time to come to the retirement event. He offered his appreciation

to all those connected with the Wild Blueberry Industry, including Board Members and growers.

"I have been very proud to have been part of the Wild Blueberry Industry, I have had fun working in the Blueberry Industry and I made a lot of good friends. At the end of the day, it doesn't get any better than that. Thank you very much."

David Hoffman brought forth best wishes from the Wild Blueberry Association of North America.

Peter Rideout has taken over the position of Executive Director of WBPANS as of January, 2014.

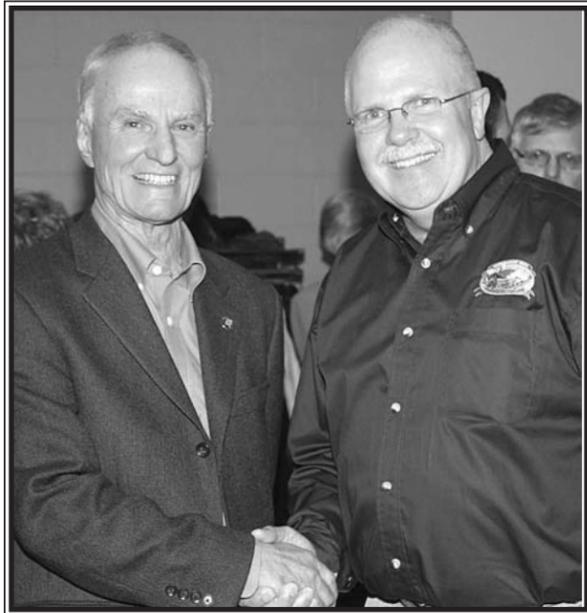
Dave and Sylvia have built their new retirement home in the Annapolis Valley.



Dave Sangster and his wife, Sylvia, cut the celebration cake.



Jeff Orr presented Dave Sangster with a beautiful photo of Wild Blueberries on behalf of the WBPANS.



The new WBPANS Executive Director Peter Rideout congratulates Dave Sangster on his retirement.

Masstown Community News

By Christine Urquhart

As we continue to face those winter storms we have to be thankful for our warm homes and our friendly neighbours. Winter brings out the best in folks, believe it or not! You will find that a good neighbour will shovel your door step or plow your driveway or bring in your paper or mail to save you the walk to the mailbox on a stormy day. Maybe you are that neighbour, if so, good for you! If not, thank you to those that are good neighbours. We have many of them here in Masstown.

Not much travelling over the Christmas holidays other than to visit nearby family and friends but our minister Carol

Gillard M.Div. did go to Ontario to visit with her daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren over the holidays. Mind you, she also got storm stayed on her way home but she finally arrived back here safe and sound!

Condolences go out this month to Ron Urquhart and family on the death of his aunt, Doris Dewar; Chris Urquhart on the death of her cousin Ron Hayman and to Glen Putnam and his family on the death of his mother Beryl Putnam.

Take care, don't over exert yourself shoveling and take time to start dreaming about planting your garden this spring.



Dave says he will place these beautiful Adirondack chairs on the deck of his new home in the Annapolis Valley. The chairs, a gift from WBPANS, were still being painted so a photo was shown.




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