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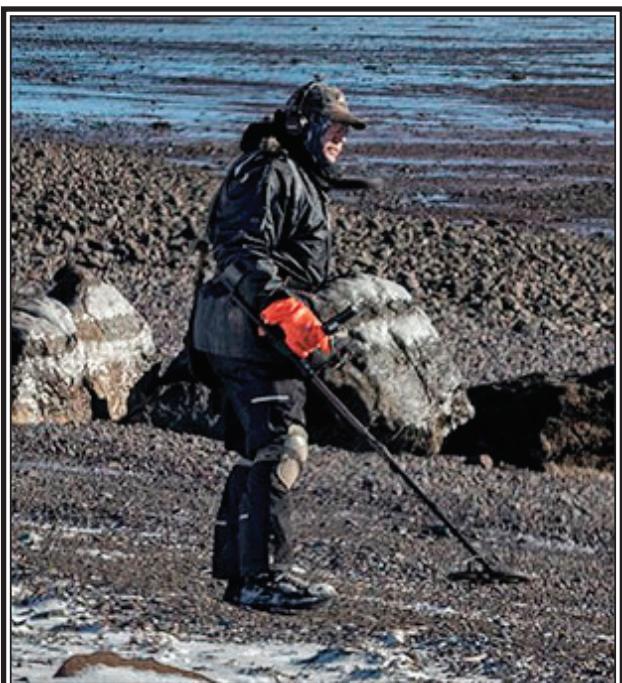
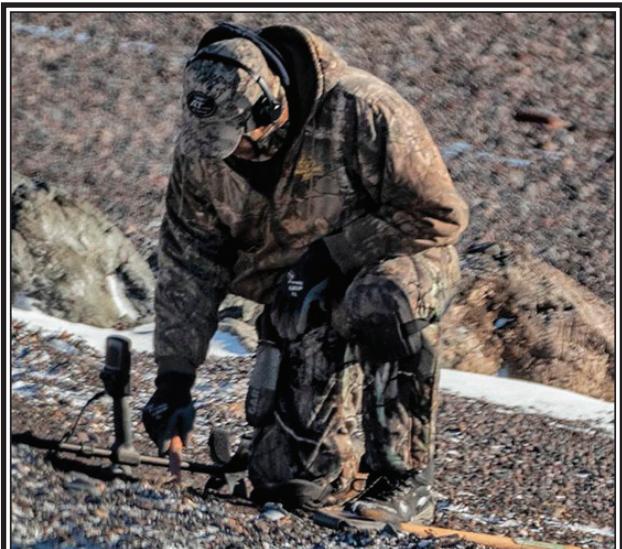
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At night during the storm it's a time of peace with one brave soul sliding his way along Main Street, Parrsboro. (Lawrence R Nicol Photo)



I caught these lads on the beach in early January. Too bloody cold to get out and find out more I am afraid. Were they searching for gold on Parrsboro 1st Beach? An interesting time searching for treasures on a cold Sunday morning in Parrsboro with metal detectors. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

## A Bright New Season for Parrsboro

By Robert More

Last year was a good one for Parrsboro. Drawn by the spectacular location, artists came here from across the continent to paint the incredible land and seascapes all the way from Economy Mountain to Advocate. The Parrsboro International Plein Air Festival attracted some of the best artists in North America, and this has been a big help in spreading the word across Canada and the States about what Parrsboro and the surrounding region has to offer.

Already this year, we have Plein Air 2019 submissions

from as far away as British Columbia, Florida, and one just came in from Oklahoma. Parrsboro may have been a best-kept secret, but that's not the case anymore.

This community is now seen by many as the new arts and culture hotspot of the Maritimes, and there's no question about it, many more tourists made their way to Parrsboro last year as well, and they were amazed at how much there is to do and see here. This region is a paradise for outdoor adventures with beaches to explore, hiking trails with inspiring vistas,

horseback riding, the boat tours, and world-class kayaking. And add to this: three superb museums - Fundy Geological, Ottawa House, Age of Sail in Port Greville - professional theatre at Ship's Company, concerts at The Hall, the Parrsboro Film Festival showing some of the best new movies from Toronto and Europe, and Parrsboro's new fall arts culture and entertainment festival, 10 Days in October, which now offers the first Regional Art Exhibition of Central Nova Scotia.

And there are all kinds of

creative adventures as well with Parrsboro's Cultural Campus off to a flying start! Tom Forrestall's painting course, "Drawing to Fill the Mind", is already sold out, and people are already signing up for all the other courses. "It really is a great mix this year", says Parrsboro Creative Executive Director Robert More. "It's like a creative candy shop with something sweet for everyone."

This year's Cultural Campus kicks off May 4 and 5 with a Ukulele workshop, which besides offering all

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## Fundraising Successful at \$14,000

By Maurice Rees

In the annual newsletter of the Parrsboro Band Association demonstrated how important various initiatives of the Fundraising Committee are to the ongoing success of the hall as a community icon. Some of the 2018 accomplishments which raised over \$14,000 included:

March St. Patrick's Day Kitchen Party \$922.00; May Spring Concert \$395.00; June Plant /Yard /Bake Sale \$3,326.00; July Band Day \$3,061.00; and July Old Fashioned Sat. Night sold tickets.

Other events throughout the year included: Aug. Bernie Burke Golf Tournament. \$5,010.00; Oct. 10 Days in October (Parrsboro Creative);

Oct. Oktoberfest (Oct. 5 in 2019) \$782.00; Oct and Parrsboro Film Festival (canteen) \$665.00. The December Christmas Concert (cancelled due to storm).

These events were great money makers for "The Hall." The sale of plants alone made \$2,160.00 this year which helped us to double the revenue for that day. Even though we had to move Band Day into the hall this year we increased our revenue by \$500.00 from last year.

Through these events we realized over \$14,000.00 to keep our cultural centre going strong, summer and winter. The Hall continues to be the entertainment centre during the winter months.

The committee expressed

many, many thanks to all the hard workers and volunteers.

Signed: Brenda, Lori, Nancy, C., Krista, Barb and Nancy N.



If you are a photographer and a nature lover there is nothing else which can get the adrenalin going like the next day with the sun burning through angry clouds on an accumulation of wet snow bending the evergreen branches until they touch the ground. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

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