



Chiganois students each made a hand made ornament for the Christmas Tree located at the front entrance. Finding a special place for their ornaments are (l to r) Emma Donkin, Ben Fiddes, Matthew Madore and Mekenne MacDougall. (Harrington Photo)

## 2nd World Record Attempt for Carolann Naugle



Carolann Naugle poses with her first Guinees World Record Certificate for the World's Largest Christmas Wreath. She has recently completed an attempt at the World's Longest Natural Garland, by tying over 915 feet of fir boughs. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

Completing the world's largest wreath was not enough of an accomplishment for Carolann Naugle of Valley. In November she set out to establish a new world record, this time for the world's largest natural garland.

Two years ago, Carolann completed a 251 foot, nine inch Christmas wreath at a farm in Belmont. She later received official documentation from the Guinness Book of World Records establishing the wreath as a world record.

Carolann knew as soon as she finished the wreath in May, 2008 there would be another record attempt. "About a day after I finished I knew I wanted to try for the world's largest garland. I thought the Christmas Tree industry needed a pickup me up, to draw attention to the industry this time of year," she says.

Carolann worked on the garland approximately 60 hours per week for four weeks, most of the time she worked alone. "I enjoy working in the woods and when the weather was good it was actually fun making the garland. I guess people might find that strange," she laughs.

There were a few setbacks along the way including wet weather, problems with the machinery and the loss of some of her brush. "Someone actually stole a whole pile of brush I had cut," says Carolann, "But I did eventually get it back."

The garland was finally completed at Ridgewood Golf Club, in Truro Heights, on Nov. 28th. It was officially measured by Jeff Hingley, a survey technician, and the final length totalled 915 feet 47 inches. "I had roughly guessed the length to be about 700 feet, so I was very surprised when I heard it was over 915 feet," says Carolann.

It will be a few months before she knows for certain if she has earned another world record. Official papers must be completed, signed by witnesses, and then sent off to England for the Guinness office to review.

The lengthy garland has all been dismantled. Pieces were given away and close to \$400 in donations were collected for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Christmas Daddies and Children's Wish Foundation.

Will there be more record attempts in Carolann's future? "I have another idea in mind but I think I need a year to think it over," she says. "This record attempt was quite costly."

Carolann appreciated the support from Ridgewood Golf Club, Northern Pulp, who allowed her to cut brush on their land, and Wa-Su-Wek Ltd., of Liverpool, NS for the donation of wreath wire but she was unable to secure any other sponsors to offset the costs. For the time being, Carolann is still tying plenty of boughs, but for Christmas wreaths she sells, not world record garland.

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Grants to Non Profit Organizations

The Municipality of the County of Colchester will be accepting applications from Registered Non Profit Organizations for consideration of disbursement of grant monies in the 2011/2012 operating budget. Application deadline is Monday, January 31, 2011.

Potential applicants are urged to obtain information on the criteria and application forms for these grants by contacting:

Colchester Recreation  
897-3155  
recreation@colchester.ca

The policy and application forms are also available online  
[www.colchester.ca/rec-grants](http://www.colchester.ca/rec-grants)

# Great Village Garden Club News



Garden Club members, Carol Dexter, Linda Shears and Arthur Haskins, string the lights on the tree top before it gets beyond their reach. (Sharpe Photo)

By Linda Shears

On November 27, the Great Village Garden Club continued the tradition of combining our Christmas Social with decorating the community Christmas tree. This year's tree was donated by Greg Amon.

The tree was selected, cut and transported by Patti and Harold Sharpe and Wilfred Miller. The raising of the tree presented some challenges because the circumference of the butt turned out to be ever-so-slightly larger than the circumference of the cement tree stand. The problem was overcome with the help of a hatchet and a front end loader.

Once the tree was securely anchored, decorated and lit, we moved across to the Legion Hall for hot cider and a delicious supper prepared by the Ladies' Fire Auxiliary. A quiz based on news from the December Shoreline Journal determined the winners of the poinsettias used as centrepieces.

The first meeting of 2011 is on January 25 at 7:30 PM at Faith Baptist Church. The program for the evening will be a talk and slide show of the trip to the American Dahlia Society Show in Chattanooga, Tennessee. New members are always welcome.



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