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## FRONT PAGE BRIEFS

### January 2012

**Correction issued.** I apologize for incorrect information in last month's Shoreline. The photo of Jean Lloyd being sworn in to Debert Legion was taken by Judy Crossman, I just e-mailed it in.

The caption of the photo of Kenneth Smith should have said "30 Missions." Don't blame the Shoreline. - Don MacQueen

**The Shoreline Journal apologizes** to Elsie Clarke and family for again for the wrong name in her great granddaughter pictured with her, when she cut the cake for her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Her name should have been Ava Purdy.

**The Atlantic Canada International Air Show** will return to the Summerside Airport on Prince Edward Island, August 25 and 26, 2012. Organizers have announced the US Navy Blue Angels will be performing at Slemon Park in 2012. This will be their only appearance outside the U.S. in 2012, their 66<sup>th</sup> season.

**Readers and business owners** are encouraged to submit the names of area businesses which commenced operation in 1972. The Shoreline Journal is developing a contest which only these businesses can enter. Deadline for submissions is January 15<sup>th</sup>. Call 902-647-2968 or email [maurice@theshorelinejournal.com](mailto:maurice@theshorelinejournal.com)

**Effective April 1, 2012**, Canada Post is raising the cost of mailing, which has a significant impact on our mailing costs. We are holding our prices on subscriptions available in the local area, which includes postal codes starting with B0M, B2N and B6L. Subscriptions to the remainder of Nova Scotia will increase to \$28.00 per year (\$32.20 with HST), and those outside Nova Scotia will increase to \$30.00 (\$34.50 with HST). USA subscribers will see their rate increase to \$45.00. Subscribers can use the order form on Page 5 to renew early to beat the April 1, 2012 increase.



Wild Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia (WBPANS), held their 2011 Annual Meeting in Truro on November 18th and 19th at the Best Western Glengarry in Truro. News of this encouraging industry is featured on pages 16, 17 and 18.

## Lighthouse Researcher Visits Masstown Lighthouse

*By Linda Harrington*

Lighthouses were the obvious focal point of conversation at the Masstown Lighthouse on Dec. 3rd, at the opening reception for the For the Love of Our Lighthouses art exhibit.

Local author Rip E. Irwin felt very much at home as he toured the lighthouse and viewed the exhibit. Mr. Irwin spent over 20 years researching and photographing lighthouses and he has written a picturesque book

"Lighthouses and Lights of Nova Scotia".

Rip Irwin's early interest in lighthouses began during his career as a naval chief petty officer. He retired to Nova Scotia and was concerned when he heard the federal government was moving toward automating and de-staffing Nova Scotia's lighthouses. "I decided I wanted to photograph the lighthouses before they were automated, with the main objective to visit every lighthouse in Nova Scotia. Eight years later I was still working on it," he says. He has since amassed a collection of over 18,000 photographs and visited every lighthouse in NS, NB, PEI and NF along with every principal lighthouse from Key West to Labrador.

Nova Scotia had 164 lighthouses and lights when Irwin began his project and he was able to photograph them all, plus record many stories about the lights and lighthouse keepers.

In 2009, Rip donated his vast collection of photographs, research and artifacts to the Northumberland Fisheries Museum and it is being showcased at the Lighthouse Museum & Research Centre, Pictou.

He was one of the founding members of the Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society and was also instrumental in lobbying to have the Sambro Island lighthouse recognized as the oldest in Canada and one of the top 100 oldest lighthouses in the world.

Mr. Irwin and Masstown Lighthouse owners Laurie and Eric Jennings spent some time discussing various lighthouses along the Fundy Shore, as they took in the view from the top of this unique lighthouse, which houses a fish market on the ground floor. "It is nice to easily climb to the top," said Irwin. "Most existing lighthouses are not so easily accessed. Sixty of our lighthouses are on the seaward side of islands."

Many people are drawn to the charm of lighthouses and plan their vacations around touring their seaside locations. Mr. Irwin knows firsthand how addicting their charm can be. "I started photographing them in 1985 and I am still working on it," he laughs.

Lighthouse researcher and author, Rip Irwin (left) enjoyed a tour of the Masstown Lighthouse with owner Laurie Jennings. Mr. Irwin has visited every lighthouse in Atlantic Canada and collected over 18,000 photographs. (Harrington Photo)

## Remember to Water the Tree!

*By Chris Urquhart*

This Christmas season if you put up a real Christmas tree, please remember to keep it watered, away for open flames, make sure there are no breaks in any of the wires for your tree lights and never, never, put lit candles on it. Remember, it can be a fire hazard if you are not careful. Never leave your tree unattended when small children are near, and please be sure you have tied your tree up securely.

A fallen over tree with broken ornaments is no way to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, neither is a broken arm or leg through carelessness or misadventure. If you have pets in the house you must also keep them in mind when decorating your tree - even the artificial ones. Many pets think that tinsel is "tasty" but it is not good for them.

Presents containing chocolate should never be put under the tree if your dog likes to "scrounge" as chocolate can be deadly for dogs. Some cats like to climb the Christmas tree - this can be a real problem if the tree is not secure (also you may lose some precious ornaments). Take the time to make this a safe and happy Christmas - the good memories are worth it.

Rather wet autumn weather has meant later corn harvests in the area. Harvesting can become detrimental to the soil when a field is too wet. (Harrington Photo)

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