

## PHOTO FEATURE

### *Christmas in our Schools*

Debert Elementary School held their Christmas Concert on Dec. 13th, with an afternoon and evening performance. The following photos were taken at the afternoon performance. (Harrington Photos)



Grade Primary students



Grade two class



Grade Three students



Grade Five students Madeline Hepburn &amp; Makayla Isenor



Grade 6 students Madison Shearer &amp; Drew Mumford

## Wentworth Firefighters Maintain Memorial Site



Wentworth Firefighters Joe Patriquin and former Fire Chief Vernon Sprague stand in the Fire Hall before a panel containing Fire Helmets of those who have served 35 Years of Service. Joe Patriquin and Vernon Sprague have both served 35 years and by 2012 have each served 38 Years of Service. Others who have received a 35 Years of Service Helmet are: Doug Curry, Norman Gower, Ken Little, Doug Gilroy and Dale Patriquin. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

By Hope Bridgewater

Since 1974, the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department has existed and helped the Wentworth community in many ways other than extinguishing problem fires. Their contributions include: aid at accidents, medical emergencies, storms of nature, rescues, educational programs, a special Halloween program, and various community problems.

Former Fire Chiefs are Roy Patriquin, Ivan Crawford, and Vernon Sprague. On the grounds owned by the Fire Department a Memorial Site for former active Wentworth Firefighters who have passed away is maintained. The memorial was designed and built by Todd Seymour and wife, Sonya. Other community members assisted in the construction, which includes a large granite stone inscribed with names of former Firefighters, two benches, a walkway, and three flags on poles (Canada, Nova Scotia, and Firefighters).

Former Firefighters who have passed away are Ira Sprague, Williard Lynds, Hugh MacDonald, Roy Patriquin, Dr. Gordon Wheelock, Justin

Crawford, Allison Betts, Bernard Gower, Ivan Crawford, Donald Wood, Lorne Henderson, and Curtis Swallow.

The Fire Hall building is exceptional in the way it includes past history and culture of the Wentworth Fire Department. In the garage section of the building, there are four Fire Trucks. Further inside an attractive meeting room with a kitchen and an office are located.

Firefighters each have a Pager, and a Dispatch Service notifies them of calls from 911. The meeting room has a large wall hanging called "The Fireman's Prayer," a large map showing the Wentworth Fire District. On a large panel hangs Firefighters Hats with names of those who have served for 35 years: Doug Curry, Norman Gower, Vernon Sprague, Ken Little, Joe Patriquin, Dale Patriquin, and Doug Gilroy. Since then several have served more than 35 years! As well, on this panel are Plaques and Certificates from other Fire Departments and from Cumberland County Municipal Council.



After attending the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Wentworth Cenotaph, Bob Smith, John Bonnell and Caren Bonnell, and wife Janice Smith have lunch at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. Bob Smith served in the Royal Canadian Air Force as Communicator for 28 years. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

## Marigold Plans Great Line-Up in 2013

By Craig Johnson

It's crisp, it's cold, it's Christmas at The Marigold! Yes, it is that time of year once again. We have had a dusting of snow, the tree is up in our lobby, and our holiday programming is underway. We are also, of course, preparing to bring you another great line-up in 2013!

December and January will follow a blockbuster November - Gypsophilia kicked us into gear on the 2nd, we attended the Downtown Truro Fashion Gala in week two, Jill Barber wowed a sold out crowd on the 17th, Lorinda Antonello's art exhibit, "The Glass Menagerie," was a hit, and Hubtown Theatre closed out the month with their presentation of Steele Magnolia!

In December we are enjoying our holiday fundraiser, Christmas At The Marigold. The ultimate Maritime Christmas album, the cds are \$20.00 each and all proceeds of Christmas at The Marigold go to The Cobiquid Arts Council and The Marigold Cultural Centre. Hear Christmas tunes by some of your favourite Marigold performers: Sons of Maxwell, The Barra MacNeils, Thom Swift, Cindy Church, and many more! *Hop on over to our YouTube page to hear a sampler:*

[youtube.com/MarigoldCentreTV](http://youtube.com/MarigoldCentreTV)

Great shows are hitting the Marigold stage in December: Matt Brouwer, Joel Plaskett, Bette McDonald, the Truro Dance Academy's Holiday Spectacular, the Maritime Marionettes, Dave Gunning, The Woodhouse Quintet, and Jeremy Webb's presentation of A Christmas Carol. Currently we are building our 2013 lineup;

you can look forward to Sloan, Gordie McKeeman, The Spinney Brother, and much more. Please visit [marigoldcentre.ca](http://marigoldcentre.ca) for show times, prices, and the most up to date calendar of events.

Also, as we do every month, we have a new artist in the Marigold Gallery in December. This month's artist is another painter I believe everyone along the Shoreline will appreciate. Lyndia Baird-Wellwood is presenting her exhibit, "Lighthouses of Minas Basin," starting on December 4th. "Over the years, I have been inspired by my yearly trips to Queensport in Guysborough County," says Lyndia Baird-Wellwood, based in Hilden. "As I passed the lighthouse, I was overcome by the beauty of the deep blues of the ocean, the crisp white and red of the lighthouse, the ever-changing clouds, the rugged rocks, and the feeling of mystery surrounding the Queensport lighthouse. Who lived there? What was life like for the keepers over the years of protection they gave us?" In March of 2010, Baird-Wellwood decided to act on this feeling and painted a watercolour portrait of the Queensport lighthouse. After completing a series of paintings, each from a different angle, she realized she was hooked on the beauty of lighthouses.

As this will be my final column in the Shoreline for 2012, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support of the Marigold, and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to bringing you all the news from the Marigold in 2013!

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