

Fundy Geological Museum Celebrates 20TH Anniversary



Over 60 people attended the 20th anniversary of Fundy Geological Museum and retirement of Ken Adams, after 21 years with the museum. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

By Oralee O'Byrne

On Dec 5 the Fundy Geological Museum celebrated their 20th anniversary and a small tribute to Ken Adams for his retirement after 21 years. The museum opened to the public at 11 am and hosted a beautiful array of Christmas trees decorated by neighboring groups and businesses as part of their annual Oh Christmas Tree event. Pictorial displays honoring the 20 years of the museum included photos and news clippings of events over the years.

A complimentary buffet style luncheon was offered between

12-1 and the formal speeches started in the lobby at 1pm. Hosting a crowd of 60+ the event was Mcceed by the museum board Vice Chairperson, Lois Smith, and Mayor of Parrsboro who presented an award in celebration of 20 years.

Guest speakers included: Bill Greenlaw, Executive Lead, First Nation Gaming Agreements at Nova Scotia Provincial Lotteries and Casino Corporation and past president of Canadian Museums; Deborah Skilliter, curator of geology for the Nova Scotia Museum; Calum Ewing, Director, Nova Scotia Museum, Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage;

Anita Price, managing director of the Association of Nova Scotia Museums and Devin Trefry, Marketing Director Central Nova Tourist Association.

Regrets were received from Scott Armstrong MP, Jamie Baille, MLA and Tony Ince, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage Minister African-Nova Scotian Affairs.

All the speakers shared their pride in the Geological Museum for its dedication to the industry and the hard work by both staff and volunteers over the years. They all spoke highly of Ken Adams and his passion not only for geology and the museum but for tourism and the community in general.

An email of congratulations from Allan Ruffman - Dept. of Earth Sciences, Dalhousie University was read by Cindy Tupper. Devin Trefry summed things up "three words to describe Ken would be wisdom, passion and partnerships" words that resonated throughout the speeches. The floor was then opened to others, several of which took a moment to thank Ken and praise the museum including Dr. Howard Donohue, Retired Geologist with the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources; Ohra Colins, Age of Sail Museum; John Caulder, Department of Natural resources; Lisa Wolfe, Director, Ross Farm Museum and Municipal Counsellor, Ernest Gilbert.

Chair of the Cumberland Geological Society made a presentation to Ken on behalf of the board. Ken received many gifts including a surprise visit from his daughter, Sarah, who joined her parents in this celebration. Sarah is studying in Ontario. A very emotional Ken spoke briefly to thank everyone for their support and to encourage continuing support of our heritage and community as he too will continue to support them. His words were greeted with a standing ovation from the crowd. Ken will continue on as a part time consultant through the winter and to acclimate a new director which will hopefully be hired in the spring.

The day wrapped up with the annual O Christmas Tree celebration at 7pm with a carol sing, music provided by Carrie Anne Roswell and her group of youths and refreshments as well as The Five Island Lighthouse society being named the winner of the tree decorating contest.

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John Caulder, Department of Natural resources was on hand to pay his tribute to Ken for over 20 years of hard work. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Karen Dickinson, Cumberland Geological Society is flanked by Ken Adams and Parrsboro Mayor, Lois Smith, who also serves as the societies vice-chair. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Calum Ewing, Director, Nova Scotia Museum, Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage speaks to Ken Adams to say thank you. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



A cake to honour Ken Adams was served during his retirement party and the museum's 20th Anniversary. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Bill Greenlaw former president of Canadian Museums congratulates Ken Adams. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Deborah Skilliter, curator of geology for the Nova Scotia Museum congratulating Ken Adams. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

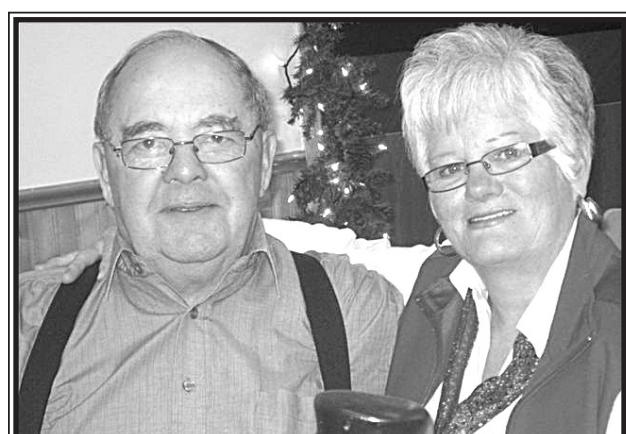
Wentworth Pioneers Christmas Party

By Hope Bridgewater

The Wentworth Pioneers Christmas Party, organized by Betty Curry and Debbi DeLong, captured the spirit of Christmas with their own presentations and the other presentations by Pioneer mem-

bers Georgina Patriquin, Claire Patriquin, Eleanor Sprague, Twila McMaster, Pearl Crowley, Carolyn MacAloney, Joe Patriquin, Greg Bridgewater, Winnie Forbes, Eldon Forbes, Marion Gower, Florence Harnish, Ella Patriquin, and myself.

Members and friends attending in addition to those listed above included Rev.



Winston Patriquin and Peggy Patriquin at the Christmas party held by the Wentworth Pioneers Club at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

up time, the Christmas program began.

Betty Curry at the piano and Debbi DeLong as lead singer for the Christmas music presented two hymns and a song: "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Deck the Halls," and "Silent Night." Entertainment included a variety of games. Janice Smith composed and read a humorous poem of 21 lines about aging called, "Seniors Jingle Bells." A few sentences read as follows:

"I have so many aches, I ache around the clock
I take so many pills, I rattle when I walk...
I love the Pioneers, it's ever so much fun
We laugh until the tears from our eyes they run.
O Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,
Jingle All the Way
O What Fun It Is To Be a Senior Now-a-Days"
All members received a wrapped gift.



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