

Saltscapes Harvest

Saltscapes Harvest greets the Holidays Expo was a huge success in Masstown on Nov. 14th and 15th. Several thousand visitors enjoyed the Expo, which included 60 local vendors, culinary demos, decorating ideas and more, at Captain Cob's Corn Maze location, across from Masstown Market. (Harrington Photos)



Wayne Durning displayed his unique power saw carving at the Expo.



Alain Bosse, better known as the Kilted Chef and food editor for Saltscapes Magazine, presented several cooking demonstrations on the Taste of Nova Scotia Culinary Stage.



Margaret, of Hardywares Preserves, had a large assortment of delicious jams and jellies for sale. (Some readers may remember Hardywares General Store, Glenholme... Margaret is the daughter of Jim and Mary Leggate)



Mary Black of White Point Lodge assists Ian Kittilsen with a smore hot off the outdoor fire pit.



There was plenty to eat, see and enjoy at the fall Saltscapes Expo, held for the first time in Masstown.



Captain Cob's Corn Maze and The Peg were transformed into a delightful Saltscapes Expo on Nov. 14th & 15th, showcasing local products, foods and entertainment.

Cumberland Singers in Wentworth

By Hope Bridgewater

The annual concert "Sounds of Christmas" by the Cumberland Singers led by Coordinator Jocelyn Morris was held at the Wentworth Recreation Centre featuring traditional and contemporary Christian music. All of the musicians and workers at this concert were volunteers either residents of Wentworth or a distance away and used their own time and money to attend rehearsals and the concert itself.

The Cumberland Singers donated all the financial proceeds to Chalice-Child Care International which gives aid to the world's neediest children who struggle to survive without the basic necessities of life. The Cumberland Singers also dedicated the 2015 Songs of Christmas concert in loving memory to two former members, the late Jean Mooring and Hilton Patriquin. Concert sponsors were Pearl Crowley, Rick Clarke and Judy Clarke

The Cumberland Singers were first organized by Jean Mooring and Pearl Crowley in 1989 and now continues to operate thanks to the work

done by Coordinator Jocelyn Morris (Pearl Crowley's daughter) and the Cumberland Singers

As the large crowd entered Jeanette Murray and Ethel Gilroy sold admission tickets, a rotating staff sold raffle tickets at the next table (Pearl Crowley, Sharon Miller, Laurene DeCoste and Jocelyn Morris) and Shirley Patriquin tended the baked goods table. The kitchen canteen was operated by Jordan Sprague and Amanda Patriquin.

There is an interesting genealogical story about the Cumberland Singers as 21 of the concert musicians in 2015 are Patriquins who can be traced back to the 1700's when 431 Huguenot Protestants from the Principality of Montbéliard came to Halifax between 1749 to 1752, some went on to Lunenburg in 1753, then eleven families came to the Tatamagouche area in 1771 and spread out from there to nearby counties. Three Petrequin (Patriquin) families were among the eleven families, and Ellsworth and Edith Patriquin's family from Thompson Station are descen-

dants.

Twenty musicians of the Cumberland Singers at the concert in Wentworth are descendants by blood or marriage of Ellsworth and Edith Patriquin and one other, pianist Betty Patriquin Curry is a descendant of John Patriquin. For their dedication and hard work, it is important to credit these 21 volunteers: Jocelyn Morris-singer, show coordinator; Sharon Miller-singer; Larry Patriquin-singer; David Patriquin-singer; Charley Patriquin-singer, MC; Amy Morris-singer, sound technician; Nick Morris-singer, drummer, sound technician; Natalie DeCoste-violin; Betty Curry-piano; Laureen DeCoste-choir; Erica DeCoste-choir; Roger Patriquin-choir; Angie Ingraham-choir; Sherri Rushton-choir; Colton Rushton-choir; Bill Baker-choir; Mitchell Baker-young performer; Max Baker-young performer.

An impromptu appearance by very young children singing "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" occurred: Luke Morris-child performer; son of Nick Morris, grandson of Jocelyn Morris; Damien

Morris-child performer, grandson of Sharon Miller; Jackson Steeves-child performer, great-grandson of Charles Patriquin and youngest child on stage at four years in age

Coordinator Jocelyn Morris welcomed four adult friends to be part of the concert: Wayne Reid-singer and lead guitar; Shane Lyons-bass guitar; Faye Henderson-singer; and Laura Mezzelani-alternate drummer and international student staying with Jocelyn Morris. Jocelyn also invited young children in the audience to be part of the impromptu session in the singing of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and James Nesbitt and Marissa Spencer-Mills from the audience ran up on stage to join the other young performers.

Master of Ceremonies, Charley Patriquin, along with a few of his jokes, skillfully moved the concert on at a steady pace though Set One with 20 selections, Impromptu session with one selection, recess, and Set Two with 18 selections.

During the recess, people had the chance to visit the canteen, renew acquaintances and hear the winners of a raffle draw.



The Cumberland Singers perform a successful concert "Sounds of Christmas" at the Wentworth Recreation Centre with the focus on raising funds for the charity Chalice-Child Care International. (Rick Clarke Photo)

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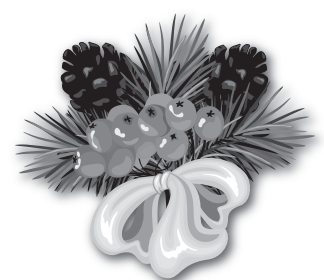
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