

Mystery Surrounding Great Village Wreath Solved

By Maurice Rees

Thanks to a front page photo and story in last month's Shoreline Journal, the mystery surrounding a beautiful unique wreath placed at the monument in Great Village has been solved. Kevin Mullins, who for a time lived at the corner of Highway 2 and Five Houses Road placed the wreath at the monument in Great Village on November 9th.

Mullins moved from



A native of Glace Bay, Mary is shown with her medals for serving in World War II. She married Lawrence Mullins after his recovery. They raised nine children. (Submitted)

Portapique to Debert, where he recently purchased a property. He is also an antiques dealer and is one of the many antiquers, who has space rented in Great Village Antiques Exchange.

When he contacted the Shoreline admitting he was responsible for the wreath he was most apologetic, for offending people. However, he was assured he did not offend people, but had done a great service to the community, veterans and families who lost loved ones while serving our country.



Lawrence Mullins was wounded in the battle of Monte Cassino in Italy returned to Glace Bay aboard the Queen Mary. (Submitted)



Mullins said he placed the wreath in memory of his mother and father, who both served in World War II, explaining his parent's background. "My dad was wounded in the battle of Monte Cassino in Italy returned to Glace Bay aboard the Queen Mary. After his recovery, he married my mother. They raised nine children and lived a great life".

He retrieved the wreath from the monument grounds on December 5th and was amazed it was still there. Knowing the excitement and curiosity the wreath created, it was suggested next year and each year forward, he should refresh it and lay the

wreath asking for it to be placed it in the same position where it was photographed for the December 2016 issue of the Shoreline Journal.

Sybil Flemming, who provided background information on the mystery wreath was advised the mystery had been solved. She replied, "That is so awesome. I am also pleased that you assured him that anything that beautiful would not offend, and I, too, hope he will share its beauty each year. Thanks for your help".

Volunteers Recognized for Adopt-A-Highway Efforts

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The Great Village Community School / Friends of the Community Adopt-A-Highway group were recognized at a luncheon held at the Holiday Inn. Even though the volunteer recognition luncheon was held in late September at the Holiday Inn, Truro, without media being advised in advance, the province's Adopt-A-Highway program did not issue a press release until late November.

The Great Village group won an award for Outstanding Community Group. Attending the luncheon representing the Great Village group were Connie

Smith and Gertie Miller from Great Village, and Ellen Simpson, Co-Chair of the AAH Committee.

The first ever Adopt-A-Highway Volunteer Recognition Awards Luncheon was held as part of Divert NS (formerly known as RRFB Nova Scotia). Divert NS has achieved many accomplishments over the last 20 years, and wanted to give credit to volunteers who have contributed to the success of the program through their own initiatives. Some groups have been dedicated going above and beyond with roadside cleanups across the province. Some groups have

been in the Adopt-A-Highway program performing litter pickups for the past 23 years.

Silver Donald Cameron, who has an incredible history as an author and environmentalist, and receives rave reviews for his speaking engagements was keynote speaker at the event. He is in the process of starting a cross - Canada tour promoting his new book (Warrior Lawyers: From Manila to Manhattan, Attorneys for the Earth), and documentary film (GreenRights: the Human Right to a Healthy World).

Hub Campers was also recognized for their volunteer efforts.

Proudly showing their awards a Great Village group, plus Hub Campers were honoured at a luncheon in Truro for their dedicated volunteer efforts for several years. Pictured above are: Connie Smith and Gertie Miller from Great Village, Ronnie Veinot and Les Oliver from Hub Campers and Coni Murray, Co-Chair AAH Committee. (Submitted)



Showing off their award are Connie Smith and Gertie Miller from Great Village, members of the The Great Village Community School / Friends of the Community Adopt-A-Highway group and Ellen Simpson, Co-Chair of the AAH Committee were honoured at a volunteer luncheon in Truro on September 21st. (Submitted)

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