

Great Village Garden Club Notes

By Linda Shears

The final meeting of the season was held on May 25 at Faith Baptist Church. Program for the evening consisted of two presentations. Member Eileen Eaton provided useful information on composting, including details on how to layer the ingredients. She explained the process of tending a compost pile by keeping it moist and ventilated; she brought along samples of compost in various stages of decomposition.

The second speaker was Andy Taplin, who showed photos and talked about gardens and landscapes in his native England. He also spoke of some projects he has begun here comparing gardening and landscaping styles in the two very different climates.

In May, the new flower bed frames for the cenotaph

grounds were built by Wilfred Miller, Arthur Haskins, Roy Rushton and Harold Sharpe. The new boxes were filled with topsoil and made ready for the flowers.

Plans were made for the annual end-of-the-year trip and supper. Thank you notes from students and teachers of the area schools were received, thanking the club for the donation of books to their libraries.

The Central District Meeting in Bible Hill on May 8 was attended by nine members of our club. Guest speaker Jodi DeLong entertained and informed us with a slide show and talk titled "Four Seasons of Colour".

Regular meetings of our club will resume in the fall and some local garden tours may be scheduled for the summer.



Great Village Garden Club members Patti Sharpe, Eileen Eaton and Fronze Miller planted flowers at the cenotaph in the newly built frames. (Shears Photo)



Denise Miller (left) and Maureen Morine sort through their bundles of plants. They used the buddie system to get a nice variety for their gardens at the Great Village Garden Club plant sale.



Quite a crowd gathered for the annual Great Village Garden Club plant sale on May 15th. Everyone is lined up and waiting for the cue to run and pick out their plants. (Harrington Photo)



Isabel Horne(right) was happy to support The Great Village Community Association BBQ at Lowland Gardens on May 29th. The volunteer chefs were Heather and Ken MacKay. (Harrington Photo)



Margie Ross makes sure the plants are tagged and ready for buyers. The Great Village Garden Club held their annual plant sale on May 15th. (Harrington Photo)

Debert Guides meet the Queen

By Rebecca Taylor

June 28th will always be a memorable day for three members of the Debert Guiding community: Alyssa Mills (Guide), Madalyn Mills (Spark), and Angela Mills (Brownies Guider "Brown Owl"). They were selected from a draw to be part of the group of representatives of Girl Guides of Canada (Nova Scotia) who will greet Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II and HRH Prince Philip.

The greeting was held at the Garrison Grounds in Halifax on Monday, June 28, the first stop on the Royal

couples visit to Canada.

The following is the list of Colchester and Cumberland Guiders chosen to participate in the Queen's visit event: Guiders: Colchester - Tammy Slaunwhite, Alana Davidson, Angela Mills and Emma Hebb, Cumberland. Other members from the Colchester District included: Alyssa Mills, Krista Davidson, Lauren Theakston, Madaline Rhynold, Megan Bannister, Madalyn Mills, Hannah Morgan, Madi Jones, Bronwen Lloyd-Jones, Brittany Frenette and Jessica Frenette. Madalyn Chown was the sole Cumberland representative.

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Bass River Heritage Notes

By Denise Gilley

Summer has arrived, and the warm sun feels great! The museum has been open for almost a month now with Tabitha and Marlee happily greeting guests. Our doors are open 10am - 5pm Mon-Thu, 9am - 6pm Fri, Sat, Sun.

As far as renovations go, we've just had some rewiring done and insulation is next on the list with hopes of a new heating system after that. Plans are well underway for Heritage Day, Sat, Aug 7th.

Our favorites return with abundant bake tables, Antique engines/tractors/cars, and the Firemen's Boat Race. We're also hoping for a few new attractions and we welcome anyone who would like to have a yard sale to bring their table and set up on our grounds. For more info call Wendy @ 647-2210.

The next meeting will be July 12th @ 6:30.

News from the past - Taken from the Truro Weekly News - 1951 as follows:

Bass River, June 26 - Closing exercises of the Bass River School were held recently in the United Church with J.S. Creelman presiding. Prizes were presented by Mrs. Douglas Davidson, president of the Women's Institute, guest speaker Col. G. I. Smith, Truro; Misses Verna Smith, primary, R. Jean Smith, intermediate and Mrs. Eva Dunning, junior high.

Award winners were Malcolm Taggart, Women's Institute Citizenship Trophy; Miss Ruth Patterson and Dale Lawson, Knights of Pythias Prize; and Erva Stanford, \$50 scholarship. Gloria Fulton won the special students award. Burchill Fulmore was valedictorian.

MacCaul Villa Notes

By Hazel Hill

Shirley Ryan, her daughter, Diane and grandson, James, were dinner guests of Georgie Currie at Fletcher's Restaurant on May 29th to celebrate Shirley's birthday. Shannon MacAloney is recovering from eye surgery for the removal of a cataract.

Friends of Millie Dewar were sad to learn of her passing at the age of 99, just a few days short of her 100th birthday. Millie live here at the villa for many years, before going to Townsview Estates. We extend our sympathy to her son, Bud and family, who live in Ontario.

Harold Murray attended a truckers reunion held in Brookfield the week of June 12th. He told me, he saw many old friends, truck drivers, whom he hadn't see for thirty years and enjoyed himself immensely.

Art and Barb Muise and her son, Curtis and friend visited Bernice Kaulback on June 12th. Bernice and Linda spend a day in New Glasgow recently, and on June 14th spent the day in Moncton.

Birthday wishes for June are for: Harold Murray, Audrey Rector and Sharon Roode. We send congratulations to Audrey Rector, and Harland Akerman, who were married on June 12th. We wish them much happiness.

Everyone enjoyed the music on June 16th, provided by George Cooke, Herb Robicheau, Evelyn Gill and Audrey Woodworth. This was the group's last visit before fall. We will miss them over the summer months, as their visits here a very much appreciated. I had a visit from Marie McIlhenny on afternoon recently.

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