

Great Village Farmers' Market

RAIN DIDN'T DAMPEN OPENING DAY ENTHUSIASM



Dawn Sprecher and her daughter Abby check out the flats of transplants and enjoy a sweet treat too!



Rory and Gavin Phillips enjoy an Opening Day Celebration cupcake (Shears photo)

By Marguerite Phillips

The Great Village Farmers' Market enjoyed a successful opening weekend despite the wet weather. Vendors returned with favourites such as home baking, wood working, transplants, honey, fresh meats, rhubarb, and hand-made crafts. We were pleased to welcome first time vendor Sybil Flemming with her beautiful hand knit creations. Loyal customers, young and not-so-young, were treated to Opening Day cupcakes. Who says you can't have dessert after breakfast? Speaking of breakfast, the Café is as popular as ever. Make sure you stop by and let the ladies cook for you. If you create handmade wares or have home grown products we'd love to have you as a vendor at the Market. New this year, we are welcoming vendors who own small or home-based businesses and have quality goods or services to sell or advertise. You can attend for one week or many. Do you have something hand-made to sell but don't have time to attend the Market yourself? Our consignment table is an option you may want to consider. Tracey is back this year to manage the consignment items and would be happy to discuss the details with you. Since the first market weekend we've been lucky enough to be able to be outdoors. As the weather begins to cooperate you may decide to start a garden, it's not too late! Sandra has a trailer load of transplants and a wealth of gardening knowledge just waiting for you.

The Great Village Farmers Market offered the children of Great Village and Bass River Elementary Schools a "Garden Starter Kit". This not only gives them the supplies to start their own little garden but also the chance to become entrepreneurs by offering free table space to sell their fresh produce at the end of the season! We'd like to thank Kathy Giles for her help and Lowland Gardens for their flower donation for this

project. Remember, if you are a gardener and have any volume of vegetables or fruit you would like to sell please contact June at 647-2547. We'd love to have you. We're looking forward to seeing everyone and the sun in July. We'll have hand thrown pottery for sale on July 2nd and the Colchester Highland Dancers will be entertaining us on July 23rd at 10:00am. See you there.

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Christa Ryan demonstrates a seasalt hand scrub on Ruth Patriquin and Michelle Bowers at the Great Village Home Business Sale on May 28th. (Harrington Photo)

Great Village Community Association News

By Linda Shears

The Great Village Community Association monthly meeting was held on June 20 at the Community Centre. Instructor training for the Tumble Bugs program has been delayed until the fall. The Tumble Bugs program teaches gymnastic-type movement skills to children aged three to six. Michael Francis provided ideas on how to use a digital on-line storage system to improve our sharing of documents. A number of possible fundraisers were suggested as options for funding a depleted general account. Two fundraising ideas are a Pampered Chef sale and a dinner with a guest speaker. The five-week mental health and wellness program offered by the Along the Shore Community Health Board was successfully completed on June 15. Several applications for the two student summer jobs were received. Applicants are being interviewed and the successful applicants will soon be working on community programs and events. Events being planned for the summer include youth dances, movies, computer instruction, and an art and music camp. Instruction in card games such as 45's, cribbage and bridge is being considered as a way to re-

start the tradition of community card games during winter months. Weekly yard sales and BBQs are planned for Saturday mornings at the Community Centre during July and August. If you have items to donate or would like to rent a table, contact Heather MacKay. July 1st Picnic plans have come to a standstill for various reasons. The Fire Auxiliary Chicken BBQ and strawberry shortcake is available from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM. This may be a good year to visit other communities and join in their celebration of our national holiday. Several community groups will be involved in providing meals for the upcoming Elizabeth Bishop Arts Festival on August 19 - 21. Great Village has already seen some Elizabeth Bishop Centenary celebrations with Sandra Barry's book launch, the art and photography "Paint the Village" and the symposium involving Elizabeth Bishop scholars from around the world. The biggest event, the Elizabeth Bishop Centenary Arts Festival, is yet to come, in August. Brochures outlining events and concerts are being circulated and more information is available on the website at www.elizabethbishopcelebration.ca. The banners and flowers to mark the centenary are brightening communities from Masstown to Five Islands.

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