Book Launch Held At ELIZABETH BISHOP HOUSE IN VILLAGE





Author Sandra Berry autographs a copy of her new book Elizabeth Bishop: Nova Scotia's "Home Made" Poet for Angus Chisholm during the book launch held in Great Village on May 14th. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

Great Village: The historical surroundings of Elizabeth Bishop's childhood home were a very appropriate setting for the book launch of Sandra Berry's newest book titled Elizabeth Bishop: Nova Scotia's "Home-made" Poet.

Sandra' numerous friends and acquaintances attending the book launch on May 14th were very excited to get their hands on what Nimbus publisher calls a "pictorial biography", and then follow up their visit with a personalized autograph and social time with the proud author.

Sandra Berry is the cofounder and past president of the Elizabeth Bishop Society of Nova Scotia, author of Elizabeth Bishop: And Archival Guide to Her Life in Nova Scotia and co-editor of Divisions of the Heart: Elizabeth Bishop and the Art of Memory and Place. She is very excited to be able to bring her vast knowledge of Elizabeth Bishop into a format where she can introduce the general audience to the celebrated poet.

"I call this a distillation of knowledge," says Berry."I have been gathering information for over 20 years and have a biographical work progress, with over 600 pages with information, but it would not be something most people would pick up and read. I am hoping this book will be a good introduction for those who have yet to discover Elizabeth Bishop and her deep connection to her childhood home here in Great Village."

Elizabeth Bishop: Nova Scotia's "Home-made" Poet is available at bookstores, through Nimbus publishing or online at Amazon.ca

The book launch was just one of the many events coinciding with the Elizabeth Bishop Centenary Festival 2011.

Bass River & Area Fire Brigade News

By Peter Christensen

Good day from the hall.

Hope everyone is fine and out weeding the gardens. Of course, with all this rain it may be very easy for those weeds to take over.

The news at the hall is pretty exciting. We are having a spring dance at the hall on May 28. It should be a great time for everyone to get out and see the friends that have been hibernating all winter. The dance runs from 9 pm until 1 am. Music is by the band called Sweet Revenge, a local band with a real great sound.

Another exciting piece of news from the hall is the Annual Fishing Derby is coming up. It will be happening on June 4th at Gamble Lake. June 4th being the best day of the year for some people round these parts, because they can fish for free, thanks to the provincial laws on fishing being relaxed on that weekend, but you still must follow the catch limit rules. This also applies at the fishing derby.

There will be cash prizes for the three longest fish, as well as many chances to win door prizes as well . Hope to see you all. It is really fun to see those kids catch their first

Training is on schedule and running without a hitch, thanks to our training officer, Blaine Dickie. We have conducted training on trucks,

water systems and pumps, and have worked hard on MFR training.

There is a new thought provoking saying hanging on our training room wall, "Do not train until you get it right, Train until you do not get it wrong". I love that saying and a real nice sign as well.

I have seen some new faces round the city recently, so i am thinking the cottages are getting to know their owners again. Owners should be getting their houses a spring reopening gift. Their house should have a brand new CIVIC ADDRESS SIGN, in front of their well manicured lawns. This way the house and the people in them will be a

whole lot safer than without one. The house can call 911 if his people get hurt or feel ill, and the people in the house can call 911 if the house starts having hot flashes. So you see, a CIVIC ADDRESS SIGN, helps everyone. To get a sign, please call Alan Zimmer @ 647 -2335.

Well, must go to the hall. We are still in the process of working on our brigade monument. Hopefully, it will be done in the near future. It will be a remembrance to the men and women who have come and gone through our fire hall.

Have a safe and fire free month. Hope to see everyone at the dance and then the fishing derby. Get those flues cleaned as soon as you can.

911 CIVIC ADDRESS PROGRAM

In an effort to provide visible signage of civic address's for emergency response units we are continuing with the O.B.F.B. 911 Civic address program. The signs



include the civic address assigned to your home. They are located at the end of the driveways in a clearly visible location so they can be easily seen.

The civic numbers are the numbers that the Fire Brigade, Police & Ambulance look for when called to your home, so they are very important. If you wish to purchase one please clip this application and bring or mail it to the fire hall or call 897-6025.

The cost of the signs is \$25.00 installed

Cheques should be made payable to Onslow - Belmont Fire Brigade, Civic Numbers

Civic Sign Application

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