



Allison “Bubba” MacAleese’s property line in New Prospect, just outside Parrsboro is identified with a fence he built out of more than 60 discarded ironing boards. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



An ironing board fence needs some comfort, so in New Prospect just outside Parrsboro, Allison “Bubba” MacAleese decided to use some additional ironing boards to build a windmill. Allison’s creative talents to construct useful “folk art” is becoming a start attraction for locals and tourists, who are looking for the unusual but creative. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

Ironing Board Fence Gets Windmill as a Friend

What does the builder of Ironing board fences do when he is finished. He adds a gate just for fun. And then?

Allison “Bubba” MacAleese came up with a brilliant solution.

His lot in New Prospect on Highway # 2, just outside Parrsboro, now proudly displays a large windmill made out of -well, Ironing boards of course.

The tractor seat is for mother nature to rest on while creating each new day.

It sails in the wind and on its edges are reflectors that catch the night lights of cars making the drivers wonder just

What it was that lit up in the night as they passed. Congratulations Bubba for making my day every time I pass by.

The Best Along the Shore

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2000 and have been an ongoing program ever since. Initially these banners were purchased from UNICEF of Vancouver as part of their Save the Children Program and their recycling initiatives.

This was an exceptionally cost effective way to purchase top quality banners that would last for at least two years. Since UNICEF has now changed to sending their banners overseas, The Shore Drive Community Development Assoc. has managed to develop a working relationship with a Richmond B.C. company to obtain the same quality banners at much below the regular cost.

When the two year period is up, the Shore Drive Association sells banners to individuals to help to fund new banners. Individuals use them for their summer residence, cottages, drive-ways, etc. Each year the banners denote an instant image of “someplace special, something special”.

The banners are so popular a number of communities in N.S., N.B. and P.E.I. have contacted the Shore Drive Assoc. for information to have the same program in their

areas. The key of course is quality of material and printing, and the Shore Drive does research on both of these.

The banners direct you through the rolling small hills and pasture fields of Wharton, Diligent River, Fox River, Port Greville, Wards Brook and Brookville.

Diligent River

In Diligent River, if you are lucky, you might hit it on a day when the ladies of the community are serving one of their famous casserole dinners at the quaint little community hall, the former Diligent River all grades schoolhouse. The hall is now under renovations, with mostly volunteer work by the community, with assistance from the Shore Driver Community Development Association and Murray Scott, MLA who is very supportive of initiatives in this area. Diligent River is home to our famous local nature and wildlife artist, Arlene Collins. Arlene and her husband, Corlas purchased the old community store, renovated it and now it is home to her gallery and art studio. Drop in to visit, they are

never too busy to greet folks and have a chat.

Two beautiful little churches sit by the roadside, the Baptist and the Anglican. Although declining in membership numbers, the Baptist Church still holds services, has a wonderful interior and a historical cemetery adjacent to it.

Want to see inside? Just ask Janet Varner, she will be thrilled to show you about. The Anglican Church which resembles one that you would see in a storybook setting is not an active church at this time, but the adjacent cemetery too holds volumes of history.

Minutes west you will see a sign for the “Artware Gallery”. You cannot miss the sign as it is constructed of two tree trunks. Follow the signs and the rambling trail through the former pasture fields, and you will come to a clearing and more signs directing you across the footbridge to a log cabin gallery/home that fronts onto the water.

How secluded and magical is this? Krista and Mike, proprietors

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