

New GV Banner Unveiled at Celebration of Creativity Day



MLA Karen Casey unveiled the new EBSNS banner designed by April Sharpe (left). April's design was picked from 27 submissions and will be featured on banners hung along the roadway.



NSCC students Nathan McDonald (right) and Riley MacDonald created the "Images of My Village", an online art exhibition, featuring 201 drawings by local school children.



Author Richard Rudnicki autographs one of his books for Fonda Smyth.

Celebration of Creativity Day, hosted by the Elizabeth Bishop Society of Nova Scotia (EBSNS), was held on May 18th in the Great Village Elementary School gymnasium. (Harrington Photos)

A virtual website of art work created by 201 young people from Colchester County was launched late Saturday afternoon. Images of My Village (www.imagesofmyvillage.com) was designed by Nova Scotia Community College students Nathan McDonald and Riley MacDonald, through their Capstone programme.

By Linda Harrington

On Saturday, May 18th, the Elizabeth Bishop Society of Nova Scotia (EBSNS) hosted a "Celebration of Creativity Day" at the Great Village School gymnasium. The day began with morning workshops for Grades 3-6 and Grades 7-9 with award-winning illustrators and authors Susan Tooke and Richard Rudnicki.

Afternoon festivities kicked off at 12:30PM, when MLA Karen Casey unveiled the new Elizabeth Bishop Society of Nova Scotia's permanent banner for Great Village with artwork done by April Sharpe, a young artist from Great Village.

During the Elizabeth Bishop Centenary in 2011, Joy Snihur Wyatt Laking designed special banners which hung throughout the communities all that summer. They were later sold off as a fund raiser for the Society. The banners were highly visible and many people missed seeing them the next summer. The Society decided to involve local school children in designing a new banner. There were 27 images submitted from Great Village. A panel of 4 judges—MLA Karen Casey, Peter Labelle, Gerrie van den Hoek and Joy Graham had the difficult task of choosing only one design for the banner.

"There was another design we were all attracted to but we knew it was too detailed to make into a banner," says Joy Graham. "We decided this design deserved recognition and so the beautiful artwork drawn by Bethany MacKinnon, Port au Prince has been printed as a postcard." The postcards are available from the Elizabeth Bishop

Society.

In the fall of 2012, the EBSNS requested all students in Colchester County create and submit an "Image of My Village" to be part of the virtual exhibition. The project involved 8 schools, with 30 communities represented. "We had a great response for this project and now the online virtual exhibition will have a worldwide outreach," said EBSNS President Laurie Gunn.

After celebratory cake, donated by Masstown Market, Colchester County fitness instructor Celeste Chesal got everyone up and dancing to "Music and Motion."

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Luke Fraser (left) and Dominic LaPierre, Grade 1 students at Truro Elementary, stopped by Great Village to see their artwork on display.



Can't have a celebration without cake and ice cream.



Meagan Dean and Rachel Leggett enjoyed having their face painted by Susan Kerslake (left to right).

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