



There were lots of plants to choose from and members of the Great Village Garden Club were pleased to offer helpful suggestions at their annual Plant Sale on May 16th. (Harrington Photo)



On you mark, get set, grow! Take a box and line-up behind the start line and wait for the opening signal that it is time to pick out garden treasures from the Great Village Garden Club's annual Plant Sale. (Harrington Photo)

RASCALS Gaining Momentum

The May meeting of RASCALS was held on May 20th at the home of Willem and Mia Van den Hoek's in Economy. The following is minutes of the meeting.

Drop-Ins: The drop-in today at Emily Lane's was a success with 10 people in attendance plus Emily. The next drop-in is June 10th at 8515 Hwy 2 from 10-12. The drop-in for July will be July 8th from 7-9 pm at Cathy and Steve Mazur's house, 20 Station Rd. 902-655-2033.

Highway Clean-up: RASCALS' members are concerned about the amount of litter along Highway # 2. They are enrolling in the Adopt-a-Highway program and will be doing a ditch sweep in June. Due to liability issues and program restrictions only RASCALS members can participate. Tom Taggart will be taking CBC News to illegal dump sites in the area. John Lowe will guide Tom and CBC to a couple of really bad sites in Londonderry.

Electric Car Plug-in: Dominion Chair Factory Store, Bass River has been identified as a site for the plug-in. Work is ongoing towards that end.

Tourism Video: The group will talk about this again.

Music Night: Another

music night will be planned for June. Carol McNutt will talk to Joy Laking to confirm a date.

Facebook: We now have 23 members on RASCALS site. I was just wondering why more of the people who attend the meetings are not on the site. Our latest member is Tom Taggart.

Continued Education Opportunities for the Fall: Ideas that have been presented are: Cooking courses, quilting, gardening, music, genealogy, brain storming ideas, mentorship, micro-financing, starting a business, fundraising, photography, pairing retired teachers with students at risk.

Cobequid Pastoral Charge: Discussions are going on about the future of the United Church. A committee is looking into the future of the church; ways and means of keeping it going or not. June 3 there will be a meeting in Economy. Jim Campbell is involved in this.

Bass River Community Hall: Tom Taggart said a meeting was held a week ago whereby a new committee has been struck to revitalize the community centre. They are optimistic the facility will be used in the future. 30 people were in attendance.

Palliser Property: Tom Taggart stated council viewed the property and there is no value in the buildings. Tenders are going out to demolish the buildings. In the future there will be meetings with the general public to see what is needed or wanted on that property. There will be a question of what to call the property. The Town of Truro is buying into the idea. Williem had a good idea to have a "stone-hedge" style clock that would follow the tides and sonic

booms placed in the river which would sound off at different pitches as the tide progresses up the river. Tom would like to see artisans facilities, high end restaurant and trails.

Other topics: Anita McLellan is having difficulty getting students to work at the Cobequid Interpretive Centre. She has received grants to employ three students. One student at least 15 and in high school for 8 weeks, One CAP intern with computer skills and a college or university student for 8 weeks, One college or university student starting 1 June for 13 weeks. If students are not found, the grants may have to be forgiven, which would affect open hours and services to the travelling public.

Cathy Mazur reported on the Chamber of Commerce meeting she attended where Glenn Williams gave a talk on the success of the Town of Guysborough where he purchased old buildings and converted them into pubs, café, coffee roasting business, micro brewery, soap making, rum distilling, water bottling, high end bed and breakfast. There was a video called "Embrace the Unknown" Sea Fever Rum.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be 17 June where we will talk about a development plan. The meeting will start at 6:30. Location so of the meeting has not been determined. Two items to discuss are: 1/ What we can do to promote bass fishing 2/ Public access to beaches /waterfront - what do we have.

159 Years Strong – Stanfield's Stands the Test of Time

Charles E. Stanfield had no idea when he immigrated to Canada in 1855 that he would found the firm that is a leader in its field today. Stanfield's creation of the famous shrink-proof process in the late 1800s catapulted this little Truro underwear company to fame. Stanfield's continues to be a leading manufacturer in Canada of branded apparel products, and is a stable employer in our region. Today the company is much more than a manufacture of men's underwear, and continues to produce the majority of its products right here in Nova Scotia.

On May 22, the Canadian Association of Family Enterprise, (CAFE) and Presenting Sponsor TD, provided an exclusive evening with fifth generation Jon Stanfield, President of Stanfield's North America at the Cunard Centre in Halifax.

Jon joined the family busi-

ness in 1994. In his presentation, he described the most recent era of Stanfield's success and how some of their strategies have helped to maintain a prosperous and long standing Canadian and Nova Scotia based company.

Fiona Diamond, President of CAFE Nova Scotia notes, "Businesses like Stanfield's make Nova Scotia and the Maritimes unique and set us apart from other cities and regions. CAFE events provide insight from real families facing real challenges."

"Successful family businesses like Stanfield's are a win/win. They benefit both the local and global economies, and in a big way," says Diamond. "It's also true that fewer than 10% survive to the third generation and less than 10% of owners are financially independent from their businesses when they retire - Stanfield's has beat the odds because it continues to innovate," she adds.

Londonderry Community Council Notes

By Brenda McMullin

The Community Council held its last meeting until Sept. So now you will have to watch and listen to find out what's happening.

There is still talk about doing a washer toss. Jamie-Lynn plans on a summer camp like she did last summer. Derek will be coaching hard ball again, so the bad news bears will be hitting the field around the first of June. T-ball may start for the little ones.

What could be worse than getting stuck in the mud, while losing your shoe of course? Just ask Peggy Mattix, one shoe on and one shoe off. And we used to call Dan pigen. I think Peg just took over that name.

I've gotten calls over the last few weeks from people in the community. People are really annoyed that there are

all these dump sites in Londonderry- the Mountain Bridge, the Station Road and by the S'corners, and who knows where else. They have told me if they find a name in any bag you will pay to clean it up, so you've been warned.

Our first long week-end was a nice one. Years ago everyone would have been back at the lake for first party of the year but age gas caught up with us! Where is Dale? It's about time he came out of hibernation.

Debbie McMullin had a baby shower for Kate. She and Jason are expecting a new arrival in June. Chelsea O'Brien has a new little baby boy. This makes Patrick a grandfather, wow!

Tyler Rushton is due home for a visit this week. I'm sure he'll spend lots of time with his sister, Niki, and he'll meet his nephew.

And news on the cruise! Juanita Corbett (Boo) says it was great. A few drinks, shopping, sun bathing, snorkelling and should I mention the hot guys who work on these ships? Of course that is one of the main attractions.

Let's hope June is warm and sunny. Remember you are only young once but you can stay immature indefinitely.

Volunteer Awards 2015



A ceremony was held on Tuesday, April 13 at the Truro Holiday Inn with both the Town of Truro and the Municipality of Colchester County recognizing those such volunteers that help in the betterment of their community. Charlotte MacQuarrie with the Town of Truro and Wayne Smith with the Municipality of Colches-ter were selected as the 2015 Provincial Volunteer Award Representatives.

Other such representatives that fall in that same category are, Susan MacQuarrie, James Saunders, Joe Jordan, Deb Barnhill, Gloria Demers, Cbristina Miller, Ruby McDorman, Jeff Cameron, Charles Crouse, Ron Warren, Marilyn Roberts, and Ann Fiddes. This year's nominee for the Royal Pettigrew Recreation Leadership Award has been given to Daisy Roberts for her outstanding contributions.

Other Volunteer award candidates are as follows; Community Group Volunteer Awards were distributed to the South Branch Community Council, and the Stewiacke Valley Museum Historical Society.

A special thank you to all of the Volunteers nominated this year. It is an honor to have you as a part of our community.



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