



When the smelts are running in Portapique the shores are lined with avid fishers. Many times it can become a family affair. (Rees Photo)

## SHIP'S COMPANY THEATRE Announces its 2015 Season

By Jiveney Trecartin

With shows that include musical numbers, comedic elements, drama and romance, this season has something for arts enthusiasts everywhere!

"It's such an exciting year at the Ship," says Artistic Producer Natasha MacLellan. "We have many things in store, including the unveiling of the first installment of a mystery trilogy, set right here in Parrsboro."

The season includes three main stage plays, one second stage show, a concert series with seven performances and a musical tribute show.

The Mix and Match package is available until June 30 for \$100, providing you with five tickets to any five shows. Season passes can be purchased for \$200. Highlights from the season include:

**MAINSTAGE:** Habit of Murder, written by Joanne Miller and directed by Natasha MacLellan, is the first installment of a mystery trilogy. When a human skeleton is found in the wall of the United Baptist Church in Parrsboro, Sister Vivian Salter is called in to unravel the mystery. As she coaxes the town to give up its secrets, she butts heads with the local officer, nursing staff, farmhands, and an eccentric mute who claims he communes with spirits. Habit of Murder will run from July 1-July 26.

**The Romeo Initiative**, written by Trina Davies and directed by Natasha MacLellan is a

romantic comedy full of intrigue. Karin Maynard, a government secretary meets Markus Richter, a single man who pursues her. But with Markus continually away on business, thoughts of infidelity begin to consume Karin. Is her insecurity unwarranted, or is she onto something? The Romeo Initiative was inspired by true stories in Cold War Germany in which West German secretaries were targeted and profiled to determine their "perfect man." The Romeo initiative will run from August 5-30.

**Improv! by The Irondale Ensemble Project.** Ship's Company Theatre presents an Improv Comedy show by The Irondale Ensemble Project. Irondale takes audience suggestions and turns them into comedy. There is no script, there is no rehearsal, everything happens before your eyes for the first and last time!

The show will run September 16-19.

**TRIBUTE SHOW:** The Divorcees Musical Tribute to Johnny Cash. ECMA 2010 and 2008 winners for Country Recording of the Year, New Brunswick's popular country band will follow up last year's hit tribute to The Outlaws with a tribute to The Man in Black. In the years since the inception of the now renowned band, a legion of supporters have sprung up across Canada, the US, Australia, and Europe. Join us as these steamy singers pull us into their very own "Ring of Fire."

Check out our ad in the Shoreline Journal (page 13) for additional performance and concert dates. For more information on purchasing tickets or a season pass, please contact 902.254.2003 or email [cguilderson@ship-company.com](mailto:cguilderson@ship-company.com).

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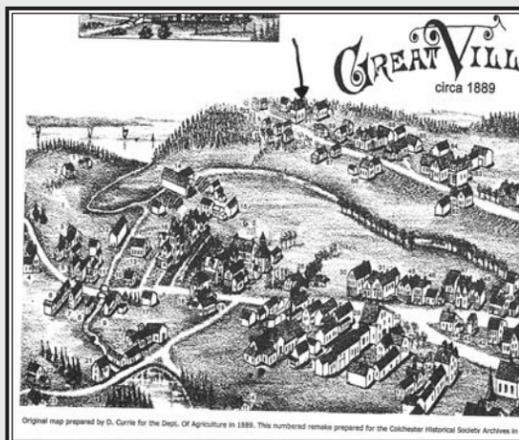


By Nan Harvey

The arrow pointer on the 1889 "Currie" Map of Great Village locates the home of Leander Carson Layton, grandson of one of the early settlers of Great Village, Francis Layton. In May of 1870 "L.C." as he was known, started a general store in the "Village". The day journal of that business still exists, and records the first item of sale, in May of 1870. For the first year, "L.C." operated his store in a building that belonged to Arthur Bulmer, just to the left of today's fire hall, and opposite the United Church, at the beginning of the "Cumberland Road". At the end of the first year, he moved across the road to the building that today houses the "Great Village Antique" store.

The house, still standing, at the top of "Laytons" hill, was called by its owners "Sunnybank" and was built in 1878, in the "Second Empire" style. We have, in the Archives, several pictures of this fine home, one taken in about 1905 depicts at the front steps several young ladies getting ready to go fishing, in their wide brimmed hats, long skirts and high boots. Elsie Layton, daughter of "L.C." is about seven years old in the picture. She lived to the ripe old age of one hundred and two years, dying in 2002.

The Currie map of Great Village was created in 1889, and is a "bird's-eye" view of the Village, as if the artist was suspended in a balloon and from that height depicted each and every home and building below. The Archives staff have numbered the buildings on the map, and have overleaf, identified most of the owners as of the year 1889, with some genealogy references added. These maps are available at the Archives, in a 11"X14" encapsulated format, at a cost of \$10.00.



Original map prepared by D. Currie for the Dept. Of Agriculture in 1889. This numbered remake prepared for the Colchester Historical Society Archives in 2010.

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