

Parrsboro Shore Hospitality Trade Fair Successful

By Taylor Redmond

The Parrsboro Shore Hospitality Trade Fair held on May 7th at the Parrsboro Legion was a great success. Forty local operators from Parrsboro's Hwy 2 shoreline came together on Saturday to self promote and to network with the other service industry operators. It was very well attended by the community, who were treated to a sampling of what is available on our Shoreline. Hiking trails, museums, accommodations, entertainment, scenic exploration and food tastings. Networking between the operators proved to be a valued exercise.

The May 7th event is just one of several programs that has been developed as a result of several STEP committee and community brainstorming sessions. STEP, Sustainable Tourism Expansion Program is sponsored through ACOA, Tourism Nova Scotia and Town of Parrsboro.

Awareness and good communication between operators, residents and service indus-

try personal was identified, through STEP, as one of the most valued and underused marketing tools. The Ambassador information lunch sessions and the May 7th Hospitality Trade Fair were developed in hopes to increase awareness to all the wonderful things we can share with the visitor.

Being the first time for the event it was considered very successful with organizers hoping for a bigger and better event next year.

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Delicious and a popular are the preserved products available at Mary Legette's West Colchester Bazaar booth. (J Wilson Photo)



Chatting with Joy Laking at the 1st annual Parrsboro Hospitality Trade Fair at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 45 are Bert Leo Lint and Doug Wilson. (J Wilson Photo)



Another bus is arriving. Free bus transportation from Amherst and Masstown was provided. (J Wilson Photo)



Cheese samples from That Dutchman's Cheese, Economy were appreciated by all who attended the 1st Annual Hospitality Trade Fair. (J Wilson Photo)



Part of the Fundy Geological Museum's display at the Parrsboro Hospitality Trade Fair on May 7th. (J Wilson Photo)



Diligent River artist, Arlene Collins is always supportive of local events and had a great booth at the Trade Fair. (J Wilson Photo)

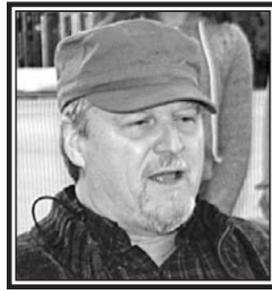


Originally planned for the Parrsboro Fire Hall, the May 7th Parrsboro Shore Hospitality Trade Fair was moved to the Legion. 35 operators from Masstown, Five Islands to Advocate and Joggins showed their wares and offerings to a crowd of people which was increased with buses providing free transportation from Amherst and also from Masstown. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



The Parrsboro Hospitality Trade Fair was organized so local people, whether in business or not, could learn more about what is offered along the shore, enabling them to assist tourists who require information. It's all about making the tourist's visit to the area a more memorable experience. There was an excellent turnout for the one day event. A great talk by Terri McCulloch including tide comparisons with other areas helped make the day successful. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

Simona: A Celebration Of The Colchester S.P.C.A.



Author Chad Norman was a guest speaker, and once a student, at Chiganois Elementary. (Harrington Photo)

By Chad Norman

To have come to the end of a manuscript started seven years ago seems like a dream, but your eyes are wide open, and you are seated at the keyboard, far away from the spot dreams usually take place.

Seven years ago my family and I had been settled in a home we bought in Truro for a year, and it was then we chose to add a member. Living nearby the Colchester S.P.C.A. our choice was clear-



Reverend Emmanuel Mutale recently presented Troy Harrison with a Certificate of Appreciation for Harrison Home Hardware's significant contribution to the re-roofing of the church vestry at Parrsboro United Baptist Church. (J. Wilson Photo)

ly to seek a feline member, to rescue and bring to, what was new to us, no longer paying rent. The choice was easy, and in some wonderful way, really, she chose us. I remember seeing her still in the cage, before a volunteer let her out, our eyes meeting, and that one meow, which was so immediately understood, "I want you to take me home." And, so, my new Muse, overtook and began to guide me.

For the past 30 odd years I have written and published poetry, pretty much around the world, so to take on, or better yet, be over-come in such a necessary way by her, has been incredible but not anything I don't know about. The Muse has been part of Poetry's history, so many poets have been led by them. However, for me, this time, to have a cat as a Muse I must say was new, was so irresistible, and so unavoidable, what I have called over the years, an educational disturbance, only if one is willing to follow it.

And follow I did. To get to know a pet. To accept the fact that she was abused, by seeing her scurry off each time a workmen was invited into our home and had to leave his big workboots by the

door. Not easy. But what I chose to write about, who she was and who she has become, since being loved each day, shown that not all humans are out to hurt her.

Just recently I completed the manuscript, which is in the vicinity of 90-some pages, thereabouts, and have approached my publisher, Black Moss press about taking a look at it. But, more importantly, it is what she has done to me, for me, for us, our home, teaching me, teaching us, about love, and the importance of not only loving her, but loving one another. How the family she is now part of must always show the same love they show her to one another. We may not walk up to each other and start a session of patting or scratching under ears, but we certainly can use our hands to show love, and make sure what is being sent out of them is a touching that causes no pain, no stress, just a communication about safety, and understanding.

I have been led. I have been willing to learn. I know without one doubt, there is a queen living with me, my family, and she doesn't mind a bit when or how we bow. And we do, on a daily basis. Gladly.

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leader who exemplifies integrity throughout the school community. Austin is an active volunteer working with the Fundy Shore Auto Club and the local Air Cadet Squadron. As a Duty Flight Sergeant he is responsible for training younger members and has earned many marksmanship awards.

Parrsboro Regional High School – Ashley Lynn Hamel: Ashley is an outgoing and talented honours student who is consistently involved in many leadership activities within her school and community. Ashley's leadership is also felt through her roles as a figure skating coach, Student Council Leader, Nova Scotia Secondary School Students' Association Co-Lead, 4-H participant, mentor and judge, and through Junior Achievement position. Ashley is dedicated to others and rises to any leadership opportunity or challenge that presents itself.

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