



Arthur Chisholm recently attended the 70th Anniversary of his graduating class at Mount Allison University. There were four gentlemen from his engineering class in attendance, quite remarkable after 70 years! (Harrington Photo)

## Great Village is Calling All Artists

By Steve Mazur

The Great Village Community Association 2016, along with their partners - Ocean Sonics, Great Village Antiques Exchange, Lowland Gardens and Wilsons Gas Stops Great Village is seeking the assistance of artistically-inclined individuals to help create a Great Village community logo.

The intent is to visually represent the past, present, or future attributes (or a combination of all three) of the community in one, eye-catching logo. In order to accomplish this, a logo contest has been launched with prizes for the best logo.

A "Youth" category (under 14 years of age) has a closing date of June 30, with the entries to be judged by the public at the Great Village Canada Day Celebrations. First prize of \$100 will be awarded on Canada Day.

An "Open" category (all ages, including youth) has a closing date of July 31 with judging by an independent panel and winner to be announced August 20. First prize is \$250 and second prize is \$150.

All entries are to be presented on an 8 1/2 x 11 standard letter paper, in any media, and where possible, should be accompanied by a digital copy. All entries must include a brief narrative describing the artwork.

The Great Village Community Association 2016 is a duly registered, not-for-profit society dedicated to promoting the cultural, historical and natural values of Great Village.

For more information or to make a logo submission, please contact Steve Mazur, president of GVCA 2016 at 902-655-2033 or by e-mail at stmazur51@gmail.com

## Maybe Returns Home – Book in Second Printing

By Maurice Rees

Janet Maybee's new book, "Aftershock", won the Dartmouth Book Award for Nonfiction at the Atlantic Book Awards gala in Moncton on April 27, and also that it has already gone to a second printing after being launched just last November. It is also short listed for the 2016 Margaret and John Savage First Book Award. The award was presented by Harry Thurston, a well known writer from this area, author of Tidal Life and much more.

About the book: On December 6, 1917, harbour pilot Francis Mackey was guiding Mont Blanc, a French munitions ship, into Bedford Basin to join a convoy across the Atlantic when it was rammed by Belgian Relief vessel Imo. The resulting massive explosion destroyed Halifax's north end and left at least two thousand people dead, including pilot William Hayes aboard Imo.

Who was to blame? Federal government and naval officials found in Pilot Mackey

a convenient target for public anger. Charged with manslaughter, he was imprisoned, villainized in the press, and denied his pilot's license even after the charges were dropped. A century later he is still unfairly linked to the tragedy.

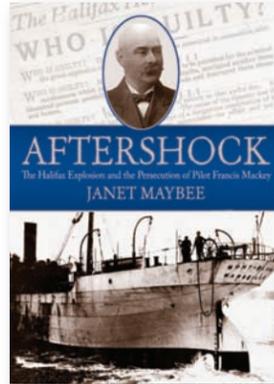
Through interviews with Mackey's relatives, transcripts, letters, and newly exposed government documents, author Janet Maybee explores the circumstances leading up to the Halifax Explosion, the question of fault, and the impact on the pilot and his

family of the unjust, deliberate persecution that followed.

Janet Maybee holds English degrees from UNB and Dalhousie. As research associate at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, her archival studies in Halifax and Ottawa focused on the 1917 Halifax Explosion, particularly the fate of harbour pilot Francis Mackey and his family. Janet

lived in that part of Halifax called Richmond before the tragic blast, but last June moved back to her old neighbourhood of Masstown.

Janet's website: [www.pilot-mackey.ca](http://www.pilot-mackey.ca) includes an interactive story map describing the path both ships took toward collision. It was created by her son and won an international award from ESRI, the software company whose program he used.



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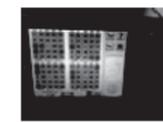
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