



Just out of the pond and drying it's wings. A huge dragonfly spent several minutes getting cellophane thin wings ready for further flight. (Harrington Photo)

## Bass River & District Fire Brigade News

By Peter Christensen.

Hello from the hall folks. Well February was definitely a month of feelings at the hall. Between the Tournament of Hearts of curling on TV and Valentines Day in February, man you could feel the love just seeping out of the walls.

And last night at the hall, the aftermath of all that love came to fruitarian. We had two paramedics at the hall to give us teaching lesson on childbirth delivery. An intensive session, with many interesting things learned for sure.

After the session we were put in groups to take turns delivering a BABY. No problem, for our group. I had myself Dave McFarlane and

Kohl Grue in our team, and Dave was confident that we would have an easy time of the delivery for a number of reasons:

The fact that he had been at the delivery of his two beautiful children and did not have any problems.

The patient seemed to be fairly quiet, somewhat like his own children's deliveries, so he was confident.

After all the sweating and trepidation, we delivered a beautiful baby boy, after some soul searching we named him Clive.

A great M F R session for sure. I should thank Blaine Dickie for his efforts in getting these training sessions all together. Thanks, Blaine.

Check your calendars for

the up coming activities at the hall. I believe the next big event will be the PANCAKE BRUNCH.

The memorial events for this year are coming along.

We are looking at events in the summer as well as the upcoming fall and winter.

Well that should wrap up February, hope you all had a great Valentines Day and hope the wood is holding out. It has been a great winter so far, although the amount of flue fires and house fires this past week or so, in other fire brigade districts are disconcerting for sure.

Please check your pipes and your electrical cords and plug-ins for frayed ends etc. Be safe for sure.

See you at the Hall

## Northern AIDS Connection Society News

Supplied by Tom Harrison

The Northern AIDS Connection Society (NACS) has many events and activities planned for 2010. On February 17 at the NS Community College Truro Campus, McCarthy Library, Dr. Jean Harrowing, Assistant Professor in the Baccalaureate Nursing Program at the University of Lethbridge Alberta, spoke on the contextual factors that influence health and health care in Sub-Saharan Africa and our role as Canadians working within these communities and involving students in the process of global citizenship.

Plans are under way for the 2010 Art for AIDS Auction, to be held at the Best Western Glengarry Hotel in Truro on June 14, 2010. The auction will display many pieces of art created by some very talented local artist in the Northern Region of Nova Scotia. The evening will begin with a 6pm viewing and at 7pm the Auction will begin. Also during the evening you can put bids on silent auction items. There will be snacks/cash bar provided and the auction will promise to be a fun filled night so come and enjoy. For more information call the office at (902) 895-0931.

The Canadian AIDS Treatment and Information Exchange hosted a workshop on February 24, 2010, at the

Best Western Glengarry Hotel in Truro. NACS will have a presence at the 6th Annual Canadian Skills Building Symposium, to be held in Montreal on March 4th through to the 7th. Karen Kittilsen, the Executive Director of NACS, will be delivering a poster presentation reporting on the Hepatitis CAware Project that was conducted in the Northern Region of Nova Scotia. NACS received funding through the Public Health agency of Canada for this project.

NACS also co-hosted a workshop with PASAN (Prisoners HIV/AIDS Support Action Network) in Truro on February 2nd at the Best Western Glengarry. Other AIDS Service Organizations from around Atlantic Canada participated. Topics included the planning and delivery of HIV/AIDS programming at a community based level for people in prisons.

NACS is starting a condom co-op initiative. The idea has been in the works for some time and now through interest from community partners has become a reality. Many community organizations have requested condoms, we are responding to the need enabling our community partners to purchase condoms for their organizations to distribute. An innovative way to

cover the cost of the condoms is for community partners to put a team in the Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life and receive 50% of the money they raise. The purchase of condoms will assist in promotion of safer sex practices and to help reduce the spread of HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI's). For more information please contact our office at (902) 895-0931.

## Great Village Historical Society Notes

By Linda Shears

The Great Village Historical Society held its regular monthly meeting on the 3rd of February at 7:30 p.m. We were updated on the progress of the next three panels being completed for the pergola display beside Wilsons' Garage. Old maps and photos are presently being scanned to be added to the written information. The topics of the three new panels are: "The Early Lumbering Industry", "The Age of Sail" and "The Shad Fishery". A photo of the barque, John M. Blaikie, which was built in Great Village, has been found at the Nova Scotia Archives. This painting

By Heather Mac Kay

The first snow the year didn't dampen the spirits of those who attended the Family Literacy Day event in Great Village January 30th. This event was brought to you by the Great Village Community Association and funded by Along the Shore Health Board.

The day began with O' Canada being sung by The Great Village Elementary School and Friends. Thanks to Helen Montgomery the GVE music teacher for organizing this. Tom Taggart opened the Ceremonies with a speech about literacy and how it has plays a role in our community. The day continued with magic preformed by Mr. "J" and his friends, Oreo the rabbit and his beautiful white dove. Science with Maritime Science from Halifax was very educating and entertaining for everyone.

It was nice to hear the inquisitive questions being asked of our community children. The Truro Jr. "A" Bearcats took time out from their busy Hockey schedule to spend some time answering questions and signing autographs. Local authors keep the children engaged with reading from their books.

The Historical Society, Elizabeth Foundation, CALA and the Library also supported us by having informative display booths. Oh and did I mention prizes. I think everyone went home with a prize. We are so thankful to all the local business that donated prizes for this event.

The Great Village Community Association cooked up a tasty lunch of

Burgers and Hot dogs. Rosalee Peppard wrapped up the day with some of her new songs that will appear on her new CD.

After the Great Village Community Association cleaned up they were off to the Legion for an evening concert of song and snacks with Rosalee Peppard. By request her father, Herb, accompanied her in song. We all know when you hear them sing together that the apple does not fall far from the tree. Herb is such a good sport for joining in as he was put on the spot, but, as usual, graciously accepted the request.

Feb 2nd everyone was kicking high at the Great Village School Gym as the Karate club raised some money by having a Kick-A-thon. The funds will be used to purchase some new equipment for the members. Karate is every Tuesday and Thursday 7-8pm everyone is welcome and it is free of charge.

Our Melt down group has begun with 32 members registered. The first guest was previous resident Deanna Graham who took time out of her busy schedule to come out and show us some exer-

cises. She put everyone through their paces with some aerobics, dance moves and chair exercises.

To keep active we are now walking in the Great Village School gym on Tuesdays and Fridays 3:30-4:30 everyone welcome. Watch for upcoming speakers and instructors as everyone is welcome.

March 13th the Great Village Community Association will be preparing Brunch at the Great Village Legion. This meal will be prepared with local foods and condiments. Literally from our own backyard, sponsored by Select Nova Scotia.

April will be danced in to the beat of the music of the Dance-a-thon this is for students grade 4-9 and proceeds will go towards some equipment for some summer fun activities. Contact Heather for more info 668-2501.

May is going to bring with it a day of pampering and relaxation as we have a day of massage and helpful healing in the works. The ball field is in the restoration stages as now the paperwork is complete and we are just waiting for spring. To be on our events mailing list email me at greatvillagelearningnetwork@gmail.com

## Great Village Garden Club Notes

By Linda Shears

The Great Village Garden Club held its first meeting of the year on Wednesday, January 27. The date of the meeting was changed to allow several members to attend an important school-related meeting in Bass River.

Approval has been granted from the Great Village Royal Canadian Legion to our garden club to proceed with renovations of the cenotaph flower beds in the spring.

Life member of our club, Audrey Congdon, has been sadly missed from our meetings since her move to Truro. Since the founding date of our garden club was January 24, 1952, we will mark our 60th anniversary in January, 2012.

Members of the Program Committee outlined a tentative list of programs for the year, including: growing sprouts for winter eating, inviting guest speaker Niki Jabbour (host of The Weekend Gardener, heard on News 95.7 FM from April to September), growing and decorating gourds, composting and soil testing, growing bulbs indoors and out, visiting

a Brookfield garden, touring a local vineyard and growing herbal teas for a tea party.

Saturday, May 15, has been chosen for the date of our perennial sale.

The evening's program was provided by Arthur Haskins, who presented a slide show on his August trip to the Dahlia Show held in Washington State, about an hour north of Seattle. He showed us many beautiful, lush gardens in the area which he and Carol Dexter saw while on bus tours of the area.

Most of the serious dahlia growers there used large umbrellas to shade the blooms from the sunlight, to prevent them from fading. Due to the distance they had to travel, Arthur and Carol were not able to take any of their own blooms with them to the show so there were no prize ribbons to display as in previous years. Next year's dahlia show is in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Our next scheduled meeting is February 23 at 7:30 at Faith Baptist Church. New members are always welcome.

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