

# NSAC receiving 7 million for Innovation



The House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food made a stop at the NSAC on their nation wide tour recently. Left to right- Andre Bellavance, MP for Richmond-Arthabaska, Wayne Easter, MP for Malpeque, Leslie MacLaren, Vice President NSAC, Scott Armstrong, MP for Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley and Larry Miller, MP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

The House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food were on a nationwide tour recently with only two stops in the Maritimes, one in Charlottetown, PEI and the other on Feb. 10th at the NSAC in Bible Hill. MP for Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, Scott Armstrong joined the group on their Maritime stopover.

Armstrong was pleased the House of Commons Committee had included the NSAC in their tour, "The fact they are meeting here, discussing environmental issues and more specifically biotechnology, is tremendous for the NSAC. The Atlantic Centre for Agricultural Innovation is a welcomed facility for local agri-producers to test and research new products, particularly in the field of



MP for Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, Scott Armstrong discussed current Biotechnology Research programs with NSAC Vice President Leslie MacLaren prior to a meeting with the House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food. (Harrington Photo)

biotechnology. I am very pleased the Committee is making a stop here, it shows what strong representation the NSAC has across the country."

The Nova Scotia Agricultural College is receiving \$7 million in combined provincial and federal funding towards the building of its Atlantic Centre for Agricultural Innovation.

The House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food were on a fact finding mission and will report back to Parliament.

## Clifton 4-H Club News

Marla McNutt  
Club Reporter

The Clifton 4-H club had their February meeting, normally scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month a week later because of the weather. Our general meeting had updates from the cake, dairy, floriculture, foods, gardening, photography and sewing projects. We also had examples from senior members of how to do a speech and demonstration. A number of donations were made to be sent to Honduras with Catherine Burrows, these are greatly appreciated.

There is a poster contest for the theme of the 2011 4-H year "From Country, Town to Every Place, We See 4-H". A reminder of the deadline for the logo contest for our 75th anniversary is March 1, 2011. Topics for Rally Day speeches and demonstrations are due by February 19, the Rally taking place on March 5 at the old Barns United Church.

Our Club was a recipient of a \$500 FCC 4-H 4 Ever Grant from the Canadian 4-H Council which will go towards expanding our Club resources and recognizing our 75 years as a 4-H Club.



At the February meeting Clifton 4-H members collected items as a donation to be sent to Honduras. Pictured above are (l-r) Jelisa Waugh, Anna Works, Taylor Masters and David McCurdy. (Submitted)

## Pearl & Daisy Natural Soap

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Nova Scotia in 2007, they chose to locate in Londonderry, as Dan started with the Truro Police Department. Almost a year later a family member from Ontario started doing some genealogy research and stumbled upon a Londonderry connection. Further investigation revealed Pearl Clattenburg was her great-grandmother, who married Sam Rushton and lived in Westchester. Pearl's sister, Daisy, married Londonderry native, Steve Alex Langille on June 3, 1931. Daisy's son, Ray still lives in Londonderry. Rebecca is still meeting cousins and other relatives who live in the area.

Even though the company has been named after Pearl & Daisy, Rebecca has not been able to locate a picture of them. She's asking if anyone has a photo to get in touch with her.

Pearl & Daisy Natural Soap Company puts a little bit of Nova Scotia in every bar of soap. Using native plants and Nova Scotia beeswax, with essential oil blends inspired by the seashore, forests, and open meadows, Taylor handcrafts the products using traditional techniques, much as they did a century ago.

A wide variety of product is available at Masstown Market. The complete line of products will be available at the new Saltscape's Restaurant, which will be opening at the Truro Power Centre later this spring.

Just days before the show in Halifax, Rebecca also participated in the Canadian Gift and Tableware Association trade show in Toronto, sponsored by the Craft Alliance with funding from the Ministry of Communities,

Culture & Heritage. She took orders from more than 30 store owners from across the country. Since last fall, they've tripled the number of retail outlets. "It's pretty exciting to know that our products will be sold all across Canada now," she says. "We've even got some orders for a couple of boutiques down in Florida."

"Nova Scotia is a great place to start and grow a business," says Taylor. "From our regional development agency, to the Nova Scotia Designer Craft Council, and Nova Scotia Business Inc., the encouragement and resources that are available make it easier to succeed."

With the business growing so fast, Rebecca realizes that she will have to expand into larger premises later this year and staff will be added as the business continues to grow. She's excited about providing employment for local residents.

Atlantic Craft Trade Show (ACTS) was established over 34 years ago as a vehicle for the purpose of promoting craft, giftware and apparel produced exclusively in the Atlantic Provinces. For three days in February the finest in candles, clothing, food, glass, home decor, jewellery, leather, metal, native, paintings, paper, pottery, stone, and wood can be seen at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax.

Jointly sponsored by the governments of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland & Labrador, the Atlantic Craft Trade Show has been bringing retail buyers from across Canada, the United States and other off shore locations. ACTS products are unique and are juried to ensure that standards of



Company owner Rebecca Taylor handcrafts 100% natural soap and spa products in eight collections that are themed on the east coast. She also produces the packaging, creating graphic designs that are based on vintage wallpaper and linoleum flooring found in old Nova Scotia farm-houses.

excellence are maintained and to guarantee that they are indeed produced and manufactured in Atlantic Canada. Open only to the wholesale trade, ACTS offers retail buyers a truly unique opportunity to source new products from professional producers rarely seen elsewhere.

ACTS continues to grow in the 21st century. The project helps to facilitate the introduction of new giftware producers into the marketplace each year and assists emerging producers and students. The show has also become the first entry point into export marketing for many Atlantic Canadian producers of craft, giftware and apparel.

To learn more about Pearl & Daisy Natural Soap Company contact Rebecca Taylor at 902-668-2111 or visit their website: [www.pearlanddaisy.com](http://www.pearlanddaisy.com)

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