

**Lawrence Nicoll, Landscape Photographer, Parrsboro is always looking for the next great photo. Down south some chase hurricanes, but here in Nova Scotia Lawrence gets in his vehicle and goes looking for more photos.**

**Here's his comments: "Ok, I like winter BUT! If the snow would only stay in the trees, so there are some shots from the latest storm. I blurred the license plate on the car in the driveway so privacy kept. As a photographer I enjoy snow, at least at the end of a storm, but only, if the snow stays in the trees. The wind has been severe enough that is not happening. Oh well,, it seems I only have to wait for the next one."**



My driveway.



Typical driveway, and it was partly cleared.



Prospect Road blown clear of snow



Prospect Road at 2:00pm

## My Favourite Pet

Chiclet, 10 year old Beagle belongs to Tristen Tulkens, Central Onslow, a 17 y/o member of the Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club.

Chiclet likes to be wrapped up in a blanket. Tristen and

Chiclet will receive a \$20.00 Gift Certificate from The Shoreline Journal and Clarence Farm Services, Truro.



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# My Beloved Rocking Chair

By Serena Lewis

Have you ever considered what you cherish as an heirloom in your home, and why? Years ago as I graduated from high school my parents had the insight to realize the gift of my Dominion Chair rocker. Who would have known how much that gift would come to mean as it sits loyally beside my bed?

Growing up in Little Bass River we enjoyed the comforts of our locally made chairs - stools, dining room and of course my parent's rocking chair. The chair we connected to the most for comfort and conversation. As I was gifted my own I recollect rocking my two sons as babies, knitting scarves for friends and for the many friends and families we have shared conversation with in our living room.

Steady, strong and resilient this chair has accompanied the moves I have made in my life but it has also become woven into the stories I share whilst engaging people in

conferences, and in education. The topic is that of grief.

My father worked hard at the Chair Factory alongside many locals who took great pride in the hand crafted chairs that put Bass River on the map. My brother went on to learn the skills and he too worked at the factory for many years.

I remember the smells, the noise and the floorboards that were uneven and rugged as we were allowed to visit there for a tour every now and then. I also remember getting ready to head back to Halifax one cold February night in 1989 only to discover the factory was completely engulfed in flames.

Our beloved livelihood, community focal point, economic security and raison d'être were gone.

Over the years I have been drawn to the work of grief and loss, and have had the opportunity to work with individuals, community groups and teams about the impacts of grief in our lives.

While speaking at a National Hospice Palliative Care conference I related the experience of our Dominion Chair Factory to the group. Many communities face a host of losses as I have discovered such as the out ports in Newfoundland, industries such as coal mining in Cape Breton, shut downs of mills and other industries and even the loss of seeing fewer small farms dotting our shores.

Like any loss, be it personal or more wide scale, the process is the same. We are impacted. We need to remember, to weep and celebrate and to make meaning of this loss. Change, grief and growth are all a natural part of our lives and the expression of each of these helps us continue to be healthy.

As time continues on, and twenty six years have passed since that fateful night in February, we have grieved and we have also seen the roots of the past and present firmly planted where once our factory stood. The Heritage



This is the Bass River rocking chair, Serena Lewis' parents gave her when she graduated. (Serena Lewis Photo)

Museum, the Veterans Park and the dedication of all those who have assisted to create these spaces drawing people once again back to the community. This has all helped and the new ways have contributed to make Bass River to be a beacon in our province.

Life has rich lessons to remind us of what is important to us:

We grieve and we celebrate almost as steadily as the motion created through my beloved rocking chair.



Time to think Spring and we can help!



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