

## Colchester Trefoil Guild Meeting February 12, 2024

By Sheila Stewart

Colchester Trefoil Guild does not meet in December and January so it was with great joy that we joined together for our February meeting, coming together a week earlier than usual so that we could take part in Heritage Day the following week.

Highlights of our meeting began with memories of our former president, Jane Herring and of a Guiding friend from Cumberland County, Shirley Bidwell. A moment of silence was shared as we remembered these special Guiders who have touched our lives, mentored us, challenged us, and made us better people. They will be remembered with a donation to the Provincial Bursary Fund in their honour.

For those interested in joining us, meetings are held in

the Cobequid Fire Hall at 2 PM on the 3rd Monday in the month (except for May when we meet a week earlier so we can join in Victoria Day activities).

Joyce Custance regaled us with tales from the Trefoil Guild Annual Meeting which was held in October, 2023. These meetings are a great time to get together with other members of Trefoil Guild and learn about their activities as well as learning all the finer details that have been updated by our National Guiding body.

The most fun that we have at our meetings happens after the business is adjourned. This month we celebrated Winter Festival, beginning with the most recent Sisterhood Challenge. Under the guidance of Caroline Blair, we put our names on pieces of paper and

then passed them along to the next person. At this point we were asked to write a word or two that described the person whose name was at the top of the page. It was so very heartening to read the words the ladies had written - it made us feel SO good! Winter Festival continued with games and lunch and treats that members had brought to share.

We are a small group - there is always room for more Guiders and we would love to have you join us. Those interested in joining the group can contact Sheila Stewart at: [shstewart@bellaliant.net](mailto:shstewart@bellaliant.net)

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## Colchester Trefoil Guild President Passes

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After a wonderful beginning of Colchester Trefoil Guild's 2023 - 2024 year in September, we were saddened by the loss of our President, Jane Herring, in early December.

This was our third loss in 2023 - Rosemary Baas, Kay Mattatall and Jane Herring. At all three partings, Guild members were asked to sing a Guiding song and shared in fellowship.

We remember all that these ladies have contributed to our Guild and to the larger world of Girl Guides. "Keeping the Spirit Alive" is a Trefoil slogan and these ladies lived this ideal to the fullest.

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**Jane Herring photo courtesy Mattatall-Varner Funeral Home**



## 15 New Provincial Parks to be Designated

Nova Scotians will soon be able to enjoy 15 new provincial parks and more space at two others. Five Islands, Colchester County was one of two parks slated for an expansion. An additional 15 provincial parks were announced by Tory Rushton, Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables.

These designations of Crown land will put the Province more than halfway to its commitment of having 205 provincial parks, part of the parks and protected areas plan.

"Nova Scotia is one of the most beautiful places on earth, and we are taking significant steps to protect this beauty for generations to come," said Tory Rushton, Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables. "These parks help protect biodiversity and give Nova Scotians more places to get outside and enjoy nature."

The new and expanded parks include natural landscapes and cultural heritage. They are home to a wide variety of plants and animals. They also provide outdoor recreation and educational opportunities.

Under the designations, most of the parks will be managed as natural environment parks so their unique environmental and cultural heritage can be protected.

## NOVA SCOTIA Natural Resources and Renewables

New and expanded provincial parks include: Ainslie Point, Inverness County; Black Duck Cove, Guysborough County; Cape George, Antigonish County; Cookville, Lunenburg County; False Bay, Richmond County; Five Islands, Colchester County (expansion); Gaspereaux River, Cape Breton County; Herring Cove, Halifax County; Jerry Lawrence, Halifax County (expansion); MacKenzie Beach, Pictou County; Merigomish, Pictou County; New Harbour, Guysborough County; North Mountain, Annapolis County; Orangedale, Inverness County; Pomquet, Antigonish County; Tor Bay, Guysborough County and Uisge Ban Falls, Victoria County.

## Debert Military Museum Filming a Busy Time

Submitted by Annette Sharpe

The last few days have been ones of excitement and a real learning experience for some Volunteers of the Debert Military History Society this week as filming took place mid February for a production to be based on the Cold War Era and Debert area.

As a person witnessing the hard work, the expertise and direction of Tieran Hawkins and Kyle Ellesworth in the production of the film, I was personally drawn to the history of the involvement of this area of Colchester after the WWII and decommissioning of the Debert Military Base.

This history involved a complex communication system from Colchester that extended further to TX Sites across Canada, especially handy in a sudden impact of war or the warning of the coming of war. Some of this system is still in existence and working in places such as the Great Village TX Site and other locations across Canada.

The Military Museum has a mock-up of a NORAD communication system board for alerts, whether simulated or actual, complete with an alarm to notify "Troops return to Barracks" as well as other patterns for the defense system needs. The system also enables protection in underground bunkers to the vital people involved in the Departments that were deemed necessary by Canada's top Government to evacuate for safety with the ability to survive with rations and underground accommodations.

For the people who are interested in World War II communications equipment there is another whole room dedicated to the display of equipment used in the years of manual entry communications needs, teletype, radio and more.

The NORAD area is where some of the filming was

done, another room being used in the filming process was the Medical Unit in the Museum as well as the Chapel Room. The Chapel room is dedicated to the different faiths practiced in the time of Debert Military base being open and active.

We invite you to visit during the open season and remind that there is no admission fee. Tours can be booked during the open season as well by emailing [debertmuseum@outlook.com](mailto:debertmuseum@outlook.com). The Debert Military Museum is also interested in inviting new members to join. Membership fee is \$10 annually. Interested persons email for a membership to be set up. Donations gratefully ac-

cepted as a not-for-profit organization. Thank you.

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## Subject: Two Pees in a Pod

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MacKenzie and have confirmed we both have a weak bladder. (Our stories match, just different bathrooms).

I apologize for creating the confusion. The moral of this story: "Two Pees in a pod can create embarrassment".

I will apologize to readers in the March issue.

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**Council Meeting**  
Thursday, Feb 29 @ 6pm

**Presentation Meeting**  
Tuesday, Mar 5 @ 6pm

**Council Committee Meeting**  
Thursday, Mar 14 @ 6pm

**Grants to Non-Profit Presentations**  
Budget Meeting. Monday, March 18 @ 6pm

**Grants to Non-profit Presentations**  
Budget Meeting. Tuesday March 26, @ 6pm

**Council Meeting**  
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## Let's Revive the 90+ Birthday Party

For 10 years, during my ownership of the Shoreline Journal, I organized a Birthday Party for life-long area residents who had reached the milestone of 90 years young.

Then along came CoVid-19 and we were forced to stop. Now that we are feeling more comfortable about going out in public, **I would like to re-start the birthday party.** Maybe reducing the age requirement to 80.

I'll be contacting local volunteer groups and local churches to assist with pre-registration. I'll start accepting registrations.

**Before December 31, 2023, I will need:** Complete name; mailing address, date of birth, phone number and email address if available. Further details to be announced later.

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