



Ron Withrow stopped to purchase raffle tickets from Libby and Amanda Langille in support of the Thirsty Church Project, while they were selling tickets at the Truro Mall. A Thirsty Church Appreciation Open House will be held on May 29th from 1:00 to 3:00PM at the Londonderry Station Community Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. (Harrington Photo)

Thirsty Church OPEN HOUSE - MAY 29TH

By Linda Harrington

The Thirsty Church Project volunteers recently sold tickets on a \$500 Wilson's gas voucher. Congratulations to the lucky winner, drawn on April 17th. Thank you to Wilson's Gas Stop and all who supported the raffle.

The Thirsty Church Centre, in the basement of the Londonderry Station Community Church, has been undergoing major renovations. The walls, ceiling, doors, carpet and tiling in the kitchenette and bathroom areas are now beautifully finished.

There will be an Appreciation Open House on May 29th from 11:00 to 3:00PM. The Thirsty Church Centre will be unveiled and heartfelt gratitude extended to all who have helped in any

way to bring the Thirsty Church Project to its current state. All are welcome to attend.

Weekly Sunday Church Services have returned. Services will be held every Sunday afternoon at 1:30 from May to August, leadership provided by Reverend Natalie Buchanan-Rutherford. Refreshments and social time are held following the weekly Service.

The 2nd Annual Mother's day Rock-a-Thon will be held on May 10th at 2PM, right beside the Food Court, at the Truro Mall. Tickets will be sold on a beautiful Mother's Day Basket which includes a set of ladies earrings from Inglis Jewellers, Londonderry made Pearl & Daisy Soap products, gardening supplies and much more.

Along The Shore Program STARTING MAY 11

Mental Health and Addiction Services and Volunteer Resources of Colchester East Hants Health Authority, have partnered with The Along the Shore Community Health Board and Great Village Association to bring a program called, Take Charge: Along the Shore: A Holistic Approach to Mental Wellness, to the community. Trained community-based volunteers, along with Mental Health and Addictions staff will facilitate this program.

The program is free, and open to all members of the community. It will provide information and teach skills related to positive mental

health and wellbeing. The Take Charge program will teach participants how to improve mental wellness through: healthy eating; quality of sleep; physical exercise; recognizing & reducing stress reactions; dealing with worries, thoughts and feelings; and understanding the effects of substance use & gambling. Mindful relaxation and awareness skills will be promoted in each session.

The program will be offered at the St. James United Church in Great Village from May 11-June 15. For further information and to register for this program, please call: Kathryn Fraser at 893-4791.

Geldart's Passion: Collecting Firefighting Memorabilia

By Linda Harrington

Don Geldart's collection would be any little boy's dream come true. Hundreds of fire trucks and other firefighting memorabilia line shelf after shelf all around his den.

Don has been collecting anything relating to firefighting since he was 24 years old but his hobby has gotten more serious in the last 10 or 15 years.

Firefighting has been a big part of his life for the last 36 years. He was a career fire fighter for DND in Halifax and Debert, then a volunteer firefighter with Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade for 20 years and a member of the Debert Fire Brigade for the past 14 years, where he is currently Deputy Chief.



Don Geldart poses with "The Fighter", a New York City Fire Boat, just one of the many scale models of fire fighting apparatus he has built. (Harrington Photo)

His collection is extensive, with pressed steel toy trucks from the early 50's to modern day Code 3 1/64th scale replicas of fire trucks currently in service. There are a number of 1/50th scale Corgi trucks from the 1950's and over the last eight years he has been adding one of the Hallmark collectable trucks each year.

Don spends many hours making scale models of fire trucks. A few of these are kits but the majority he has made from scratch. He carves and cuts out little bits of sheet plastic and once painted they look exactly like a piece of turn out gear, hose nozzle or whatever he envisions. "You

can't just buy these things," says Don. "I use various things to make it look real, like solder for hose, and then paint it the actual colors."

By the looks of the finely crafted vehicles on display, he has certainly perfected his craft. It takes a close-up look to pick out all the miniature details Don has carefully placed on each truck. His dream is to one day do a model of one of the old Scot Trucks from Debert. "I will have to build the cab and everything for that one," he says.

At one end of the den, the ceiling is lined with helmets, many Don has actually worn over his years of fire service but he has been given a few as well. He often gets calls from people who find something fire-



A display cases in Don Geldart's den holds an assortment of larger scale replica's of fire trucks and other collectables. Some of his collection dates back to the early 50's. (Harrington Photo)



Toys for big boys! Don Geldart's extensive collection of fire fighting memorabilia has taken over a whole room in his house. (Harrington Photo)



Don Geldart, of Debert, spends many hours building scale models of fire trucks from scratch. He cuts and paints bits of sheet plastic to make even the tiniest detail look realistic. (Harrington Photo)

GLENHOLME GENERAL STORE

A photograph of the exterior of the Glenholme General Store. The store has a blue and white facade with a sign that says "GLENHOLME GENERAL STORE". There are posters on the windows, including one for "649" and another for "ICE".

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