

Then – and NOW!

Parrsboro Lions Club – in its 65th year, and the South Cumberland Memorial Hospital



Now known as the Maple Inn, Parrsboro, the property was originally the M. L. Tucker house, which was purchased by the Parrsboro Lion's Club in 1946 who presented it to the Red Cross for an Out-Post Hospital. (L. Nicoll Photo)

By Lawrence Nicoll

Lion Elmer Ling (member of Parrsboro Lions for 46 years) decided to take a nostalgic walk through correspondence he had collected over the years. The following letter was written about 1972:

Data concerning the founding of the South Cumberland Memorial Hospital, in 1947.

In June 1946, The Parrsboro Lions Club was founded, with Dr. E.L. Hill as first President, and twenty-five charter members. In August 1947, the Club sponsored the first Old Home Week, in which they raffled a Buick automobile.

This car was exhibited in a roped enclosure on upper Main Street, at the junction of the Amherst road, J.H. Mahoney sat in the enclosure from Monday morning until Saturday morning during daylight hours. They gave a great deal of time that week assisting in the sale of tickets.

The volume of sales was most gratifying. On Saturday evening the car and the Committee moved up to the Fair grounds, which were about where the Sargent garage now stands. The three salesmen were assisted that evening by Mrs. Mae Urquhart and her sister who was visiting her at the time.



Since 1946 the Parrsboro Lions Club have been actively involved in the local hospital. After the Out-post hospital out grew its facility it was followed by the South Cumberland Memorial Care Centre, the club continued its support to medical facilities in the town. Today residents are served by the South Cumberland Memorial Care Centre. (L. Nicoll Photo)

Parrsboro Lions Club Does it Again

By Lawrence Nicoll

March 10, 2011 marked yet another milestone for Parrsboro Lions Club. New Lions Linda Hargrave and Rick Gallagher were inducted bringing our membership total to 35, up from only 21 last summer. The club is proud to add so many new faces and ideas to help guide the direction of our club.

Parrsboro Lions held a "Speak-Out" public speaking competition for high school students at the Lion's Den on the evening

of March 10. Parrsboro Regional High School students Andrew Fife was the winner with a \$50.00 prize, his topic was 'The Avro Arrow'; Keara MacAloney came in second with a \$30.00 prize, her topic was 'Animal Rights'.

Andrew will go on to compete at the Zone level held this year by the Amherst Lions Club. Should he win, the Zone winner will compete in the district competition for all of Nova Scotia in Yarmouth on April 30th.

Construction Started on February 7TH

By Oralee O'Byrne

Immediately following the funding announcement on January 25th, the Age of Sail executive and committee's were busy getting ready for the construction process. The ink wasn't dry on the agreement, when applications for permits were submitted and engineered blue prints were drawn up.

On February 7th local contractor Rafe's Construction began work with local excavator Earle MacAloney. The stream was diverted and the ground dug and prepared. Despite the weekly snow storms, construction continued. First the framing was completed, an interesting process as the plans called for a curved wall.

They began to pour concrete for the footings and walls on Feb 14th despite Mother Nature's best efforts to intervene contractors finished pouring all the walls on February 24th. The next step was to insulate and water-

proof the walls and by March 1 this was finished.

By March 14th the top was closed in, doors and windows ordered and the inside prepared for the pouring of the floor. Plans are on schedule for the completion of this level by April 1 and the society plans to hold a sneak peak at its annual general meeting on April 10 at 2pm.



This old stove is one of the new artifacts which will make its permanent home in the addition. (O'Byrne Photo)



Members of the Age of Sail Museum held their annual meeting in the new addition. (O'Byrne Photo)

Age Of Sail Annual General Meeting Held In New Addition

By Oralee O'Byrne

The Age of Sail Museum in Port Greville held their 21st Annual General Meeting in the community room of the new Wind and Wave addition. Construction was completed in time for the AGM to be hosted here on April 10 2011. Special guests MP Scott Armstrong and municipal councillor, Ratchford Merriam were on hand to offer congratulations on the addition and the hard work by committee members and CREDA. MLA Jamie Baillie sent his regrets and a beautiful letter applauding the board and community on their accomplishment.

Chis Mills Vice President of the Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society gave an interesting slide show and talk on lighthouses and light keeping. Applications have gone in for funding to complete the second phase of the project and the Buy a Leaf Campaign has been successfully launched for the museum's portion of the building project.

The annual baked bean take out will take place May 14 and the museum opens for the season May 28. Hope to "sea" you all then.

Oralee O'Byrne is Curator/Manager Age of Sail Heritage Center and Museum

Dr John Ross

KEYNOTE SPEAKER ON APRIL 30TH

Dr. John Ross, Provincial Advisor on Emergency Care will be the highlight speaker at this year's annual Cumberland Health Care Foundation Dinner & Auction occurring on Saturday, April 30th at Amherst Regional High School.

Dr. John Ross—a 20+ year veteran emergency physician was appointed the first provincial advisor on emergency care in September 2009. During his study, Dr. Ross visited or spoke with staff from every Emergency Department (ED) in the province. He talked with doctors, nurses, paramedics, and other healthcare workers; district

health authority management and board members; community health boards; and civic leaders, citizen groups, and patients. The result of his work was a report entitled "The Patient Journey Through Emergency Care in Nova Scotia" which formed the basis for the government's plan to improve emergency care in the province "Better Care Sooner".

Tickets to the 13th Annual Foundation Dinner are available from the Foundation Office at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre or by calling (667-5400 ext 6210). Cost is \$45 per person with a portion tax deductible.

Paper Tole Exhibit in Amherst

The Cumberland County Museum and Archives is presenting the Joanne Spicer "Paper Tole" Art Exhibit from April 5- 30. The exhibit is open from 9 am to 5 pm Tuesday to Friday and from 12 noon to 5 pm on Saturday's. Admission is \$3.00 per person.

Over the years, Joanne Spicer has dabbled in a variety of art mediums which include: oil painting, quilting, silk flowers and candle making. However for the past 16 years, Joanne has dedicated her time to the "Art of Paper Tole."

Joanne was educated in Parrsboro and in 1967 moved to Ontario, where she participated in courses such as oil painting and apple doll making. However it wasn't until much later that she was introduced into the world of Paper Tole.

The Joanne Spicer "Paper Tole" Art Exhibit will open at the Cumberland County Museum and Archives, 150 Church Street, Amherst on Tuesday, April 5th with an "Artist Meet and Greet" from 2-4pm; everyone is welcome to attend.



**When springtime comes, the grass is green
And delicate flowers are finally seen.
The sun comes out and the snow melts down,
And everyone's cheerful in this muddy town.**

**The children play, the lamb munches hay,
The Easter Bunny is on the way!
The birds rise up on feathered wing
Into the sky where they will sing.**

**The springtime sun shines in your face,
And gives you warm feelings of comfort and grace.
There is nothing as sweet as the aroma of spring.
Oh, springtime is just such a wonderful thing!**

Sylvie Taylor

My Favourite Pet

This border collie is 10 years old and is a faithful friend to Jacob Spencer, Great Village. Her name is really Mischief but is always called Missy. Jacob and Missy will receive a \$20.00 Gift Certificate from Clarence Farm Services and The Shoreline Journal.



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