



Gerrie van den Hoek gives an assortment of potted perennials a water boost. Lowland Gardens opens for the season on April 28th and will feature their annual perennial sale, inside their beautiful greenhouses, April 28th until May 6th. (Harrington photo)

The Ship's Log...

NEWS FROM THE SHIP'S COMPANY THEATRE

By Gleneida Canning
If you like to laugh, then this may be the year to purchase a Season's Pass for the Ship's Company Theatre. Two hilariously funny Mainstage events, followed by Labour Day Laughs and rounding off the season with our Fall Main stage event titled Shakespeare On Trial. Top that off with a great summer of top notch musical performances including our ever popular Musical Tribute Show. The summer of 2012 promises to be a lively one at the Ship. It's going to be a great summer in Parrsboro!!

As spring sets in, we are all longing to be outside enjoying the sunshine and warm breezes. One sure sign of spring is the beginning of the yard sale season, and everyone likes a good yard sale. We are cleaning out the bilge, sorting, collecting and getting ready to have our First Giant Yard Sale. If you are interested in putting a table in our yard sale or donating items please give us a call. May 26 is the big day, come early and enjoy a hot cup of coffee as you dig through our treasures.

Another sign of spring here at the Ship is our annual Fiddle Camp May 18, 19 and 20. Instruction is offered for adult and youth fiddle, guitar, piano, and mandolin accompaniment. We are also offering banjo instruction. Once again this year we are pleased to bring some of the regions finest musicians to put together this wonderful weekend of musical instruction, in addition to the classroom experience, you will be treated to a mouthwatering breakfast at Davison's Pancake House, Lunches, Dinner on the Ship's deck, jam sessions and two concerts.

Saturday May 19 at 7pm there will be an Instructors concert at the Ship's Company Theatre. On Sunday evening at the ship the participants will be able to show off

what they have accomplished when they take to the stage at 7:30 for a concert of their own. World class musical instruction by Gordon Stobbe, Kelli Trottier, Timi Levy, Stacey Lynn Read, Skip Holmes, Cathy Sproule and Greg Simm. We still have openings for participants if anyone is

interested in enrolling for this one of a kind musical experience please call us at the Ship's Company or check out our website www.shipscompany.com

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Church Service Schedule for May

By Chris Urqubart

Church services for the month of May will all be at 10am, rotating between our three preaching points. May 6th, Glenholme with Rev. Robert Latimer, May 13th, Masstown - this will be the Sunday School closing, with Lay Preacher Pam Harrison, May 20th, Debert with Rev.

Robert Latimer and May 27th, Glenholme with Student Minister Cory Lunn.

I am very pleased to tell you that the Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge has called a full time minister who will start on July 1st. Her name is Carol Gillard and I am sure you will make her feel most welcome here.



CFG President and CEO John Scott (right) talks to Laurie Jennings (left) and other Masstown Market employees before the official presentation. (Harrington Photo)



The Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers recently recognized the Masstown Market as a true Canadian Grocery Entrepreneur. The Masstown Market is one of 50 independent grocers featured in a limited edition book. On hand for the presentation were (left to right): CFG Chair Brent Battistelli, Priscilla Jennings, Wade Jennings, Laurie Jennings, Lisa Jennings and Darryl Rowe-Pres. of Sales, McCain Foods Canada. (Harrington Photo)

Masstown Market Picked AS ONE OF 50 ACROSS CANADA

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President of Sales, McCain Foods Canada made a stop in Masstown to recognize Laurie Jennings, of Masstown Market, as a true Canadian grocery entrepreneur and present him with a copy of the 50th Anniversary Book in which Masstown Market is featured.

Masstown Market is one of only two Nova Scotian independent grocery retailers featured in the book, the other is Pete's Frootique, Halifax. The Market was awarded the CFG Gold Award back in 2008, as well.

CFG President and CEO John Scott made the official presentation to members of the Jennings family in front of many of their long time employees. "This is not a history book, the businesses represented had to be doing something exceptional at this time and it is an honour to be featured," he said. "We felt it was important to come to each store and make the presentation in person."

Darryl Rowe, McCain Foods, a national supplier for the independent grocery stores says he feels really good about assisting with the publication of this book (several National suppliers, including McCains, underwrote the costs). "It is nice to recognize

these independent grocery stores. They are the life blood of every little community. People do more than just shop there, they often socialize there, too, and the stores sponsor many community

events. They are the pillars of the community."

The book features several photos from the Masstown Market along with a two page write-up. Laurie's father, Eric Jennings, first began the Masstown Market back in 1969, as a road-side fruit and

vegetable stand. Eric recently underwent knee surgery and could not attend the presentation but was very happy when he viewed the publication at home. "We joined the CFG about 10 years ago and have found the organization to be very helpful and supportive. They will give advice on anything we need and help the little guy to reach the big suppliers," he said. "It is quite an honour to be featured in this book, as one of only 50 picked all across Canada."



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