



Ron Klusmeier poses with Fred Richard of Trinity United Church prior to his fund raising concert for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB). Ron says, "It is my hope that it will inspire people to action on behalf of the many people in the world who don't have enough to eat." In 2012, Trinity United, partnered with local farmers and the Masstown Market to create Harvest for Hunger Nova Scotia, raising \$15,000 for the CFGB. This partnership is expected to continue this year, as well. (Harrington Photo)



The Ecumenical Pick-up Choir, made up of singers from the local community, rehearse with Ron Klusmeier (left) prior to his "Tour of a Lifetime" Concert on April 15th at Trinity United Church, Upper Onslow. (Harrington Photo)

Masstown Community News

By *Christine Urquhart*

Spring is really here! The robins are busy pulling worms and building nests, the goldfinches have changed into their iridescent yellow and the red winged black birds are calling for their mates. The eagles up by the "truck school" are busy fixing up their nest and mama eagle seems to be spending a lot of her time just sitting there - so, are there eggs waiting to hatch? Along with the birds, the lawns are turning green, daffodils are starting to bloom and everywhere there are signs of new growth. Oh yes, Spring is really here.

The DGM Men's Club will hold their breakfast meeting on Saturday May 4th, at the Double C Restaurant. All men welcome.

The Masstown Community Association is selling tickets

on a Mother's Day Pamper and Garden Basket. This huge basket had over 40 items in it and tickets are \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00. You can get your tickets from any association member or watch for us selling tickets at the Masstown Market on May 3rd, 4th and 10th. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Masstown Market on Saturday May 11th.

We would like to thank the Masstown Market for allowing us to sell our tickets there as well as: Masstown Castle Hardware, Giant Tiger, Home Hardware, Marks Work Warehouse and MacQuarrie's Pharmasave for items donated. Our members donated items as well and we also thank them for their continued support.

April was a busy month for folks here in Masstown. Our Easter Bonnet Tea & Coffee

Party was great fun! Hat winners were: Marina Fisher for the prettiest hat, Fran Foreman for the most original hat and Joan Ewart for the oldest hat (it was her mother's and was over 70 years old!)

Lots of folks went south in April. Leah Fisher spent a week in Cuba. Darrel and Margaret Currie spent a week in Cuba. Doug, Tracey, Keegan and Logan Jardine spent a week in Cuba. Gail Hines spent the Easter holidays in British Columbia visiting her daughter Susan and family.

Congratulations to Wade and Rhona Murray on the birth of their first grandchild Kaylee Murray, a daughter for Ryan Murray and Sara Crocker who live in Debert.

Condolences go out this month to Joy Reid and family on the death of her father Walter Grant; and to Carol Gillard M.Div. on the death of her sister-in-law Brenda Gillard.

Gardening Clubs to meet in Truro - May 28 - June 2

By *Patti Sharpe*

As a garden club and as gardeners, we are entering the busiest part of our year. We have a number of events planned locally and the provincial association (NS Association of Garden Clubs), of which we are part, is gearing up for its annual convention in early June. As all this is happening our own gardens are springing to life and demanding our attention too.

On Sunday, April 28 (rain date May 5), the Great Village Garden Club will be hosting a series of outdoor gardening workshops aimed at folks interested in joining a garden club. The event will run from 2 to 4 p.m. at the home of members Sybil and Pat Flemming, 64 Station Road, Great Village. Club members will be hosting a number of short workshops dealing with topics such as pruning, perennial division, dahlias and gladiolas, tool maintenance, water gardening basics and much more. Please come, meet our members and learn what it means to be part of a garden club.

On Saturday, May 11, at 10 a.m. our annual plant sale will get underway at the Great Village School gymnasium. Perennials will be available at \$2 per plant regardless of size or variety. Shrubs, trees, houseplants and transplants will be priced accordingly. Viewing begins at 9 a.m. with the sale starting at 10 a.m. sharp. This is always a great morning of good deals and interesting conversation. Hope to see you there.

If you are eager to learn of more plant sales in the area visit the website of the NS Association of Garden Clubs (www.nsagc.com) and click on the "What's New" tab for a complete listing of garden club plant sales happening in and around central Nova Scotia during May and June. For those willing to travel further, there are a number of sales elsewhere in the province listed as well. The annual convention of the NSAGC will be held May 31-June 2, 2013, at the Holiday Inn in Dartmouth. Garden club members throughout the province will spend a fun-filled

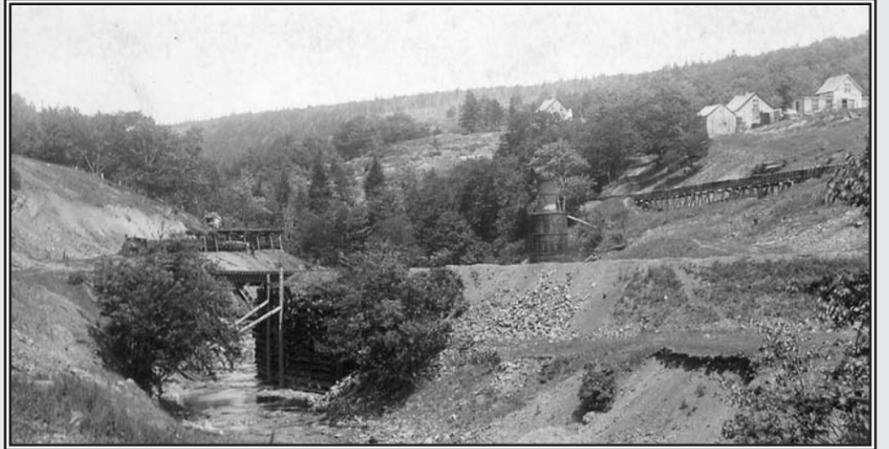
weekend listening to inspiring speakers, touring private and public gardens, visiting gardening vendors and sharing stories and information about their own gardens. Join a garden club this year and take in next year's annual convention happening in Truro, June 6-7, 2014.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 7 p.m. at the Faith Baptist Church in Great Village. Everyone is welcome.

Historic Sites

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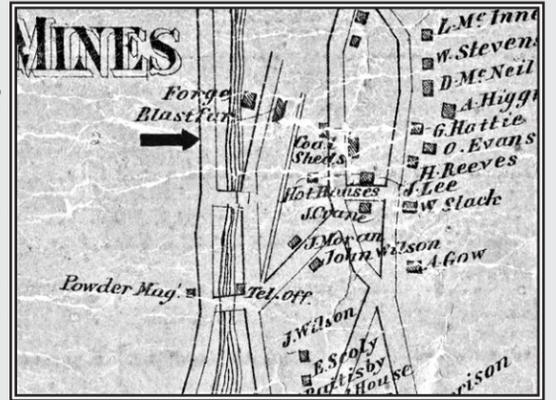
The Shoreline Journal, in collaboration with the Colchester Historical Society Archives, have inaugurated an ongoing feature utilizing a combination of the digital "A. F. Church Maps" to pin point the circa 1875 location of a Colchester site of historical importance, and connect it to an archival photograph of that site, in that frame.



By *Dick Akerman*

The November 2012 issue of the "Shoreline", featured in this space, the photo, map location and story of the 19th century railroad switching yard at Londonderry Mines. It showed the big standard gauge engine from the Intercontinental Rail System, sitting next to the smaller, narrow gauge shunt engine that was used to move material around the mill itself, and to haul iron ore in from the mine sites. All of them located on the other side of the Great Village River, and some as far away as Lornevale, where, a few years ago, the derelict mine workings caused some problems during the construction of the "Cobequid Pass" highway.

Newly acquired photos show the little engine at work. The arrow pointer on map #334 locates the spot, on the west bank of the



Great Village River, where these two photos were taken, sometime around 1900. Photo # 1, taken, from the "Managers Bridge", looking up stream, shows the rail bridge crossing the river, with the shunt engine, and open ore cars behind, backed into a siding, and under a loading shed. The mine was located up the slope to the left as can be seen in photo # 2. The iron ore, having been loaded at the mouth of the mine into a car, was lowered down the incline on a track, using a steam powered engine to wrap a steel cable around a drum to lower the loaded car to the opening in the shed roof, to be dumped in the waiting rail car below. Two men can be seen on the right, looking after the operation.

In photo # 1 can be seen, on the right bank of the river, the wooden flume that carried water from the "Rockland River" to the steel mill. Above the flume, is the road to the "High" bridge, and Sutherlands Lake. The siding passed thru the shed and carried on up the west bank of the river, to service another mine, located on the hillside, just below the "High" bridge. For those readers who own a copy of Truman Matheson's book "The History Of Londonderry", the photo on page 75 of the mining operation at "Martin's Brook" (Lornevale) depicts the same operation as photo #1. You are looking at the engine backed into a loading shed, with the mine on the slope above.

These and other photo's along with more material of historical value have been provided to the Colchester Historical Archives thru the generosity of Rob Hudson, who's forebears lived in this now quiet village in the Cobequid Hills, which in 1900, had a population of more than 3000 people.

Dick Akerman has been compiling information on behalf of the Colchester Historical Museum Archives, and is published monthly in the Shoreline Journal.

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