



Rod Tyson, Martin Corbett and Doug Wilson, pictured (L-R), spent two weeks in the northern Yukon in July 2015. On March 30th, Rod Tyson gave a Powerpoint presentation about their experience at The Hall, in Parrsboro. (Photo by Kevin, the pilot)

FIFTH WEDNESDAY TALKS:

Exploring the Northern Yukon with Rod Tyson

By Helen Tyson

Four times a year—in each month with five Wednesdays - The Hall in Parrsboro presents an illustrated talk. The “Fifth Wednesday” series began in 2010, when Linda Hargrave’s son, Dylan, showed his slides of a motorcycle trip through northern India and Nepal.

Travellers have been sharing their pictures and stories with Parrsboro audiences ever since, from Antarctica to Bangladesh to the northern Yukon, which was the topic on Wednesday, March 30th.

Rod Tyson has made twenty trips to the northern Yukon over the last forty years, most recently in July of 2015 when he, Doug Wilson and Martin Corbett spent two weeks in an isolated camp west of the Mackenzie River Delta, searching for rare minerals. Wednesday’s Powerpoint presentation, shown on The Hall’s large drop-down screen, gave people a chance to see one of the most remote areas in Canada - plus clouds of mosquitoes so thick you can hear them in all of Wilson’s video clips. “It was a dry year,” said Tyson. “The bugs weren’t bad.”

Preparing for a trip like this takes more time than the trip itself. Weather in the northern Yukon can change from 30° C (it gets hot when there’s no night) to thick snow in a single day. Every piece of equipment has to be examined, listed, packed and weighed

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See you June 29.

- often more than once. Then everything is bundled into pallets and shipped to Inuvik, long before the crew arrives; unexpected delays are expensive up north.

Their trip from Halifax to Edmonton to Inuvik took a day. Tyson showed a picture of the standard northern passenger plane to Inuvik: cargo in the front, passengers climbing stairs into the back. The next day, the crew took a helicopter west across the Mackenzie Delta, second largest in North America, into the uninhabited land beyond. After the helicopter left, the closest people were 80 kilometers away.

Despite its isolation, in the early 1970’s this area was explored for a potential iron mine. “Oil companies were pouring money into exploration,” said Tyson, “even for minerals. That’s how we got to go to these places.”

The mining that Tyson

does is on a micro-scale: two or three people with simple tools and the stamina to climb 300 metres over rock and spongy tundra to get to work every day. In areas of high erosion, like these cliffs in the Yukon, sites vanish from one year to the next, so several people asked how Tyson found hand-size mineral specimens in this huge area - or even a place to camp in the wet tundra. Tyson answered that he and the other staff in his company “have over 100 years’ experience in field geology” - but even then, it isn’t easy.

Wednesday’s talk repeated a presentation given this February in Tucson, Arizona. At both talks, Tyson emphasized the encouragement - and investment - of good friend and mineral dealer, Rock Currier, that made last year’s trip both possible and successful. Rock Currier died in September, not long after being repaid with more - and better - minerals than he ever expected. On Wednesday, Tyson credited his long-time friend saying: “he made me go.”

The next Fifth Wednesday talk will be on June 29th, at 7:30 pm at The Hall, 44 King Street, Parrsboro.

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Age of Sail- Holds 26th AGM

By Oralee O’Byrne

On April 10 the Greville Bay Shipbuilding Museum Society held their 26th annual general meeting.

26 members turned out to hear about the past successful season at the museum and learn a little bit about the upcoming year. Reports focused on the very successful 2015 season at the museum where visitation was the best in seven years and revenue was up in the Café and Gift shop. Building projects of a new ship deck around the flag pole and a new storage shed were also part of the past years accomplishments.

2016 promises to be a busy year as many community museums in the province undergo the community museum assistance program evaluations. These evaluations are an intensive look at museum operations from board governance and policies to facility and collection management. Striving for a level of excellence and standards for museums these evalua-

tions also help towards funding opportunities for the participants. Over 60 museums will be evaluated in a 3 week period this July.

Major projects for the upcoming season are obtaining and installing more efficient and appropriate heat sources to improve staff and visitor comfort, as well as to help allow for expansion of site use during the shoulder season, including washrooms and meeting space. Also in need are upgrades to the 23 year old iconic “Grandma” display. After many hours of rocking and story telling the motor of Grandma and her audio equipment are in desperate need of upgrading. While grant opportunities continue to be explored to date we have not been successful. Donations toward either of these projects would be gratefully appreciated.

The meeting concluded with two presentations. The first by Eric Leighton board member of Fundy Geological Museum and contact person

for the proposed Fundy Rift Global Geopark project. Eric introduced the idea of a Global Geopark in the area and presented some preliminary ideas and information regarding the park.

A special video presentation by NoKaOi Drone Guys aka The lighthouse project on the lighthouse project and their desire to film, by drone all the lighthouses in Nova Scotia. They have been featured on Canada Am, newspapers around the provincial and on Youtube just to name a few places. Their photography is beautiful and ended a great meeting.

The museum opens for the season on May 14th closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays until June 26 when summer hours kick in. The first fundraising event of the season is the Baked Bean Delivered supper May 7 phone 348-2060 or 254-2079 if interested. Be sure to follow the museum on facebook for up to date events and news.

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seeing this, I can now imagine what it would be like to take one her workshops, and I am certain it would be a truly fascinating adventure.

Heather’s two-day work shop, on the May 21st weekend, kicks off the 2016 season for the Cultural Campus courses at Parrsboro Creative. These classes continue through to October with an array of creative possibilities - blacksmithing with heritage instruments, music, painting, scientific illustrations of dinosaur skulls, writing, and even a ukulele course taught by world renowned James Hill.

This makes a visit to Parrsboro an interesting proposition. There’s a myriad of outdoor activities available to you - hiking, swimming, boating, and kayaking - all in a

setting that is inspiringly beautiful. It’s a vacationer’s paradise. And now, through Parrsboro Creative’s Cultural Campus, there’s something more, something unique - a chance to get down into the grass roots in a different way, a chance to spread your own creative wings. Now that’s a vacation with a difference!

For Course Details and Registration to Heather Lawson’s, just go to:
www.parrsborocreative.com/creative-campus-landing/course-listings

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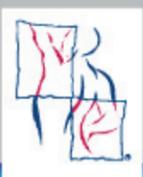
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