

History Hub Sessions Creating Colchester Conversations

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History lovers have been creating conversations at the Colchester Historeum Museum & Archives as book-club-style discussions on local history topics continue through the History Hub.

Initiated in early April, the History Hub has so far been led by Colchester Historical Society members and volunteers, although the public is invited to share their own stories or suggest topics for presentations.

So far, the Historeum has featured discussion on the year 1776 as Colchester men take part in the assault on Fort Cumberland as well as the tale of "Devil Tom Faulkner" of Glenholme

It has also delved into the 1747 Battle of Grand Pre and the role played by local communities in the drama; and explored the beginning of the Acadian deportation along the Northumberland Strait, following soldier Abijah Willard as he and 100 New England troops experience the power of the Fundy tides and the excellent clams at Five Islands.

The life story of famed Colchester County giantess Anna Swan was also presented during the April 24 gathering.

On May 1 at 2pm, Sir Adams George Archibald, Colchester's own "Father of Confederation" will be featured, while the linked histories of two Cobequid communities, Great Village on the shore and Londonderry Mines, three

miles above in the Cobequid Hills, will be the focus of back-to-back History Hub sessions on May 8 and May 15, also at 2 pm. Admission is \$2 or free to CHS members.

The Colchester Historical Society will honour groups or individuals who have contributed to the preservation or promotion of Colchester County heritage during its annual awards evening on May 16. Everyone is welcome to attend this event which starts at 7 pm.

Lunch & Learn presentations are hosted monthly allowing participants to enjoy their lunch along with an entertaining programme.

On May 21, Colchester perennial expert Lloyd Mappleback will examine the benefits of creating a more natural landscape with native plants; while author Margaret Steele will discuss on June 20 how to spin a story from a census record. Lunch & Learn presentations start at noon; refreshments and sweets are available. Admission is by donation or free to CHS members.

Also at the Colchester Historeum, crib play takes place on Tuesdays from 1-3 pm and Canasta is hosted 1-3 pm on Thursdays. New and experienced players are welcome. Admission is \$2 or free to CHS members.

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The Colchester Historeum Museum & Archives has started book-club-style discussions on local history topics through a new gathering called the "History Hub". The sessions are held 2 pm weekly on Wednesday afternoons, and have included topics from CHS members Dick Akerman, who revisited 1771 as Colchester men took part in the assault on Fort Cumberland, and Elinor Maher, who explored the beginning of the Acadian deportation along the Northumberland Strait. (Contributed)



Sportfishing Season Opened April 1

The sportfishing season opened Monday, April 1, a tradition on lakes and rivers throughout Nova Scotia

enjoyed by both established anglers and those discovering this activity for the first time. Nova Scotia has 22 barrier-free sportfishing sites across the province. Sites have various supports such as seats and rails, flat fishing pads and accessible parking.

Sportfishing licences may be purchased online and are also available from vendors across Nova Scotia.

Anglers must follow bag limits and all other regulations, which include trout manage-

ment areas where there may be a delayed opening to the season. People are encouraged to practise catch and release to support healthy fish populations and make sure future generations enjoy the sport.

While sportfishing, people are asked to report invasive species to help stop their spread to other lakes and rivers. This will support the health of native species and protect biodiversity. More than 70,000 people enjoy sportfishing in Nova Scotia each year; three provincial fish hatcheries stock more than 400 lakes with trout annually; general fishing licences are valid

for all freshwater fish species except Atlantic salmon and sportfishing adds about \$70 million to the Nova Scotia economy.

Barrier-free fishing sites: <https://novascotia.ca/fish/sportfishing/site-mapping-tool/> Anglers' Handbook and 2024 Summary of Regulations: <https://beta.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/documents/1-2412/anglers-handbook-en.pdf>



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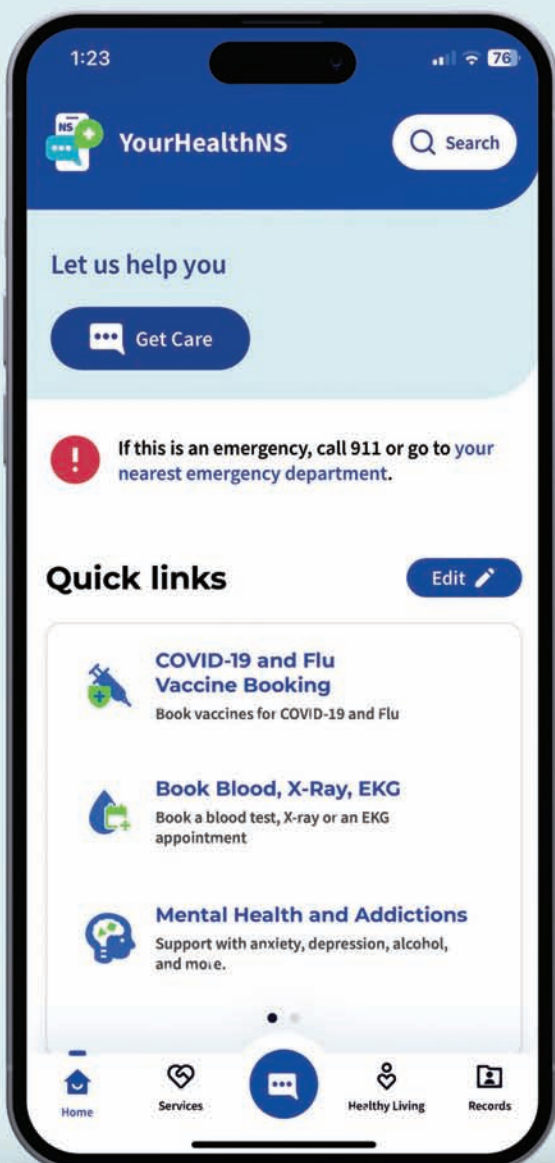
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