



Mark Wood and Desiree Stockermans of Instrument Concepts, Great Village accept the Exporter of the Year Award from Dave Copus of NSBI (Award Sponsor) at the Truro & District Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Week luncheon held at the Glengarry Best Western on October 21. (Harrington Photo)

All Corporate Biographies were supplied by each of the nominees to the Truro Chamber of Commerce.

## Exporter of the Year Award

### Instrument Concepts

Instrument Concepts is an ocean acoustic sensing company, founded in 2000 in Great Village on the Bay of Fundy, just west of Truro. Instrument Concepts designs and manufactures subsea instruments used for offshore engineering, ocean observation and environmental monitoring. The company's new product, icListen, passively listens for sounds in the ocean. Its predecessor, Big Ears, has been used in nearly every ocean in the world.

Instrument Concept's excellence in product engineering, research and innovation has led to sustained company growth. Mark Wood, CEO, is excited about future growth in new export markets in the UK, Europe and USA.



Rosalie Prest and Donna Higgins of RoseDawn Helping Hands, Upper Stewiacke accept the New Small Business of the Year Award from Greg Mosher of WBLI (Award Sponsor) at the Small Business Week Luncheon. (Harrington Photo)

## New Business of the Year.

### Rose Dawn Helping Hands

RoseDawn Helping Hands, a locally owned and operated caregiving business, has achieved success by combing personal passion with public demand. Rosalie Prest (Rose) and Donna Higgins (Dawn) have blended their names, as well as their diverse work histories and individual talents, and created a business to help satisfy an ever-growing need in their community. The sisters cherish home and family values and are dedicated to offering individualized services that enable their clients to remain independent and self-sufficient—in their own homes—for as long as possible.

RoseDawn Helping Hands began as a dream of two sisters who wanted to establish their own business helping seniors. The business flourished in its first year, creating employment for three more people, branching out to include non-seniors with special needs, and improving the quality of life for many.



Helena Robertson and Keith Gillis of G & G Computers, Truro, accept the Small Business of the Year Award from Don Locke of RBC (Award Sponsor)

## Small Business of the Year Award

### G and G Computers

G&G Computers Inc. is a brick and mortar computer store on Pleasant Street. It has been in operation since November 1st, 2001.

Our success is credited to our friendly atmosphere and our straight-forward manner with customers. We are a group of computer enthusiasts. Computers are not merely our jobs, they are our passion (yes, I know how cheesy that sounds, but it's the truth). Custom built computers is our core business. We feel everyone deserves a well made PC, and that's not always what those "Big Box Stores" are selling. We build systems to order that fill the customer's needs, whether they are a student, business professional, gamer, or home user. We also service all makes and models and make Customer Service our priority.



Mike Lesser and Mark Sidler of Margolians accept the Business Achievement Award from David Miller of pwc (Award Sponsor) at the Truro Chamber of Commerce Small Business Week luncheon (Harrington Photo)

## Business Achievement Award

### Margolians

Margolians is an independently owned and operated department store located in Downtown Truro. Since first opening in 1923, Margolians has developed into a regionally-recognized store best known for our extensive selection of brand name apparel, footwear, house wares, and for our storewide promotions and sales. Our building has expanded over the decades to its current size of 26,000sq/ft in 11 departments with a staff of over 30. Margolians is now in its 4th generation of family management.

## Historic Sites – Peppard's Mills



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

Map #302, a "blow-up" of Great Village, shows arrow #1 pointing to the site of "Peppard's Mills", where the pond and the mill wheel provided the horsepower to operate a carding mill (wool), grist mill (grains) and an iron foundry. This foundry used the raw pig iron from the iron created at the forge site at Acadia Mines featured in the September issue. The main product of this foundry would have been "cast iron" stoves. By 1890, with the advent of steam power, Peppard's foundry equipment was purchased by Gloud Wilson Blaikie, and the "Londonderry Stove Works" factory was located on the main road in Great Village, approximately across the road from to-days post office. (Arrow #2).

Be sure to see next month's "Historic Sites" feature in the Shoreline Journal, and if you have a suggestion for future "sites", submit it to the editor or the Archives, at 895-9530.



Truro and District  
Chamber of Commerce

Please put the following in the community news/happening location of your organization.

## NEW NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY

Friday November 5 will be the launch date, for an informal networking program called FIRST FRIDAY.

The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting various speakers on the first Friday of the Month. The speaker could be a new business opening, or an exciting bit of information to share.

Location is the Best Western Glengarry, at 8 am – 9 am  
A continual breakfast will be served at a cost of \$8.00.  
OPEN TO ALL EVENT.  
RSVP to [events@trurochamber.com](mailto:events@trurochamber.com)

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