

Conrod's Awarded CTV Maritimer of the Week



Don Conrod is interviewed by CTV reporter Felicia Yap, while filmed by cameraman J W Campbell. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

Marlene and Don Conrod, of Five Islands, were busy lending their usual helpful hands at the Nova Scotia Provincial 4H Show in Bible Hill on Sept. 30th when a Live At Five Camera crew pulled up on site and surprised them with an official presentation. They had been chosen as CTV News "Maritimers of the Week".

Marlene and Don were surrounded by Colchester County 4-H members, parents and leaders as Shelly Whooten, General Leader from TNR (Truro/North River) 4H Club, presented them with the commemorative plaque. CTV News cameraman J W Campbell video tapped the presentation in addition to subsequent interviews with CTV News reporter Felicia Yap. The footage was shown on the Sept. 30th edition of Live At Five.

Shelley Whooten says, "Don and Marlene Conrod pour their hearts and souls into the

local and provincial 4-H program as volunteers and all around supporters. Locally, we have been extremely fortunate to have them as Leaders in our TNR 4-H Club."

Marlene and Don regularly attend County 4-H Council meetings and events. Don is currently President of the Provincial 4-H Council and he served as Chairman of the NS 4-H Provincial Show in 2010. He has been President of Colchester County Council in the past and both he and Marlene volunteer with fund raising, trophy donations and provide leadership to the TNR Tug-of-War team. The list of their volunteer activities within 4-H is a lengthy one.

"At all levels Don and Marlene encourage these young 4-H members to be the best they can be. Their own children are grown so we are again fortunate to have them continue with the 4-H organization even though they don't even have children of their own involved in 4-H," writes

Lisa Patton and Shelly Whooten in a letter of recommendation to CTV News.

Don tries to recall when he and Marlene first became involved in 4-H. "Ben van den Hoek came to borrow my welder for a project with Glooscap Trail 4-H and I learned they were going to have to close the club if they didn't find more leaders. So I

became a draft horse leader with Glooscap Trail, and that's where it started back in 2002."

Since 2002, Don and Marlene have put numerous volunteer hours into 4-H with Glooscap Trail Club and now TNR but Don says, "If you are doing something you enjoy, you never notice the hours spent."

Marlene enjoys meeting the 4-H members and says, "I especially enjoy seeing members from when they first started, as they grow through the 4-H program and graduate as young adults. I really enjoy seeing the people they become."

There were plenty of 4-Hers on hand to thank Don and Marlene for all they have done and continue to do but as soon as the presentation was over the Conrods were right back to work, preparing for the weekend's Provincial 4-H Show.

Don encourages everyone to "get involved and make a difference, especially with 4-H". "We're the ones who are truly benefitting," he says, "We get to meet these wonderful people."



Nicole Whooten(left) and Camryn Patton(right), members of TNR 4-H Club, pose with Marlene and Don Conrod after they were awarded a plaque for being chosen as CTV News Maritimer of the Week. (Harrington Photo)



Marlene Conrod was very nervous as JW Campbell from CTV News filmed an interview for the Live at Five broadcast on Sept. 30th. (Harrington Photo)



Surrounded by their cheering Colchester County 4-H family, Shelly Whooten presents Marlene and Don Conrod with a plaque announcing they have been chosen CTV Maritimer of the Week. (Harrington Photo)



Sign of the season! Fall foliage provided a colorful backdrop marking the entrance into Glenholme on Hwy #2. (Harrington Photo)

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