



Geordie Linkletter of Five Islands will be celebrating his 85th birthday on November 2nd. Geordie and his wife Hazel are very active with the local music. He hosts a Music Jam at the Masonic Lodge in Great Village on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. They are regulars at all musical gatherings. In this picture he is performing at the Debert Kitchen Party, accompanied by Blair Wallage. Happy Birthday Geordie from all your friends. You are truly an inspiration. (Lynn Strong Photo)



Ray Smeltzer and Paul Comeau performed at the Debert Baptist Coffeehouse recently. The hall was packed, the music was wonderful. Thanks to Pastor Bill Martin for hosting. Regular coffeehouse night is the third Saturday of each month, held in the church basement. It starts at 7:00 pm. Shared lunch. (Lynn Strong Photo)

Great Village Garden Club Notes

By Arthur Haskins

The Great Village Garden Club met on September 27th for our regular monthly meeting at Faith Baptist Church after our summer break of meetings, to compare the past growing season. Everyone voiced how strange a growing season it had been and yet most felt their garden was successful.

Arthur Haskins offered to act as secretary until the new executive is elected in December at our annual meeting.

Although there were no meetings during the summer the club members were quite active, the monument grounds beds were planted and maintained, the two welcome sign beds were weeded and the grass mowed several times by Wilfred Millar and Pat and Sybil Flemming, a work party spruced up the Elizabeth Bishop House in preparation for their big festival in August.

A number of members entered the floral competition at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition and our club won the club flower arrangement competition with a beautiful entry by Gerry Van den Hoek. Members also assisted the Flower Show Committee through the week with supervision of the displays. A number of our members attended the Annual Association of Garden Clubs Convention held this year at the Atlantica Hotel and Marina in Western Shore.

Several members attended the annual Central District Special Speaker night in Bible Hill featuring a very informative talk by Roxan Beavers on food safety and what is organic. The club has decided to renew its subscription to the Gardens East magazine which

we circulate to all members.

The program featured things that were successful in member's gardens. The members brought in specimens resulting from the special seed given to them in the spring of "Green Apple" cucumber. This tiny pale green cucumber resembled a small green apple and were quite tasty. Another member brought in a bottle of her special deer and other pest control elixir made at home that actually saved her plants from gazing deer.

Also on display were an assortment of different coloured Impatiens of the new Super Elfin Series called Starburst. The date was chosen for the erection of the Community Christmas Tree followed by the annual meeting and supper. Plans are also underway to celebrate the clubs 60th birthday next spring 2012.

Great Village & District Fire Brigade News

By Kathy Simpson-Giles

I had an interesting phone call the other day, and I'd like to tell you about it.

It was the day of the Fire Prevention presentation at the Great Village Elementary School. The person I spoke to was the parent of a young student there and like most of us parents when their children get home, asked that age old question: "How was your day today?"

The response: "Where is our tree?" "What tree dear?", says the parent.

"You know, the tree we meet by if our house catches fire. The Firefighters said that we need a place to meet if we have a fire."

As the facilitator of our Fire Prevention program this year, I couldn't ask for any more rewarding feedback than that.

One of the things that I enjoy most about the Fire Service is being able to spend time with your children at the school each year. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to go through the package that was sent home with your family and reinforce the safety messages that

your child has learned.

I would also like to thank my ever faithful crew consisting of: Chief Dave, Firefighter Larry and Firefighter Wade, as well as my new additions: Firefighter Trevor and Firefighter Pat.

Our newest truck is almost ready, and we are excitedly awaiting its arrival. We are expecting our Rescue to arrive somewhere around the 21 October. The 2011 Dodge 5500 will replace our old 1978 Chev Rescue Truck # 5 which responds to all calls. We will have pictures and updates as soon as it arrives.

As always, you are more than welcome to drop in on Wednesdays to see what is going on. The first Monday of the month is meeting night, the second and fourth are training and the third is worknight. We are always ready to welcome new members.

One more reminder... Civic number signs are available by calling Betty at 668-2314. The small cost is well worth the peace of mind, knowing that not just fire fighters, but anyone in the 911 system can find you.

Masons Help Thirsty Church

By Amanda Langille

Masonic Lodges, together with the NS Masonic Foundation recently donated a little over \$2000.00 to the Thirsty Church Project. The money will go toward the installation of cupboards in the kitchenette. The commit-

tee is continuing to work hard on fundraising efforts - with the goal of completing the kitchenette renovations. Once completed the space will be better equipped to host community gatherings including parent-n-tot playgroups, workshops, etc.



Masons from the local area donated over \$2000 to the Thirsty Church Project. Pictured, (L-R) are Fred Richard, Master of North Star Masonic Lodge, Londonderry; Amanda Langille, Thirsty Church Project Volunteer; Greg Amon, Vice-Chairman of NS Masonic Foundation and a member of Corinthian Masonic Lodge, Great Village and Jim Lamont, Chairman of NS Masonic Foundation, who is also Master of Corinthian Masonic Lodge, Great Village. (Langille Photo)

Great Village Elementary School Notes

By Linda Harrington

The first Home & School meeting of the year was held on October 13th. Parents are encouraged to attend these meetings to keep informed of activities happening at the school. Thank you to the Home & School for purchasing agendas for each student.

Mrs. Hicks McCully is offering physical activities for students on Monday and Wednesday. Mrs. Bruce is teaching xylophone on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Literacy Marketplace for families was held on October 18th. Parents had the opportunity to learn what their

children are doing in Language Arts, such as Guided Reading, Spelling/Word Study and Shared Reading. Each student went home with a prize. There were door prize draws, as well.

Several members of the Great Village and District Fire Brigade came to the school on October 14th for a Fire Prevention Presentation and fire drill. Students enjoyed a tour of the vehicles following the presentation. Thank you to the Brigade volunteers for coming to the school.

Maggie's Place Playgroup meets in the gym every Monday from 9:30 - 10:45. All preschoolers are welcome.

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