

Great Village Garden changes meeting time to 7:00 PM

By Patti Sharpe

The Great Village Garden Club met on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at St. James United Church in order to easily accommodate our guest speaker, Terry Francis. Terry gave an informative presentation and sampling of the various teas available through Steeped Teas, a company with which she is involved. For our October 23rd meeting we will return to our usual meeting place of Faith Baptist Church, but have changed our start time to 7 p.m. going forward.

Members who attended the annual NSAGC convention in Wolfville in June 2012 agreed that it had been an exceptional convention. Arthur Haskins took a number of photographs at the convention and plans to create a power point presentation to share with members at the January 2013 meeting. The 2013 Convention will take place at the Holiday Inn, Dartmouth from May 31-June 2.

The 2014 annual NSAGC Convention will be held in Truro with the central district clubs hosting the event. The Truro branch of the Royal Canadian Legion has been selected as the facility and the planning committee is in the early stages of planning the convention. Members are enthusiastic about hosting an event that will see us "return to our roots", so to speak, and create an event in the style of our earliest conventions held years ago at the NSAC.

Our club hosted one of two judging refreshers held this summer for provincial horticultural judges. Member Arthur Haskins instructed

the workshop held at the Great Village school gymnasium in August. Another similar workshop was held in Nicholasville, NS, to accommodate judges in that area.

Judges who participated in the workshop provide their services to exhibitions and flower shows throughout the province. An online judge's course will be available through Dalhousie's Faculty of Agriculture (formerly the NSAC) in the spring of 2013 for anyone interested in becoming a horticultural judge.

Our October 23rd program will involve fall decorating with guest speaker Jerrie van den Hoek and November will be our Christmas Social and decorating of the Community Christmas tree at St. James United. All are welcome to attend these events.

The Day That Paranormal Creatures Invade Our Streets Is Near!

By Christine Urquhart

Are you ready for those Spooks and Goblins to come knocking on your door? Do you have treats to pass out to them? Do you know why we do this? Many, many years ago it was believed that the spirits of the dead walked on Hallow's Eve, or Hallowe'en; the night before All Saints Day, or November 1st. To appease these spirits people put out "treats" for them as they believed that if they ate the treats they wouldn't cause harm to their families. Today we may not believe this anymore but we still give out "treats" to keep from being "tricked" by those spooks and goblins in the night!

As your little ones prepare their costumes to trick or treat their way through the night, the Canadian Red Cross has prepared a quick list of 10 tips to make sure everyone gets home safely. You may not need to fear vampires and ghosts knocking on your door, but fire hazards, scrapes and getting lost are potential concerns.

1. Give your kids a map of their trick or treat route so they can find their way home. Mark the homes of nearby friends and relatives in case they need assistance on their journey. Younger children should be chaperoned by an adult.
2. Instruct children to walk on the side of the road not in the street - even princesses and fairies have to watch out for motorists!
3. Prepare for the dark with lighter coloured clothing and reflective surfaces. What better way to decorate a sword or a cape than with magical glowing tape?
4. Avoid any type of flame by substituting candles with glow sticks. Wigs and costumes are highly flammable and glow sticks are perfect for illuminating Jack-o-lanterns.
5. Remind your kids to stick with groups of at least four or five - after all, even legendary heroes are stronger as a team (like the Avengers and X-Men!)
6. Tell them to only visit residences with a porch light



- on and not to enter a stranger's home - politely accept candy and promptly leave.
7. Costumes are meant to embellish - not to hide. Keep hems short to avoid tripping and don't let masks block the eyes.
 8. Whether you have one eye, two eyes, three eyes or four, always look both ways before crossing the street.
 9. Both mystical creatures

- and children need to let parents check their candy before eating to remove any potential hazards.
10. A flashlight is akin to a protective light saber of sorts and makes nighttime travelling safer (it also helps you spot a ghost or goblin trying to plan a surprise attack!)
- Following these tips on October 31 will help ensure your family has a fun and safe night of trick or treating!

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PHOTO FEATURE

Debert Fire Brigade – Open House

Debert Fire Brigade held an Open House on October 6th, during Fire Prevention Week, with tours of the fire hall and equipment. (Harrington Photos)



MJ Elliott gets a hotdog ready for her friend Jean Lloyd. Jean, who is 93 years young, was enjoying her visit to the fire hall.



Perhaps there will soon be three generations of Totten fire fighters. Royce(left), who has 40 years in the Debert Fire Brigade and his son Kevin, who has 25 years, suit up Andrew and Alison Totten.



Ian Jennings (left) shows his dad, Debert Fire Chief Wade Jennings, he can handle the heat. Wade has been a member of Debert Brigade for 20 years (plus 6 yrs at Onslow Belmont), with three years as Chief of Debert, and Ian has been a member for four years.



Ralph and Christine Turner provided entertainment during the Open House.



The fleet of Debert Fire Brigade trucks was on display during the Open House.

Clifton 4-H Club Report

By Andrea Chestnut

A new 4-H year has started for Clifton 4-H club. The first general meeting was held on October 2nd at 7 pm at the Old Barns United Church. The general leaders are Teresa McNutt and Scott Masters.

A new Club Executive was voted in and they are Jake Works, President; Marla McNutt,

Secretary; Jonathan Waugh, Vice President; and Taylor Masters, Treasurer.

Members are looking forward to the Halloween Party we will be having at the end of October.

Andrea Chestnut
is the new Clifton 4-H club reporter and will be submitting a club report each month.

Colchester East Hants Health Authority 2012 FLU SHOT CLINICS

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- Immunization is the most important thing you can do to protect yourself and your loved ones from the risks of seasonal influenza (flu).
- The flu shot is free for all Nova Scotians and will protect against different types of influenza (respiratory flu).
- It is recommended that all Nova Scotians get the flu shot, especially those at high risk of influenza-related complications and those who care for them.
- The flu shot is available at family doctors offices, Public Health clinics and other public clinics in Tatamagouche and Hants North. Private clinics are also hosted in some workplaces and the Millbrook and Indian Brook First Nations communities.
- We ask that you do not visit a clinic if you have a cough & fever or other common flu symptoms.

For additional information call Public Health Services - Truro - 893-5820 or Elmsdale - 883-3500

More Questions?
Call Healthlink 811

Location	Date & Time
Lillian Fraser Primary Health Care Centre, Tatamagouche	October 16 – 2-8 p.m. October 24 – 2-8 p.m. October 29 – 2-8 p.m.
Truro Fire Hall, Truro	October 30 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Lloyd E. Matheson Centre, Elmsdale	October 27 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bible Hill Fire Hall, Bible Hill	November 3 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Debert Fire Hall, Debert	October 25 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Hants North Health Centre, Noel	October 31 – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. November 7 – 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Kennetcook Medical Centre, Kennetcook	October 22 – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. November 1 – 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Rawdon Health Centre, Rawdon	October 25 – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. November 5 – 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
No appointments are needed.	

