



Vernon McCully does a little repair to the head of one of his pumpkin people. The popular figures have decorated his front lawn along Highway #2, Great Village for a number of years. (Harrington Photo)



Pilgrims, red hatters, clowns and even a skunk! There was a colourful display of pumpkin people throughout the month of October at the home of Vernon McCully. (Harrington Photo)



This pumpkin figure represents Queen Elizabeth attending the Royal Wedding in 2011. This year Vernon McCully's pumpkin display was a trip down memory lane, covering all the year's he has had these pumpkin people on display. (Harrington Photo)

## Colchester Trefoil Guild Notes

By Goldie Chisholm

Fall has arrived and with it monthly meetings. The first meeting of Colchester Trefoil Guild was held September 18th at Sobeys Community Room, Truro. There was a good representation of members and we welcomed our new in-coming Co-President, Sheila Stewart. Registrations were paid at this time in preparation for the Provincial Annual Meeting being held October 13th at Crossroads Church in Beaverbank, hosted by Memory Lane Guild.

Suggestions were made for forthcoming meetings until the year end. It was decided to knit finger puppets and decorate them at our October meeting. These will be given to the Lab Unit at the Colchester Hospital if needed or taken to the I.W.K.

Three Trefoil Guild members attended the Annual Meeting Oct. 13th reporting the Provincial Commissioner had visited with Marie Eaton and presented her with her 80th Service Pin. Marie is one of our Trefoil Guild members and resides at Marilyn's Rest Home in Stewiacke. How about that for dedication?

As mentioned the October

meeting was held at Sobeys Community Room and the afternoon spent in decorating the knitted finger puppets. We were pleased to have our Trefoil Specialist, Darlene Duggan, visit with us.

Since we don't have a meeting in December we will be having a Christmas mystery gift exchange at our November meeting on the 17th. This gift is to be hand-crafted if possible. Expecting a fun-filled afternoon.

## Colchester SPCA to operate Christmas Table – Nov 15 to Dec 22

By Juanita McCready  
SPCA Board Member

The Colchester SPCA will be running its annual Christmas sale table at Zellers Mall, Nov 15 to Dec 22. The table will be set up on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 AM to 6 PM. Volunteers will be selling a wide variety of items for people and pets. This is a major yearly fund raiser for the SPCA.

Things for sale will include knit, crocheted and quilted handmade items, baked goods, homemade fudge, chocolate, pickles, jams and jellies. Tickets will also be sold on a quilt. The table will include a wide assortment of gift ideas for the family pet. For dogs there

will be scarves, bones, coats, boots, beds for small dogs, toys and much more. For cats there will be beds, catnip mice, treats, etc. Most items for pets are handmade. In addition there will be gifts for people.

In December we will be selling the County dog tags. If you buy your tag at our table or at the shelter, we receive \$ 5.00 of the \$12.00 you pay. If you buy it anywhere else we receive nothing. If you receive your notice in the mail you can bring it with you.

If you wish to donate any items to our Christmas table just bring them to the shelter before Nov 15. Baked items can be brought to the table at the mall on a day we are there. Use the Sears entrance.

Volunteers will accept all new and homemade things.

If you have any questions

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The Colchester SPCA are selling tickets on this quilt. (Submitted)

## Community Involvement and Participation – Key to Community Centre Project Success

Since the early planning phases of the Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre Project the importance of community involvement and participation in the project has been a top priority for the Town of Truro, County of Colchester and members of the Project Steering Committee. The project team has solicited community input and involvement on numerous occasions, particularly during the early design component that determined the content of the facility. This was an intense and ambitious effort that canvassed the ideas, expertise and needs of more than 75 stakeholders through several dozen community meetings. The process was extremely productive and allowed a plan to be developed that is based on our community's expectations.

The inclusion of local content in the planning and construction of the project has also been a top priority for the project team. The importance of this element has been shared with the project's construction management team, PCL since the outset. In August, 2010 prior to the first dozer arriving on the Abenaki Rd. construction site, PCL put a call out to local contractors and suppliers letting them know that they were accepting expressions of interest from those who might want to bid on the tender packages for the new Centre. This call was advertised both locally and provincially to ensure an equal and transparent process was followed and to create awareness of the project needs amongst the construction industry. Moreover, it provided the opportunity for trades and contractors to come forth and outline their services, products and areas of expertise.

The response to PCL's ad was very favourable with numerous inquiries from trades and businesses from across Canada including our own Colchester

County. From here, PCL took the opportunity to meet directly with these companies to discuss their contracting services, supplies and abilities in more detail. The project team also received many calls from local contractors and trades who had not responded to the ad advising that they'd like to be considered for work on the project. Staff along with PCL took the time to meet with them to discuss any potential role they might have in the project through the construction period.

The magnitude of the Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre Project is quite significant and while the project team has tried their very best to source and incorporate local content whenever and wherever possible, they have come across situations that are sometimes beyond the scope and capacity of work of local contractors. When this is the case, the project team has passed along the interests and capabilities of the local contractors to



those who have been awarded the tenders in an effort to encourage the use of local content in sub-contractor hires. These efforts have been successful for the most part and the project team will continue to identify and promote local business involvement in the project through to completion.

Recently the Ignite the Spirit Campaign team held a charity golf tournament in support of the Community Centre. With the help of our Event Title Sponsors

- PCL Construction, Wilson's and the Truro Golf Club - along with additional sponsors and the more than 80 participants and volunteers, the event raised over \$21,000 for the Centre. The campaign team would like to thank all those who made the day such a success!

**For more information on the Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre Project or the Ignite the Spirit Campaign, please contact the campaign office at 893-9706 or by email [ignitethespirit@colchester.ca](mailto:ignitethespirit@colchester.ca)**

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