

St. James United Getting Weekend Supply Minister

By Carrie McCully

The congregation of St. James United Church will be welcoming a new weekend supply minister in November. Shalome Swinamer, a student at Atlantic School of Theology, will be working with us 12 hours

per week on the weekends. Shalome is very familiar with rural life and traditions. She was born in PEI, raised there and in Nfld. She enjoys rural ministry and meeting people in their homes and yards. She says that she has

shared the work of rural communities, like fishing and cleaning barns, as well as, laughter & heartaches over a cup of tea. While she still has some requirements to fill for her degree to be complete, she

will share her time and energy in Great Village over the next eight months. Keenly interested in community events, as well as, her church duties, you may meet her at the community craft sale, antique shop, Remembrance

Day service, or she may knock on your door to introduce herself. Everyone, regardless of church affiliation, is invited to share in her first service with us on Sunday, Nov. 4th at 10 am, at St. James United. A time of fellowship and Pot luck lunch will follow the service. Come and help welcome Shalome to Great Village. Carrie McCully is Clerk of Session, St James United Church, Great Village.



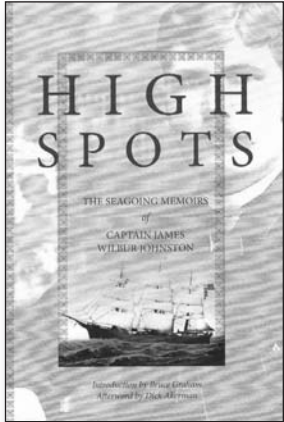
Shalome Swinamer

“High Spots” to be launched November 17th

The Colchester Museum and Archives are hosting a book launch on Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. The book is called “High Spots” and was written by Captain Wilbur Johnston (1854-1945) and is his memories of his early years in Great Village, and his adventurous life at sea, beginning with his going to work in the “McLellan & Blaikie” shipyard in Great Village as a young carpenter, and coming to a close when he left his seafaring life in 1886 to go back to Great Village to marry his sweetheart, Annie Laura DeLay.

The book, published by “Pottersfield Press”, has a foreword by author and broadcaster Bruce Graham and an after word by Archives Volunteer Dick Akerman, who has spearheaded this project, and carried on the research into Wilbur’s later life. Wilbur’s adventures did not end when he left the sea, and five years of research has revealed a fascinating man, who lived in an interesting time. He wrote this manuscript, dedicated to his wife and children, in about 1930, while living in retirement in Hollywood California.

There will be readings from the manuscript, and anecdotes about his later



life. We have made contact with his granddaughter, and a couple of his nieces, some of whom will attend this event. The Colchester Museum and Archive is the “Author of Note” of this manuscript, and therefore will financially benefit as would the original author. So, come, listen, and buy a great Christmas gift!

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Shoreline Journal provides missing link

By Maurice Rees

The Shoreline Journal provided an important missing link to the final stages of the Colchester Museum and Archives publishing “High Spots”. The book launch will be held at 2:00 pm on November 17th at the Museum. In today’s climate of internet and electronic news sources, the publishing of “High Spots” is a prime example of how community newspapers continue to play an important role in communities near and far. In the spring of 2011, Dick Akerman gave a talk to the Great Village

Historical Society monthly meeting regarding a manuscript acquired at the Truro Society. The manuscript was written by Captain Wilbur Johnston, a mariner who was born in Great Village in 1854. Linda Shears, secretary to the historical society, referenced Akerman’s presentation in her monthly historical society news article. At first glance, Shears’ account of the meeting was a normal monthly submission. However, it didn’t take long for the power of the printed word to come centre stage. A Shoreline Journal sub-

scriber in Arizona contacted Linda Shears concerning the Captain Wilbur Johnston manuscript. The subscriber just happened to be the granddaughter of Captain Johnston. Not to miss an opportunity, Akerman contacted the granddaughter, who subsequently provided a wealth of new information contributing to a more comprehensive book. The granddaughter and nieces in Arizona have been advised of the book launch. It is expected some of them will attend the November 17th event at the Colchester Museum in Truro.

November 25, 2011
To the Editor:
Dear Maurice;

In the spring of this year I gave a talk to the Great Village Historical Society monthly meeting regarding a manuscript we had acquired at the Truro Society, written by Captain Wilbur Johnston, a mariner who was born in Great Village in 1854. He lived a full and adventurous life with several careers, including a stint in the Canadian Army in the 1st War, when he joined

claiming the age of 45 years, when he was actually 59 years old. At about the age of 70, and living in Hollywood, California, he produced for his family, the story of his early life in Great Village and his years as a Master Mariner. Over several years, we have researched his life, with the aim of publishing his manuscript as a book. We knew a great deal about him, and his children, but could find no living direct descendant.

As was her custom, Linda Shears the Great Village Society secretary gave an account to your paper of the meeting and my contribution to it. Very quickly, she had an enquiry from Wilbur’s granddaughter, who lived in Arizona. Linda passed it on to me, I contacted the granddaughter in Arizona, and a wealth of new information has or will be exchanged. “THE POWER OF THE WORD”
Regards, Dick Akerman,
Colchester Archives Volunteer



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