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The last CFAC newsletter showcased a local company, Cobequid Consulting, which creates outdoor playgrounds from locally sourced cedar, hemlock, and pine. The Southampton Playground Project is working with Cobequid Consulting, Economy on its new playground. A great addition to the community using wood products! (Photo CFAC Newsletter)



A fantastic display of Northern Lights lighting up Parrsboro harbour. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



Conrad Byers

Pugwash Transfer Station Changes

The Pugwash Transfer Station will be closed Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024 and Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024.

This closure is necessary to complete changes to the site to meet Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Climate Change's new regulations for construction and demolition (C&D) transfer

stations and the handling of chemically treated wood.

Chemically treated wood (i.e. pressure treated lumber) will be required to be separated from construction and demolition debris before arriving at site.

Mixed loads of C&D and chemically treated wood will not be permitted and will be

rejected.

To meet the provisions of the approved operating permit for the facility, roll-off dumpsters will be placed on site to receive materials from residents. Construction and demolition (C&D) debris will be required to be placed directly into the appropriate dumpster at the transfer sta-

tion site. Users will not be permitted to dump any C&D debris directly onto the ground.

There are no changes planned related to the disposal of brush at the site.

The Pugwash Transfer Station resumed normal operating hours, with the new regulations in place, on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024.



Ship's Company Theatre with the Northern lights lighting up the sky on October 10th. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

Remembering Conrad Byers Part 3

By Sandra Stephenson

(Editor Note: Sandra is preparing a multi-issue account of Conrad Byers' impact on Parrsboro and his renowned worldwide reputation. She hopes to eventually turn her extensive investment of time interviewing Conrad into a book.) Here is Part 3

Your Shoreline Journal editor has divulged that the articles about Conrad could lead to a book. You might contact him if you would like to see this happen! In preparation for publication, I asked Kerr Canning, now of Apple River, to write an introduction. He is one of Conrad's companions since school days on the Parrsboro Shore. They grew up together and traded old photographs and stories life-long. Kerr and I have common

interests in Parrsboro history, and a shared teaching experience in the same Quebec College, though we only met around 2015 when I started coming to Parrsboro.

When I met with Kerr again in August, 2024, he recalled one of Con's stories succinctly this way: "Con was with his new wife Donna in Spain, when there was a parade in the street outside their hotel. Con, being curious about everything, stepped out onto the balcony of their room, and suddenly there were dozens of rifles pointed at him. It was Franco who was going by!" Con had told me this story, and in that version, Con ended up with his arms in the air in his pyjamas as the General, leader of the Nationalist Forces of Spain drove by,

looking up at him. Dozens of camera flashes going off. His guards ready to fire.

In 2015, by most accounts, Conrad was nearly dying, having just come back from being nearly dead. Shingles had sent him into a coma, from which he slowly returned over a year and a half, and his kidneys were damaged. By the time I met him, Conrad was no longer young. I wrote in my notes: "Yesterday he suffered such pain in his face that he couldn't get up or touch his head. Today when I went to see him, I brought my spinning along. A drop spindle, so my hands would be busy and I would not succumb to the pattern of last summer when he would talk and I would try to record each word, sometimes using my Ipod to catch a story."

He captained that last schooner, the Avon Spirit, and even in 2015 academics and reporters looked him up to get his stories and historical precisions concerning the history of shipping on the Bay of Fundy in general, and Parrsboro in particular. I was impressed by all that, but Conrad told simple life stories too:

"Frank was my neighbour, and a big man. He was several inches taller than me. He worked in the mills, he was the canterman who moves the logs and moves the logs. We used to talk in between our yards in the morning. There was someone who had died in town and he said, they had to pay pall-bearers for his funeral. Nobody liked him and nobody stepped forward. We thought,

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