



Angela MacCleary, who travelled from Fredericton shared refreshments with Donna Taylor, and Jane Herring during snack time during the first fall meeting of the Colchester Trefoil Guild. Rebecca Penney is in the background. (Submitted)

Colchester Trefoil Guild Starts New Season

By Goldie Chisholm

The first Colchester Trefoil Guild Meeting of the season was held September 18th, 2017 at Sobey's Community Room, Robie Street, Truro. The meeting was opened with a reading entitled "Adventure On", followed by members repeating the Trefoil Prayer.

Eight members answered to roll call and minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved. The purpose of this meeting today was the appointment of Officers, as well as Program planning for the upcoming Trefoil year.

The following appointments were made: Co-ordinator, Jane Herring; Vice-Co-ordinator, Sheila Stewart; Secretary, Ethel MacLaughlin and Treasurer, Donna Taylor. The provincial Trefoil Liaison is Darlene Duggan.

Registration remains the

same as in past years - \$85.00 membership fee for those under 75, \$2.00 Provincial Trefoil Levy and \$10.00 Guild Fee with \$2.00 each meeting to meet various expenses.

The Provincial Semi-Annual Meeting is being held October 21st, 2017 at St. Nichols Church, Tantallon. Further information will be received before the next meeting. Ideas for future meetings were partially planned.

This year we have a special occasion as we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Colchester Trefoil Guild.

Birthday cards were signed for two of our members, one being our Vice Co-ordinator, Sheila Stewart, so we joined in singing Happy Birthday while we were having refreshments.

Our next meeting will be held October 16th at Sobey's Community Room.

8 Pre-Primary Locations within CCRSB

By Maurice Rees

Eight pre-primary classrooms, within CCRSB, are being established at New Glasgow Academy; North River Elementary School; Shubenacadie District Elementary; Bible Hill Central Elementary School; Hilden Elementary School; Junction Road Elementary School (Springhill); West Highlands Elementary School (Amherst) and Trenton Elementary School

The interview process is underway and successful candidates will be offered positions shortly with the pre-primary program scheduled to open during the last week of September in all eight locations.

The maximum size for a class is 24 children with staff-to-children ratio at the Pre-Primary centres breaks down as follows: Up to 10 children - 1 ECE, as the Lead ECE; 11

to 20 children - 2 ECE. In those cases where there are more than 20 and up to 24 children, the two ECEs would be joined by a third adult in the class.

Fifty classrooms across the province in 43 different locations, will offer free pre-primary programming. This includes 20 pre-existing programs for four-year-olds, including eight programs that are part of the early years centres. School boards

will contact pre-registered parents to confirm their registration once classroom staffing is complete.

This is the first phase of a four year roll out of free, pre-primary programming that will be available to every Nova Scotia family across the province by 2020.

For more information parents can visit www.ednet.ns.ca/pre-primary or their local school board site.

4-H Council Obtains 99 Year Lease

By Maurice Rees

The Colchester County 4-H Council has been successful in obtaining a 99 year lease from the Nova Scotia Farm Loan board for the 4-H barn and adjoining outdoor ring. During a presentation session to Colchester Council on September 12th Lisa Patton and Angela Masters, committee co-chair to oversee the project explained growing 4-H membership will require renovations and expansion of the facility.

As a result of consultations with engineers from Municipality of Colchester and Dept of Agriculture it is anticipated after the current building is renovated, additional space can be created by building freestanding structures on each side of the building.

It is estimated the renovation and expansion project will cost in the vicinity of \$274,000, but will be re-evaluated in an ongoing basis. Funding commitments have been received from Department of Agriculture and Municipality of Colchester who have each committed \$100,000 over four years. A sponsorship package has been developed and to date over \$30,000

has been raised.

Timeline for completion of the project is August 2018. Doors and roof of the existing building will be completed in fall 2017, with spring and summer 2018 allocated for construction of the free standing structures and electrical and plumbing upgrades. Work on the outdoor ring will follow.

County and 4-H officials hope the improvements to the building might bring the 4-H Pro Show back to Bible Hill on an annual basis and additional events can be added.

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ENVIROSYSTEMS OPEN HOUSE

Envirosystems is holding an open house to provide residents an opportunity to have their concerns addressed regarding the recent odours coming from our Debert facility. Representatives will be on hand to answer individual questions, to share information and to share our action plan.

PLEASE JOIN US

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

1:00 - 3:00pm

5:00 - 8:00pm

Location - Debert Hospitality Conference Centre
130 Ventura Drive, Debert

For more information, please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/envirosystemsdebert/> or phone us at 1-800-565-4383

Keep an Eye Out for Large Tree for Boston

By Donald Cameron

The NS Department of Natural Resources is always looking for potential Boston

Christmas trees that could be used in future years to demonstrate to Boston our appreciation for their valuable support

provided to our capital city in their worst hour of need. In December of 1917 the infamous explosion in Halifax Harbour flattened a large part of the city and killed and injured thousands of people.

Soon the 2017 Boston tree selection will be announced and many special events will be arranged for the public to enjoy, especially those that live near the tree and will be present with local school children for the cutting ceremony.

The tree for Boston is a special tree indeed. To find a suitable candidate is not easy to do. The tree can be a fir or spruce and should be more than 50 feet (15m) in height. It should be healthy green with a dense crown and good conical shape from all directions.

DNR is inviting the public to submit locations of possible trees for Boston. When you are out and about, please keep an eye out for that "perfect big Christmas tree". Rarely do these trees come from woodland settings. They usually are found growing on their own in open settings such as fields, people's yards, cottage properties, and recreation properties such as golf courses. In order to grow long healthy branches to the ground, the tree must be growing in an open environment unencumbered by neighbouring trees that compete for light, water and nutrients.

If you see, or hear of, a possible candidate Boston tree, please contact me or your nearest DNR office.

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