

## Gesner Institute Society to Preserve Threatened Collections



Shown above (L-R) are Gesner Institute Board of Directors Lisa Ward, Helen Tyson, Rob Bentley, Martha Grantham, Patti Dauphinee-Bentley, Bob Grantham. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

By Martha Grantham

A public information session was held in Parrsboro on August 18 to introduce the Gesner Institute Society (GIS), established to ensure that important collections of rocks, minerals and fossils are not lost to Nova Scotians.

The uncertain future of the Eldon and Elaine George Memorial Collection initiated planning for housing, curation and preservation of the Collection, as well as opportunity for research and interpretation. The mandate of GIS

also includes other threatened collections.

The Province has given support for the GIS aims and goals. For additional information, to become a member, or to see how you can become involved, go to [www.gesner-institute.ca](http://www.gesner-institute.ca) (coming soon).

The Colchester Historical Society Museum invites you to get your hands dirty and explore their newest exhibit.

Dirt and Discovery: Unearthing Ancient Colchester has just opened at the Museum on Young Street.

Researched and designed by Assistant Curator Alex Matheson, the exhibit explores the prehistoric peoples of Colchester and their way of life.

"When most people think about archaeology they think of faraway places and remote sites, when actually there has been a lot of amazing work done here in Nova Scotia. Colchester itself has some of the oldest sites in North America at 11,000 years old", says Alex, who studies archaeology at the University of Calgary. "Dirt and Discovery is about exposing people to a vast span of prehistory which isn't just amazing, but also local."

The exhibit features replica stone and bone tools, pottery, and photos and documents detailing the original excavations of the Debert site. Visitors will have a unique opportunity to explore this early time period and find out more about valuable archaeological sites close to home.

The Colchester Historical Society Museum's fall hours are Tuesday to Friday 10-12 and 1-4 and Saturday from 1-4.

## Girl Greatness Starts Here

By Caroline Blair

Guiding in Canada which has just celebrated its 100th anniversary is seeking guiding leaders for variety of positions open within Colchester such as Bible Hill, Debert, North River and Tatamagouche. For those to might be interested the following is a brief outline and the benefits of becoming involved.

Make a difference in the lives of girls, and they'll make a great difference in yours. When you volunteer with Girl Guides of Canada, you enrich the lives of girls and young women by helping them discover the very best within themselves.

Benefits of Membership: Joining Girl Guides of Canada as a Member-volunteer is about more than helping girls achieve greatness. It is also an opportunity to take advantage of personal and professional

development opportunities through training in: Youth engagement and mentoring strategies; Program delivery and management; Effective age-appropriate communication techniques and The specific needs and development of girls and young women.

Through Guiding, you can develop additional skills and gain experience in leadership development and team building, event planning and financial management, international travel and you can apply for post-secondary scholarships.

Ways to Volunteer: No matter how much time you have to give, there's a place for you in Guiding. You can volunteer in a number of ways that relate to your interests, skill-sets and schedule.

Unit Guiders deliver programming directly to our girls on a weekly basis. Unit Guiders are one of GGC's

most valuable resources, and are the face of Guiding.

Girl Guides of Canada is the leadership organization of choice for girls and women in Canada, offering Members the experience of a lifetime.

If you are 19 + years of age, female, wanting to share interest and skills, interested in making a difference in girls lives, then Girl Guides is for you. Maybe you are interested in sharing with Sparks (ages 5 & 6), exploring with Brownies (ages 7 & 8), experimenting with Guides (ages 9-11) or venturing with Pathfinders (12 -15), there are positions open within Colchester such as Bible Hill, Debert, North River and Tatamagouche. For more information, please call Caroline at 897-4764, also check our website [www.girlguides.ca](http://www.girlguides.ca).

## Five Islands Park Hosts Family Fun Day



Luca Crawford-Holland tries his luck at the Fish Pond assisted by Pam Boyd, Assistant Caretaker at Five Islands Park. (Harrington Photo)



It was hard to decide which item to bid on there were so many lining the tables at the Five Islands Park Family Fun Day. (Harrington Photo)

Smiling faces were everywhere, as hundreds turned out for the 4th Annual Five Islands Park Family Fun Day, hosted by park staff in memory of their former colleague John Nuttall, a former Park Technician.

All proceeds will be given as a bursary to a deserving graduating student pursuing further education in Forestry.

The weather co-operated beautifully for this outdoor event with fun for all ages. There was a tie-dye station and ceramic painting for those with a creative flair. Several games were on site, including a fish pond and a washer-toss tournament and the Silent Auction tables were filled with goodies.

There was a delightful per-

formance by Little Moe's Paws for Fun, sponsored by the Paws for Fun Canine Center, and musical entertainment throughout the day.

Park staff kept the BBQ fired up, along with servings of clam chowder and a corn boil.

Tim Reid made a huge batch of peanut brittle. He said it was delicious, and yes, it sure was!



Haley Nicholson, Wanda Nicholson, Emily Marsh, Jean Marsh, Joyce Eagles and Mia Ward (l to r) were busy at the t-dye t-shirt station at Five Islands Park Family Fun Day. (Harrington Photo)



A tribute to John Nuttall was set up outside the Park Office. The 4th Annual Five Islands Park Family Fun Day was held in memory of John on August 20th. (Harrington Photo)



Heather Waugh, Sid Boyde and Tim Reid (left to right) were kept busy with the chowder pot, corn boil and bbq at Five Islands Park. (Harrington Photo)



Husband and wife team, Rob Bentley and Patti Dauphinee-Bentley, provided musical entertainment during the Five Islands Park Family Fun Day. (Harrington Photo)



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