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GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS AND OPEN HOUSE AT THINKERS' LODGE



Grade 12 students Caitlin Loughridge, Chy-Anne Stillman and Nicole Rushton help to put up the Christmas tree at the Lodge

Volunteers are busy decorating Thinkers Lodge for Christmas. High School students have assembled the trees, Cyrus Eaton Elementary students are making peace ornaments for the tree and Hanukkah decorations, college students and community volunteers will be hanging tinsel and lights.

On Friday, 19th December, students at Cyrus Eaton will walk over to Thinkers Lodge and hang their ornaments on the tree. Efficiency Nova Scotia will have a display to encourage energy saving during the holidays.

In keeping with the goals of our famous national historic site, Anne Eaton's room will highlight peace activities of women. Nova Scotia Voice of Women will have displays about women who have blazed trails working for peace.

Thinkers Lodge will be open to the public from December 20th to 22nd. There is no admission fee, but we encourage people to bring a donation for the food bank. Monetary donations are also welcome to go towards heating costs over the winter. The general public are encouraged to walk around the site during the evenings when the Christmas lights are on.

There may be other events happening at Thinkers Lodge during the holiday season, stay tuned for any Facebook announcements or posters throughout the village.

We would like to thank all volunteers who have supported Thinkers Lodge throughout 2014 and we look forward to another great year in 2015.



From: Teresa Kewachuk

Thinkers Lodge Society Announces Board Members



TLC Board Members: Brian Gordon, Nancy Burgess-Graham, Al Gillis, Teresa Kewachuk, Chris Bryant, Stephen Booth, Bonnie Bond, Chris Henneberry, Shawn Brunt. Directors missing from photo: Dave Farley, Sandi Butcher, David Harris, Giovanni Brenciaglia.

The new Thinkers Lodge Society is thrilled to have held their inaugural board meeting last week with twelve of the thirteen directors in attendance either in person or by Skype. The Board and the working committee chairs are ready to roll up their sleeves to help Thinkers Lodge National Historic Site become a high profile destination for visitors, conferences and special events at the property.

The newly elected Board Executive will be chaired by Shawn Brunt, Vice-Chair is Dave Farley, Secretary is Chris Henneberry and Treasurer is Chris Bryant.

There are four Working Committees. The community at large is invited to join the group in which they are most interested.

Infrastructure & Scheduling Committee, chaired by Teresa Kewachuk. societyteresa@gmail.com
902-243-3466

Program Committee will be co-chaired by Bonnie Bond and Sandi Butcher. johnbonnie52@hotmail.com
Home ph: 902-243-2416

Finance & Fundraising Committee is chaired by Chris Bryant. bryantc@halifax.ca Home ph: 902-832-0521

Marketing & Communications Committee is chaired by Nancy Burgess-Graham. nancy.graham@bellaliant.net
Home ph: 902-243-3034

The launch of the Thinkers Lodge Society and its landmark partnership agreement with the Pugwash Parks Commissioners forges new opportunities and hopes for a bright future for the property and the community.

From: Nancy Burgess-Graham

Cyrus Eaton Elementary School News

Christmas Cheer is coming once again to the village of Pugwash!!

Students from Cyrus Eaton Elementary School will be traveling by foot through the village on Friday, December 9th from early to mid-morning. Be on the lookout for these cheerful carollers as they walk from the school; with various groups going to places such as the East Cumberland Lodge, Pugwash Co-op, Scotiabank, Monty's, PharmaChoice and the Village Hall. The Village Hall will once again be providing hot chocolate to our students to warm them up and encourage them in their cheer spreading. Students will also be visiting Thinkers' Lodge throughout the day to decorate the tree in the Great Room and the Joseph Rotblat Room for their upcoming open house.

Recently, grade 5 students Lucas Bollong, Robin Dewar and Cadence Steeves, created an action plan for student action grants through the CCRSB. The Chignecto-Central Regional School Board's (CCRSB) "Stand Up. Speak Out. Student Action Grant" is intended to provide schools across CCRSB with access to funding to help develop and implement actions and programming to promote a positive school climate. We know that students who attend schools with a positive climate do better academically and socially. Better relationships also exist between all members of the school community and the outcomes of poor relationships, like bullying and cyber bullying, are reduced.

These students submitted an application to have two benches installed at Cyrus Eaton School, one inside and one outside on the property, as a safe place for students and staff to sit and solve problems peacefully. The students also plan to have pink cushions made for the inside bench that would display the message "Stand Up, Speak Out". Long term plans are to have a garden planted surrounding the bench outside in the shape of a megaphone. The project was approved and a student action grant of \$500 was awarded. This project is just getting started. More details will follow as things develop.

From: Angela Trenholm

LUNCH, SALE & AUCTION AND SANTA FUN BINGO

On Saturday December 6, as part of Christmas by the Sea, Pugwash Communities in Bloom will be hosting a day of Christmas fun at St. Thomas More Church Hall, with proceeds to support CIB initiatives in 2015.

Christmas Lunch: From 11:30am to 2pm, volunteers will be serving up delicious bowls of soup, homemade biscuits and sweets. Tickets: \$10.

Sale & Silent Auction: From 11am to 4pm, you can do your Christmas shopping by bidding on a fine array of gifts and services, donated by businesses and organizations in the area. CIB will also be selling hand-made, one-of-a-kind Christmas Wreaths, created just for you by Debbie Cameron and Wendy Isenor.

Santa Bingo: From 2pm to 4pm, old Saint Nick and his elves will be calling up all kinds of fun for great merchandise prizes. Tickets \$10 for fifteen games.



COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM SPRING FLING 2015

Winter is coming but spring will not be far behind. So mark your calendars and keep your ears peeled for news of our new series of Spring Gardening Talks and Information Sessions through April and May of 2015. Topics of interest will include:

- Care of Perennials - the low down on cuttings, deadheading and dividing those bulbs
- Water Conservation in Home & Garden
- Habitat Enhancement for Species at Risk - learn how you can make a difference for species under threat such as Brown Bats and Barn Swallows.

Find the community and social services that YOU need at: <http://ns.211.ca/>



Gingerbread House, Anyone?

Jennifer Houghtaling

The Pugwash Christmas Market will be held on December 6th from 9am to 1pm at the Pugwash District High School. "Andy and Arianna" will be back for some fiddle and saxophone music.

Cookie Exchange: Bake a dozen or two of your favourite Christmas cookies and bring them into the Christmas Market on Dec 6th with ingredients listed, as many as you leave you may take of other peoples favourites, we encourage anyone to bring copies of the recipe if possible to share with others. We will have a volunteer helping with the distribution of the cookies, feel free to feed her any extras you may have.

Gingerbread House Contest and Silent Auction: Create the loveliest gingerbread house in Pugwash. The base dimensions are 12" by 12" and you can make it as tall as your talent takes you! Prizes for top 3 houses. The Gingerbread Houses will be auctioned silently during the market and proceeds will go 50/50 to the Food Bank and the Market, Food Bank donations also gratefully accepted.

Register by calling Jenn at 243-2918 or emailing jenniferhoughtaling@gmail.com



Pugwash and District Volunteer Fire Department Fire truck rides for the kiddies on December 5th

Children, come to the old fire hall at 10260 Durham Street to catch a ride on real fire truck! Rides start at 5pm and until Santa lights the Christmas tree at the old train station at 7pm.

From: Alice Power



Fall is usually a quiet time for Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE). The many happenings this fall (2014) attest to how the organization has grown and evolved over the years.

Building renovations at Estuary House continue apace. Before the cold weather, the house will be weatherproof and have quite a different look with new siding, insulation, doors and windows. Trails day on November 30th saw the development of the first section of the hiking/interceptive trail system.

The first Fall Flotilla on October 11th was a resounding success with 26 craft and more than 50 people in attendance. It was a beautiful calm day, perfect for exploring Canfield Creek and the Nature Conservancy Canada protected property around it.

On October 21st, the FOPE property hosted approximately 50 science students, with 2 teachers, from Pugwash District High School. Five volunteers from FOPE helped the students carry out scientific work, including water flow rates, identifying flora, using GPS and studying samples under the microscope. This property will be a great asset for the schools in the area for hands on fieldwork.

The Green Crab Committee continues to be active- aiding NCC with mapping of eel grass beds, conversing with Dr. Fraser Clark on the results of his work with green crab and gathering information from local people who fish in the Estuary. Green crab continues to be a species of concern, and future work is being planned.

On Sunday, October 26th, St. Matthew's United Church hosted a twofold educational session. Estuaries in general and their importance in the eco system led into the specifics of the Pugwash Estuary and the work being done by FOPE. A lively and interesting discussion followed the presentations.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on February 28th, at Northumberland Community Curling Club. More information, including the guest speaker, will be advertised closer to the date. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Check for updates on Facebook or on the website at www.pugwashestuary.com

Pugwash Village Hall
Winter office hours:

**Monday to Friday
9am to 1pm**

Clerk Treasurer:
Lisa Betts
Phone: **902 243 2946**

Email: villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com

124 Water Street
PO Box 220
Pugwash, NS
BOK 1L0

pugwashvillage.com

The Village Hall has space available for a variety of uses and meeting sizes. This is FREE to non-profit groups.

Please call the Clerk to book a time at:
902-243 2946



Pugwash Cenotaph, November 11th, 2014. Photo: Fred Horton



**Pugwash C@P Site
and VIC**
Winter hours

**Monday - Friday
9am to noon**

Pugwash Village Hall
124 Water Street
C@P site ph: 902 243 2088
VIC ph: 902 243 3020



Marketing Strategies for Success graduates: Back Row: Cynthia Young, Holly Gordon, Instructor Matthew Guy of Luma Media, Charlene Tattrie, Danielle vanDalen, Gretchen Smith, Dawn Helm, Maureen Woodlock. Front: Ann Dulong, Michelle Tweed and Nancy Burgess-Graham. Missing from photo: Su Burnett and Dave Hodges.



From: Nancy Burgess-Graham

The Pugwash & Area Chamber of Commerce wishes to congratulate the 12 graduates of the "Marketing Strategies for Success" training program for small business.

The class enjoyed lots of animated discussions about brand positioning, target markets, understanding competition and the basics of social media while sharing great ideas to help grow each others business.

The 40 hour, 10 week certificate program is part of the free training available to businesses in rural communities from the NS Department of Labour & Advanced Education and administered by CBDC Cumberland.

This initiative was piloted in Pugwash in the spring and this is the second program that Chamber has sponsored in the community this year, with a third being planned for spring 2015.

Special thanks to the Pugwash Village Commission for the use of the hall board room.

Pugwash Pictures in the Park

Louise Haycocks

Pugwash Pictures has started the 2014-2015 winter season. Come to the Northumberland Community Curling Club to see a selection of classic movies on a Saturday night. The NCCC is a great venue with a large screen, comfortable seating and, unlike a movie theatre, non-sticky floors. Free popcorn is provided by Pugwash Pictures volunteers and drinks are available at the NCCC bar. Entry is by donation to cover the performance rights for each film.

The movie titles are yet to be determined, but the dates will be:

January 17th
February 7th
March 14th
April 11th

Check out our facebook page for more details or phone 902.243.2684



Friday December 5th

- Basic Spirit Fine Craft Gallery * Holiday sale and Christmas cookies
 C@P site * extended hours to 4pm * refreshments and free internet
 Chatterbox Café *10am to 2pm * Lunch specials and accepting donations to the Food Bank.
 Cut to the Chase * Giveaways, in store tax free sales, open until 6pm.
 Fire Truck Rides * 5-7pm (from the old fire hall)
 F & D PetroCanada * Craft and bake sale 10-6pm
 From Away * Snacks and hot cider * Open until 8pm
 GK Pizza * Get a 9" FREE garlic fingers with 16" pizza with the works
 Harrison's Building Supplies * In store specials and seasonal treats
 Hidden Jewel * 40% off clothing
 Horton Gallery * Open House. 20% off regular priced items, refreshments, open until 8 pm.
 Langille's Esso * draw and refreshments
 Monty's Used Clothing * No sales tax! Christmas store will be open.
 Northumberland Veterinary Services * Open until 8pm * Evening refreshments provided
 NSLC – in store samples for tasting
 O'Brien's PharmaChoice * In store specials, redeem Perks for a chance to win a 42" HDTV
 PDHS *3pm* Senior Girls basketball tournament
 Pugwash Co-Op * In store specials and customer draw
 Pugwash Home Hardware * In store draw.
 Open until 7pm
 Pugwash Library *6 to 6:30pm* Children's puppet show
 Pugwash Library *6 to 7:30pm* Open House
 Pugwash Post Office *Refreshments and draw
 Pugwash Train Station * 7pm* Lighting of the community Christmas tree and a visit from Santa!
 Pugwash Village Hall *3:30 to 5pm* LED Holiday light Exchange and Open House
 Pugwash Village Hall *3 to 5pm* Open House and treats
 Rebecca Silver Spray *10am-9pm* Craft and bake sale
 Seagull Pewter * In store specials and draw
 Scotiabank * Giveaways and refreshments



Christmas by the Sea

Saturday December 6th

- Basic Spirit Fine Craft Gallery * In store specials and Christmas cookies
 Chatterbox Café *10am to 2pm* Tea, coffee and sweets only, accepting donations to the Food Bank
 Communities in Bloom at St Thomas More Church Hall:
 11:30am-1:30pm Luncheon \$10
 11:30am-\$30pm Sale and silent auction
 2pm-4:30pm Santa Bingo \$10
 F & D PetroCanada * Craft and bake sale 10-4pm
 GK Pizza * Get a 9" FREE garlic fingers with 16" pizza with the works.
 Harrison's Building Supplies * In store specials and seasonal treats
 Horton Gallery *Open House. 20% off regular priced items, refreshments, open until 5 pm
 Langille's Esso * Draw and refreshments
 Monty's Used Clothing * No sales tax! Christmas store will be open.
 NSLC – in store samples for tasting
 O'Brien's PharmaChoice * In store specials, redeem Perks for a chance to win a 42" HDTV
 PDHS *8am* Senior Girls basketball tournament. All day.
 PDHS *9am to 1pm* Farmers Market
 Pugwash Home Hardware * In store tax free sales and draw.
 Rebecca Silver Spray *10am* Craft and bake sale
 Seagull Pewter * In store specials and draw





From: Lisa Betts,
GOC Coordinator

ROBBIE BURNS NIGHT 2015

2014 saw the reinstatement of celebrating Robbie Burns' Night in Pugwash. It went so well, we want to do it again! Book early to be sure of a seat at Inn the Elms on Saturday, January 24th.

There will be traditional Scottish food, songs, music and poems. A haggis with accompanying tatties and neeps will be piped in - with an alternative of roast beef for the sassanachs. Break out your tartans, dust off your tam and practise your favourite Burns poem for a fun night of Scottish culture.

Tickets will be \$25 with proceeds going to the Gathering of the Clans.



Theme for Canada Day

2015 will be the 50th birthday of the Canadian Flag, so we're pretty sure that will be the theme for Canada Day. There are lots of paper flags available from the Village Hall for your floats or just to proudly wave at any time at all!

HarbourFest Celebrates Ten Year Milestone

Pugwash HarbourFest is scheduled to run July 25 & 26, 2015 and plans are well under way. Festival Chair, Wally Vaters, said "ten years is a great milestone and we look forward to celebrating in style with our many friends, residents, visitors and participants. We continue to look for new ideas while holding fast to tried and true traditions that have created this great event. I would encourage interested members of the community to work with or consider joining our committee to ensure we can carry on Pugwash HarbourFest for many more years into the future!"

As 2015 has been declared the "Year of Sport" in Canada, HarbourFest will be looking to augment its events with other new exciting recreational opportunities for festival goers to add to the already large number of sporting activities and events. One very popular event that shall return to the schedule is the 5Km run.

The festival has been significantly hampered by inclement weather in recent years. To avoid the impact this has on revenues, the largest part of fundraising is generated in advance via grants, fundraising, and community support. The committee is busy planning a fun event for March 2015 along with the very critical Scotiabank Cake Auction that runs the third Friday of May.

There will be no gate fee to the 2015 festival. The committee is planning a Seafood Tent on the Eaton Park grounds and will work to have top-notch vendors selling delicious local offerings throughout the event. Please check our Pugwash HarbourFest website (www.pugwashharbourfest.ca) or very facebook page for current information.

For more information call Lee Fleming at 902.243.2275 or email officemanager@pugwashharbourfest.ca

Upcoming Events

December

- 5/6th Christmas-by-the-sea
- 8th Heritage Fair at PDHS
- 10th Holiday Party - Library
- 12th President's Christmas Reception - Pugwash Legion
- 12/13th Senior Boys basketball
- 12/13th Turkey Spiel
- 15th Village Commission meeting
- 19th Last day of school
- 19-23rd Thinkers' Lodge Open House
- 20th Santa at the Legion
- 25th Christmas Day
- 31st New Year's Eve Dance - Wallace

January

- 1st Levée at Pugwash Legion
- 3rd Cribbage - Pugwash Legion
- 5th Back to school
- 17th Cribbage - Pugwash Legion
- 17th Pugwash Pictures in the Park
- 18th NCCC AGM
- 19th Village Commission meeting
- 24th Robbie Burns' Supper
- 30/31st Invitational Bonspiel - NCCC

February

- 1st Invitational Bonspiel - NCCC
- 7th Cribbage - Pugwash Legion
- 7th Pugwash Pictures in the Park
- 16th Village Commission meeting
- 21st Cribbage - Pugwash Legion
- 28th FOPE AGM

Exercise & Dance Classes

Fun exercise program

10am Wednesdays at CEES

Ladies' Exercise

9:30am Fridays. At PDHS. Call Brigitte at 902 257 2844 for details.

Dance/exercise instructors - please call the Pugwash VIC with your class times at: 902 243 2946

Check out
pugwashvillage.com "Events"
page for more details!



WHAT IS GOING ON AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY?

There will be an **Open House** and **Puppet Show** at the Pugwash Library on Friday December 5th as part of Christmas-by-the-sea.

The puppet show will be at 6pm followed by the Open House, which will run from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Come in for some hot chocolate and see what is new at your library!

On December 10th, from 3:15 to 4:15pm, we will have our **Holiday Party** with grades Primary to 6.

All through December we will be running our **Food for Fines** program again. Bring in a non-perishable item for the Pugwash Open Hamper Food Bank and your overdue library fine will be forgiven.

Call Pugwash Library 902-243-3331 for details and registration. Space is limited on some programs.

Pugwash Library

Winter hours
October - May

Monday: 11am - 4pm
Tuesday: 11am - 4pm
Wednesday: 2pm - 7pm
Thursday: 2pm - 7pm
Friday: noon - 5pm
Saturday: 10am - 1pm
Sunday - closed

Ph: 902 243 3331

More Construction at Camp Pagweak!

From: Ruth Rushton

You would think that there would be very little going on at Camp Pagweak at this time of the year but once again we are under construction.

As previously reported, fund raising commenced in September for a new septic system and the support has been wonderful. The work crew started loading sand to the property and as I prepare this report, the excavation should be starting soon.

Camp Pagweak will be 70 years old next year and we hope that this new system will allow us to keep going for another 70 years!

Fund raising continues with an 'on-line auction' which will commence in a few weeks time. Keep checking the Camp Pagweak web page for more details – www.pagweak.org.

Also staffing has commenced for 2015 – the deadline for returning staff to submit their applications is Dec. 31st and those who are new applicants are advised to apply prior to Jan. 31st. The application can be found on the web site as noted above. Don't miss out as I can't think of a better way to spend a summer than at Camp Pagweak!

See you in the summer!



PREPARING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY
ON SE PRÉPARE POUR LE 21^E SIÈCLE

The Royal Canadian Legion, Peace Branch No.60

Cribbage will be on the first and third Saturdays of the month. 1-430 p.m. \$10 per person-you'll need a partner. Bar will be open. Coffee and sandwiches, and cinnamon rolls available for purchase.

Bingo every Wednesday at 7pm

President's Christmas Reception will be December 12th from 4 to 7pm

Santa will be at the Legion on December 20th at 2pm.

Memberships are now due and may be paid at the branch or through Thaxena Whitman.

New members are welcome.

FRIENDS OF THE MARGARET KING SCHOOL SOCIETY



Many invited guests spoke at the official opening of the Margaret King School Memorial Park on a beautiful day in late September.

Photos: Paolo Brenciaglia

CHB WELLNESS GRANTS AWARDED to FIFTEEN GROUPS

The Pugwash and Area Community Health Board (CHB) has awarded 15 Wellness Grants to 15 recipients serving the area covered by the CHB. Five of these are for Pugwash and area.

Wellness Grants are awarded to organizations or groups who, on a not-for-profit basis, make proposals that promote healthy lifestyles and activities among citizens in our area. Approved projects must meet one of the community health projects that have been identified by the CHB through its Community Health Plan.

Funding for Wellness Grants comes from two sources: Department of Health and Wellness (DHW) and the Cumberland Health Authority (CHA). For 2014-2015, the Pugwash CHB had a total of \$18 221.55 available for distribution of which \$12 221.55 came from DHW and \$6000.00 from the CHA.

The Pugwash and Area CHB as well as the other two county CHBs contributed to the County-wide Grants. The amounts noted are the Pugwash and Area CHB contribution.

The Pugwash and Area recipients are:

Food for Thought sponsored by Pugwash District High School received \$1500.00 to provide healthy snacks which use only food from the maximum nutrition list provided by the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board. These snacks are available to all students.

Butt Out Pugwash sponsored by Communities in Bloom in conjunction with several local agencies received \$500.00 to promote smoke free places. The recipient will declare one day in spring 2015 to be Smoke Free Pugwash Day. Procedures will be in alignment with the policies of Smoke Free Nova Scotia.

Cyrus Eaton Hot Lunch Program sponsored by Cyrus Eaton Elementary School received \$2768.22 for its program which is available to all students at a small cost. Costs for those unable to pay are covered without any application process and related social stigma.

Breakfast Program sponsored by Northport Consolidated Elementary School received \$1000.00. The re-

quest was approved for a 30 week program and food is available for all students.

Camp Pagweak Milk sponsored by Camp Pagweak received \$333.33 for the provision of milk for its eight week summer camp program. In the last year, the Camp served 279 campers who were of ages five to fifteen.

The other County-wide grants include those for Outdoor Adventures (CEES and CNAS), Women and Fitness (YMCA), POP UP, SAFEtalk (Autumn House) and Health and Wellbeing (Maggie's Place)

There is great diversity among the Wellness Grants that have been approved. Many of the recipients work in conjunction with other agencies, which may also provide funding. All recipients are required to provide reports on the progress of their grants as well as completing a financial report.

Questions or comments about these grants or requests to join the CHB board may be directed to Peter Lewis, Pugwash and Area CHB chair at 902.243.2075 or lewisp@ns.sympatico.ca.

From: Peter Lewis

Windsor Salt Invitational Senior Boys Basketball Tournament December 12th and 13th

The gyms at Pugwash, Oxford and Springhill will be the hosts of the 2014 Windsor Salt Basketball Tournament.

The schedule for the Pugwash gym will be:

Friday December 12th

- 3pm Pugwash vs Ecole du Carrefour
- 5pm JL Isley vs Central Kings
- 7pm Central Kings vs Pugwash
- 9pm JL Isley vs Central Kings

Saturday December 13th

- 9am Pool Game
- 11am Pool Game
- 2pm Semi final
- 5pm Championship Game

From: Vincent Pye

North Cumberland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

Meetings: first Tuesday of each month at 2pm
The NCM Hospital Board Room

Everyone is welcome



Santa has been working hard to be sure he gets his lists up-to-date. Did you get your letter to Santa sent in yet? Send it before December 16th to Santa Claus, North Pole, HOH OHO, Canada. Don't forget to include your return address so he can answer your letter!



Girl Guides of Canada
Guides du Canada

From:
Mary Maron

Wallace Girl Guides is now a multi-branch unit of Sparks, Brownies and Guides. This group of 16 girls come together on Wednesday evenings from Pugwash, Wallace, Malagash, Tatamagouche and Brule.

Eager cookie sellers had a very successful mint cookie sale in October. The girls have been working

on badges for their various programs and will soon have a fun time at the Clay Cafe in Truro. As community involvement is important in Guiding, several girls were involved in their local Remembrance Day services and will be participating in Wallace Country Christmas. Camping, hiking and sleepovers are being planned for future months.

Although we have had our enrolment ceremony and started a new year, we always welcome new girls to our group! If you would like more information, please contact Mary Maron at 902-257-2468.

Mixed Palette Art Group



The Mixed Palette Art Group meets at the Pugwash Village Hall every Thursday from 9:30am to 1pm. We paint, chat and learn from each other.

We paint enough paintings through the year to have a ten day Art Sale in August at the Village Hall. This year, over 1,000 people visited the sale and we sold about 70 paintings!

New members are always welcome. Just drop by the Village Hall on a Thursday or contact Heather Cunningham at 902-243-2380.

It Takes a Village

Newsletter is generally published quarterly in March, June, September, December. The deadline for our next issue is **February 23rd 2015**. Maximum word count of 250. No ads. We reserve the right to edit for length and content. Submissions from non-profit groups only please. Photos or graphics will be used as space allows. Send articles by email to: villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com

For more info call:
902 243 2946



Northumberland Community Curling Club (NCCC)

From: Hazel Felderhof

Northumberland Community Curling Club is well into its 2014/15 season.

The ice making team consisting of volunteers: Brian Gordon, Howie Wilson, Norval Benjamin, Mike Power, Joe Dionne, Bill Spence, Jim Dixon, Al Isenor, Bob Nogler, Duane Tuttle, Dennis Cox, Reuben Green and Vic Matheson began cleaning the ice floor after Thanksgiving. This was immediately followed by 17 floods over the next 20 days to create the excellent ice surface that so many of us are now enjoying.

An OPEN HOUSE and registration took place on the week of October 27th to October 30th. League play began on November 3rd.

To date, 92 Full-time Adult members have registered, also 3 Snowbirds, 9 Once-A Week Curlers, 7 Introductory, 3 Learn-to-curl, 4 Juniors, 22 Little Rocks, 12 Sunset curlers, 26 Pay-As-You-Play and 8 Commercial Teams. In total 210 curlers have stepped out on the ice this season. In addition we enjoy the support of 21 Social Members, above and beyond the many Lifetime Social Members who supported the initial fund raising campaign. NCCC certainly works hard to live up to its Memorandum of Understanding with the Municipality of Cumberland to provide recreational facilities to Pugwash and Area, run solely by volunteers.

Upcoming events to look forward to are The Turkey Spiel on the weekend of December 12th and 13th. Sign up - you could win your Christmas turkey! On January 30th, 31st and February 1st, NCCC will again host an Invitational Bonspiel with visiting teams from many parts of NS and NB.

If you are interested in how NCCC is making all of this happen come to our Annual Meeting on January 18. Everyone is welcome. Full Adult Members are qualified to vote.

Pugwash Best video

Co-sponsored by Pugwash Communities In Bloom and The Pugwash and Area Chamber of Commerce. It was filmed and edited by Catherine Bussiere. This video captures the very special essence of Pugwash. This video was entered as part of the village entry into the national Communities in Bloom competition. Catch this five minute video on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LtnEEaePNNI>

Pugwash Village Commission Meetings

Regular meetings are on the third Monday of the month at 7pm. Come to the next meeting and find out what is going on in YOUR Village!

Meetings often include special presentations from local organizations and groups, the RCMP or Provincial representatives

If you would like to make a presentation, call the Clerk at 902 243 2946 or email villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com

Winter Parking

There is no parking allowed on any public streets between 1am and 7am until March 31st. This includes the streets of the Village of Pugwash. In Nova Scotia it is an offence to park on any roadway that might interfere with, or obstruct, snow removal or winter maintenance.

The Village has contracted snow and ice removal services from sidewalks and would appreciate if vehicle owners would avoid parking on Water Street until the sidewalks are cleared of snow and ice. There is ample parking on the side streets and in the Municipal car park on the harbour front.



MLA Terry Farrell

The Amherst office is located at 10B Havelock St on the corner with Ratchford Street. The office is staffed daily. Deby White is the Cumberland North Constituency Assistant. You can reach us at 902-660-3144 or by email at terry.farrell@live.com. We will be at the Pugwash Village Hall every second Monday afternoon. Come by chance or call 902-660-3144 for an appointment.

Next Regular Meetings

December 15th
January 19th
February 16th

Did you know
That Pugwash was incorporated as a Village in 1948?
The act was passed on August 1st, giving the residents of Pugwash the right to raise their own taxes to be spent in their area as they wished.

Pugwash Village Commissioners: Who are they?

Pugwash Village has five elected Commissioners who volunteer their time to help administer what is going on in YOUR Village. To be a Commissioner, you have to live within Village limits, a Canadian citizen and be willing to give up time to work for the sake of *all* Village residents. Elections are held every June for one or two positions that are for three years.

Christie Blackie (902 243 3308) is the hot lunch coordinator at Cyrus Eaton Elementary School. Christie returned to Pugwash 5 years ago and hosts international exchange students.

Dave Farley (902 243 3284) is past chair of the Village Commission. Dave is retired from Diversey Canada.

Charles Gould (902 243 3493) lives on Durham Street and works for the NS Department of Natural Resources.

Roger Mundle - Vice Chair (902 243 2042) lives on Water Street and is semi-retired as a truck driver. Roger delivered furnace oil in this area for 28 years.

Kathy Redmond - Chair (902 243 2606) lives on Freedom Lane. Kathy brings 12 years of Municipal experience to the village commission. Kathy works Monday through Thursday afternoons at the Cooperators Insurance Office.

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