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Congratulations to Margaret Poulette, Volunteer of the Year representative for Inverness County.

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VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION:

This year the Municipality received 50 nominations from organizations throughout the County wishing to honour their hard working volunteers.

Congratulations to all! See inside this issue for the volunteer's biographies and photos.

SENIOR GAMES:

On Saturday June 4, the 2005 Senior Games will take place at the Inverness Academy in Inverness. The games are open to all county residents 50 years+. Activities include some friendly competition, with team events such as horseshoes, scrabble, cards and darts. There will also be entertainment, socializing, informative workshops, information booths, lots of fun and, of course, a delicious lunch. Registration for the Senior Games is being taken by local Senior clubs throughout Inverness County. See inside this issue for more information on the 2005 Senior Games.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT/COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM:

Celebrate your community...people, plants and pride....growing together! The Municipality offers a community enhancement grant under the name "Communities in Bloom". This program enables residents to work together to improve on the appearance of their communities as well as maintain and focus on a greener, healthier environment. Several communities in the County have taken advantage of this program and created some lovely sights in their community. The "Communities in Bloom" grant is available through the Recreation/Tourism Department on a 50/50 basis up to a maximum of \$500. For more information on how you can get involved, contact your local development association or the Recreation/ Tourism office at 787 - 3508.

NAME THE TRAIL CONTEST:

The Inverness County Trails Federation and the Inverness County Recreation/Tourism Department are co-sponsoring a "Name the Trail" contest. Watch for details in the *Inverness Oran*.

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ANCESTORS UNLIMITED

HELPING TO FIND YOUR INVERNESS COUNTY ROOTS

By Dr. Jim St. Clair

NAMES FROM EARLY PETITION:

One of the earliest documents containing names of early residents in Inverness County is the 1821 petition from residents of the Port Hood and Mabou area, requesting that the newly ordained Reverend William Millar of Scotland, come to them as a Presbyterian minister for the area. The document is certainly a very early item in the portfolio of community development documents, as the people signing it are of several religious denominations, i.e.: Congregational; Roman Catholic; Presbyterian; Anglican and probably Methodist. The Bull Family members are Church of Ireland (sort of Anglican really). The names on the petition are as follows (note -one woman!):

John Giles	William Pollock
David Hunter	William Crowell
Richard Worth	W. W. McKeen
David Smith	Lewis L. Smith
James McCallum	Samuel McKeen
John Worth	James Hawley
Benjamin Smith	Peter Renouf
Robert Sinclair	Kenneth McCallum
Francis Bowen	David Smith
Henry Shierer	David O'Brien
Joseph Worth	Reuben Young
Alexander McQuarrie	George Meloney
Elizabeth Smith	James Wright
Alex McCallum	William Watts
William Worth	Robert Kindle
Christopher Bull	Andrew Moore
Robert Brownlee	W. W. Crawford
John Adams	Isaac Smith
Ranald McDonald	William Green
Benjamin Worth	Parker Smith
William Bull	Alex Fraser
Andrew Stephenson	Hugh Fraser
Ebenezer Leadbetter	John Smith
James McKeen	Giles Corry
Elisha Young	Alex McCallum
James Bull	John B. Riley
Robert Bull	David Curtin
John Parker	David Brennan

John Roper	Richard Potter
Wm Dyer	John Keith

Further information about this petition may be found, along with one version of the names in MacDougall's *History of Inverness County*, p. 46, and in *Murray's History of the Presbyterian Church in Cape Breton*, p.'s 35-36.

TIDBITS OF INFORMATION

Through the kindness of Eugene Quigley, the following two items are printed:

1. An 1820 document showing financial arrangements for an immigrant, Archibald McKinnon, who settled at Lake Ainslie:

Obligation
 Archd. McKinnon
 Isle Muck
 1 pound 14 shillings
 Tobermory (Isle of Mull) 10th of July 1820

I do hereby acknowledge to be due Capt. C. D. Rankin the sum of one pound fourteen shillings / g being the balance unpaid of my passage to Pictou with the ship Dunlop of Greenock_____sum. I promise to pay him on demand after my arrival in America

Witness: Niel (sic) McKinnon Sign(x) Archd. McKinnon

and the following on same piece of paper:

This I certify, that Allan McKinnon has payed his note to C. D. Rankin for his brother Archibald amounting to 2.11.3 including expenses and said Archibald is to pay Allan the above amount on demand. (signed) C. D. Rankin

Amount of Bill	1.16.7
Incidental Expenses	1. 3 .5
Centra	3 0 0
1 ½ gal rum	0. 9 .9
-----	2.11.3

(documents such as these are very rare and are

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most helpful in showing cost of passage for immigrants, names of ship and captains and incidental expenses such as rum).

2. A marriage announcement, as found in the North Sydney Herald, 21 December 1881, for a Dan (or David) McInnis of Cape Mabou: Married 14 December 1881. Esther Lenore Ayles of Gabarus to D. K. McInnis at Halifax (according to Eugene Quigley, McInnis was a teacher and of the MacInnis Family of Cape Mabou).

3. DesBarres wrote of a trip around the Bras d'Or Lakes and to a newly established farm, and describes the house as follows: "in the centre of the clearing stood the dwelling house, constructed of square logs dovetailed into each other and covered over at the top with shingles; in the inside, a cleanliness and neatness of arrangement seemed to bespeak peculiar comfort and content." Year 1818. (The house was occupied by a Currie family.)

4. Hart, in his *History of Northeast Margaree*, reports local tradition about hardy pioneers erecting log cabins as temporary dwellings which were eventually replaced by frame dwellings.

5. A writer to the Gaelic language newspaper, *Mactalla*, seventy years after the settlers first came to River Denys, describes his own experience: "We started to cut down the forest where we intended



"B" Class, Grade 11, 1937-38, Mabou. Who can identify any of these students? Who was their teacher?

[Boyle/Goodwin collection]

establishing everyone near a neighbour; everyone started building little log houses, thatched between the logs, and narrow sticks hewn with an ax put down for a floor." (The year was 1821 as he recalled it.)

6. In the Journals of the Assembly of Nova Scotia at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, there are listed five hundred names of people living on land not yet surveyed - essentially squatters on Crown Lands - a great source for residents - year 1854 - strong need for surveyors.

7. The 1818 Census lists Peter O'Quinn age 53 on C.B. Island for 24 years; born in France of parents born in Nova Scotia, and nearby, Simon O'Quin age 31 on C.B. Island for 31 years, born in "Chetican" of parents born in France.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

1. *When Canada Joined Cape Breton: Celebrating Fifty Years of the Canso Causeway*, by Elaine Ingalls Hogg, published in 2005 by Nimbus Publishing Company. Memories and comments by a variety of people



Main Street, Mabou. Are any of these buildings still standing? Can anyone identify them?

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about the Canso Causeway along with a number of pictures.

2. *Pirates of the North Atlantic* (including Blackbeard), by William S. Crooker, Nimbus 2005.

3. *Cape Bretonia, an Annotated Bibliography*, by Brian Tennyson, formerly of Cape Breton University. Six Thousand entries listing all the known publications relating to the history, culture, economy and politics of Cape Breton Island. University of Toronto Press (2005). This is a very useful research publication.

4. *Touring the Cabot Trail*, by Susan Biagi, Formac Publishing Co., 2005 with photographs by Keith Vaughan.

5. *The Nova Scotia Genealogist*, Spring 2005 issue, published by the Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia - quarterly publication included with membership: Box 641, Station Central, Halifax, B3J 2T3.

6. *From Migrant to Acadian, A North American Border People, 1604-1755*, by N.E.S. Griffiths, McGill - Queen's University Press (2005). A major and important new insight into the Acadians.

SOURCES FOR INFORMATION:

The 1871 Census is the first every name census, with all people in a household listed by name and with their stated age, literacy (in English), place of birth and age. Relationships between people are not stated as they are on later censuses. But this census has schedules of economic activities for each household surviving.

An early hockey team from Chéticamp, circa 1940's. Back row, second from left, Chester à Dougall Aucoin. Standing far right, Paul à Fidel Deveau, second from right, Wilfred à Fidel. Front row, Placide à Fidel, brother to Paul and Wilfred, is seated second from right. Who can identify the rest of the members of this team for us? When did they play? Was there a team name? Does anyone have another copy of this photograph? Contact the editor.

[Aucoin collection photo]

These schedules should help to "flesh out" ancestors as a person prepares family histories or genealogical accounts of early residents. In addition, the 1871 census has a schedule showing the activities of blacksmiths, mill operators and other commercial activities (but not stores, it is to be regretted).

The schedules do not appear on websites, although the nominal lists of some communities do. They may, however, be found on microfilm at the Eastern County Regional Library in Mulgrave, The Highland Village in Iona, The Public Archives in Halifax and the Beaton Institute at Cape Breton University. An excellent example of one of these is the following account of one family taken from the 1871 Census for Whycomogagh:

John McDonald age 34, born in Nova Scotia [thus his family had emigrated by 1837], farmer, able to read and write, not blind or deaf or of unsound mind, married, Presbyterian.

Florah McDonald, married, age 28, born in Nova Scotia, Presbyterian, able to read and write, not blind or deaf or of unsound mind.

Mary, age 3 - born in Nova Scotia - [we assume the child of the aforementioned couple] no infirmities.

Archibald, age 1, no infirmities - we assume also a child of John and Florah.

Schedule 3 states they own 100 acres, have 1 house, 1 barn, 1 carriage or sleigh, 2 wagons, a plough and a fanning mill.

Schedule 4 shows they have 10 improved acres, 1

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acre in pasture, grew four bushels of barley, ninety bushels of oats, four bushels of buckwheat, 80 bushels of potatoes, 3 tons of hay, five bushels of flax seed and five pounds of flax in the year 1870. Schedule 5 shows they had 3 milk cows and 5 other cattle, 13 sheep and 2 pigs and they churned 30 pounds of butter plus wove 30 yards of home-made cloth. Schedule 7 shows they cut 21 cords of firewood.

It also indicates they did not make any maple sugar.

The conclusions we can draw from the information included in this census shows this young family, perhaps not married very long, with a good return from their farm and their efforts. Such information is available for every household in Inverness County. Other areas would show how much fishing the family wishes to report or how many logs cut etc. ■

2005 SENIORS' GAMES SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 4TH

ATTENTION: EVERYONE 50 YEARS OR OLDER WHO WANTS TO SPEND A DAY HAVING FUN.

This year's Senior Games Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th. The theme is, "Celebrating 50 Years with the Canso Causeway" and the event will once again take place at the Inverness Academy on Veterans Memorial Court (formerly Cabot Street). The official opening will be held at 9:45 am, with registration beginning at 9:00 am. It is not necessary to belong to a Senior's group or club to attend; spectators are also welcome.



Based on this year's theme, participants are urged to bring along their stories, photos and/or memorabilia related to the Causeway. There will be an opportunity to share this information in the "Causeway Room" at the event. There will also be workshops, booths, crafts, all sorts of competitive activities, skits, entertainment and delicious food - in other words, there is something for everyone.

Door prize tickets will be handed out with name tags during registration. These tickets will be good for several draws throughout the afternoon, and, especially for a beautiful plant arrangement donated by the Inverness Garden Club.

This event is sponsored by the Municipal Department of Recreation, Tourism, Community Development and Culture. For more information or to register, contact the Inverness County Recreation Department at 787-3508 or Mary Fleck, Senior Coordinator, at 248-2838.



KEEP IN TOUCH ...

Check your E-mail...Send a message to friends and family

FREE INTERNET ACCESS AT THESE EASTERN COUNTIES REGIONAL LIBRARY SITES:

Eastern Counties
Regional Library
Headquarters

390 Murray St.
Mulgrave, NS BOE 2G0
Phone: (902)747-2597
info@nsme.library.ns.ca

Margaree Forks:
(902)248-2821
Drs. Coady and Tompkins
Memorial Library
7972 Cabot Trail
Margaree Forks
margaree@nsme.library.ns.ca

Port Hawkesbury:
(902) 625-2729, 304 Pitt St.
Port Hawkesbury
porthawk@nsmc.library.ns.ca

ARTS NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ARTS AND CRAFTS SECTOR

WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS WANTED:

The Inverness County Centre for the Arts would like to establish a database of potential workshop instructors that we can call upon throughout the year. Can you paint, sculpt, work with wood, fabric or anything else? Then we want to know! The Centre can host your workshop, assist in advertising and take registrations. For more information, call Kathy at 258-2533 or email: kathy@invernessarts.ca

PRODUCT ASSESSMENT

The Cape Breton Centre for Craft and Design will be holding its next product assessment (formerly jurying) session on Wednesday, May 25. Submissions must be at the Centre by Friday, May 20. If you would like more information on the process or an application form, please contact Diane Campbell at 539-7491 or email diane@capebretoncraft.com

CRAFT MARKET OPPORTUNITY

On Sunday, July 24th, as part of the annual festivities for the North Sydney Bartown Festival, there will be a market set up in the parking lot of North Sydney SuperValu on King Street. That afternoon there will be food and fun for the whole family. The festivities begin at 1pm. Although there is no cost, vendors must have a license and supply their own table. Last year this event saw 8,000 to 10,000 people; this year we are anticipating this number to increase. For more information, or to sign-up for this event, please contact Amber at 794-8589 or email bartownfestival@hotmail.com

E-BULLETIN FOR APPAREL PRODUCERS

If you are an apparel producer and would like to subscribe to the Canadian Apparel Producer E-Bulletin (to receive all their news of professional opportunities) please contact Carolann Pollett at carolannpollett@nf.sympatico.ca

ART KUDOS INTERNATIONAL JURIED ART COMPETITION

Artshow.com is currently seeking entries for "Art Kudos", an international juried art competition that serves to recognize and honor excellence in the visual arts. Exemplary works will be displayed in an online exhibition beginning Aug 5, 2005. Cash awards totaling \$1,800. Juror of awards: Georgiana Cray Bart. Entry fee \$30, up to 3 entries. Questions? Contact us at info@artshow.com Info: www.artshow.com/artKudos. Deadline: June 30, 2005.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE INFORMATION

There are several new reports on the Canadian Craft Federation website concerning international trade in the Craft sector:

The Trade Show Report: The Buyers Market for American Craft in Philadelphia can be viewed at www.canadiancraftsfederation.ca/html/advocate_ccf.html#Anchor-Craft-11481. The report offers detailed information and observations about the trade show from a Canadian participant's perspective.

Craft International Trade Action Plan can be viewed at www.canadiancraftsfederation.ca/html/advocate_ccf.html#Anchor-Craft-11481 This international trade action plan for the Canadian Craft Sector is based in large part upon the research and findings presented in the document *Profile and Development Strategy for Craft in Canada*.



MARGARET POULETTE OF WHYCOCOMAGH
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR FOR INVERNESS COUNTY



Margaret honoured us by donning colourful native dress for the awards ceremony.

Each year, Inverness County chooses someone to attend the Volunteer Awards ceremonies in Halifax to represent all Inverness County volunteers. The name of the volunteer representative is chosen by a draw from all nominations received by a specified deadline date. This year, the name drawn was that of nominee Margaret Poulette of Whycomagh. Margaret had been nominated by the Mawi Ta'Mk Society of Waycobah First Nation as their volunteer of the year.

A retired social worker, Margaret has been an active volunteer within her community for many years. She has volunteered with L'Arche Cape Breton as well as helping with the Waycobah Celebration. She has also been very active in her parish working with the Friends of St. Ann, the Holy Trinity parish bingo, as well as ministering to those who are sick or grieving. In addition to this, she has organized the Eucharistic ministers for the parish

and is an active Eucharistic minister herself. She has always been a willing volunteer for any community events.

Margaret is a founding Board member of the Mawi Ta'Mk Society and has been active on the Board since 2000. She is known for her great interest and concern for people with intellectual disabilities. This year she was named, along with her brother Grand Chief Ben, and his wife, Marie, as the first Honourary Members of Mawi Ta'Mk Society. The community of Whycomagh appreciates all that you do Margaret. Congratulations on being chosen to represent Inverness County at the Volunteer Awards ceremony in Halifax and thank you for all that you do for us. ■

Pictured below: Margaret's sister and a colleague accompanied her to the County Volunteer Awards ceremonies.



The recipients of Volunteer Awards for District Four are pictured with their Councillor (and Inverness County Warden), Duart MacAuley. Standing, l-r: Jim Rutten, Carl MacDonald, John Hendsbee, Donald Stewart, David Mitchell, Angus Scott and Warden MacAuley. Seated, l-r: Wilfred Chiasson, Jim Kelly, Margaret Poulette and Norma Munro.



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THERESE AUCOIN
Belle Marche



EDDIE JOE AUCOIN
Belle Marche



PEGGY BURKE
Creignish



THOMAS BURNS
Margaree Harbour



WILFRED CHIASSON
Aberdeen



LEA CAISSIE
St. Joseph du Moine



DOUG CAMERON
Inverness



PATRICIA CORMIER
Margaree Forks



DONALD COSMAN
Mabou

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**EDDIE JOE AUCOIN
CHÉTICAMP**

Le Club des Rétraites de Chéticamp salutes Eddie Joe Aucoin as their volunteer of the year. Eddie Joe has volunteered his time, not only to Le Club des Rétraites de Chéticamp, but to many other organizations in the community of Chéticamp. He readily performs many tasks voluntarily for any association and works long hours on behalf of those associations he is presently involved with. Eddie Joe also shares his talents as a carpet layer with the Club. Many thanks Eddie Joe for all you do for your community.

**THERESE AUCOIN
CHÉTICAMP**

The Sacred Heart Community Health Centre Auxiliary would like to nominate Therese Aucoin. Since joining the auxiliary in 1999, Therese can be found giving of her talents and time whenever and wherever required. She is always available to help and does it with a smile.

Therese is also on the executive of the Senior Citizen's Club of Chéticamp and also volunteers with St. Peter's Church. On behalf of the auxiliary we would like to thank her for her many hours of service to her community.

**PEGGY BURKE
CREIGNISH**

Stella Maris Ladies Auxiliary is pleased to nominate Peggy Burke as their Volunteer of the year.

Peggy has been very active in our church and community all of her life. She somehow found time to give of herself to her community at the same time that she was busy raising a family and working as a teacher in the County for the past 32 years.

Peggy can usually be found working quietly at her parish Church or volunteering with the local chapter of the Trans Canada Trails Association. She is particularly generous to the youth of her community and is always available to do fund-raising. Peggy is truly deserving and always goes above and beyond the call of duty. Congratulations and thank you Peggy.

**TOMMY BURNS
MARGAREE HARBOUR**

The Father R.F. Wicks Council Knights of Columbus is proud to nominate Tom as their volunteer of the year. Over the last several years he has used his exceptional organizational skills to promote and support the Margaree community and the Fr. Robert F. Wicks Council of Knights of Columbus. He has volunteered his time through many endeavours of the Knights and has shared his experience and knowledge as he continues to guide them in their role as benefactors to the three Margaree area Catholic churches. He provides an excellent example of what a true Knight should be. Congratulations and thank you Tommy.

**LEA CAISSIE
ST. JOSEPH DU MOINE**

The LeMoine Development Association is pleased to nominate Lea Caissie as their volunteer of the year. Lea has been involved with the Association for the past 12 years. She is always ready to help any organization in any way she can, whether in an official capacity or not. Lea is a member of the senior citizen's club and a member of her church choir. On behalf of the people of St. Joseph du Moine, a huge thank you goes out to Lea for her outstanding contribution to the community.

**DOUG CAMERON
INVERNESS**

The members of the Inverness Development Association are pleased to nominate Doug Cameron as their volunteer of the year. Doug has spent his entire adult life as a volunteer with various organizations in our community. He has acted as treasurer for various organizations (as many as four at one time) such as his church, the Harbour Authority, the Centennial Committee and the Inverness Development Association. He also freely gives of his time and talents by lending and operating his sound equipment wherever it is required. The Inverness Development Association is proud to honour this humble, loyal, hardworking, honest man. Congratulations and many thanks Doug.

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**MARIE CAMERON
MABOU**

The Inverness North District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross wishes to nominate Marie Cameron as their Volunteer of the Year. Marie has been a volunteer canvasser for the Red Cross for eleven years. She is also a volunteer for the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital Auxiliary as a fund raiser. She is also on the Palliative Care committee where she has often worked the night shift over the past four years. Marie is also a volunteer at the Renewal Centre, where she works on girls' challenges and with the women's Cursillo. She is also an Associate member of the Notre Dame sisters. Marie has always been an active volunteer in her community, and is one of those persons who you can always count on when needed. The community of Mabou salutes you Marie, and thanks you for all that you do for us.

**NIN CAMPBELL
INVERNESS**

The Namara Club is pleased to nominate Nin Campbell as their volunteer of the year. Nin is a very community-minded person who takes an active part in her church events. She is always available, whether it involves selling tickets, working at bingos and card games or baking some of her delicious goodies. Nin is an example of a true volunteer and the Namara Club proudly salutes her.

**WILFRED CHIASSON
ABERDEEN**

The Bayville Seniors Club of Whycomagh wishes to nominate Wilfred Chiasson as their volunteer of the year. Wilfred is a very dedicated member of our club and faithfully attends the weekly meetings. When we are fundraising as all small organizations must, he is the number one ticket seller and a dedicated fundraiser. The Bayville Seniors Club would like to thank Wilfred for all his hard work as a very important member of the club.

**PATRICIA CORMIER
MARGAREE FORKS**

The Kinette Club of Margaree is pleased to nominate Patricia Cormier as their volunteer of the year. Patricia works at the ICMH in Inverness and is a mother of two. She has been an active member of the Margaree Kinettes for five years and has served as Vice President, Director and Registrar. She has also chaired many projects and helped in many other areas. She is also an active member of St. Patrick's Church CWL, and in the past, has been an active board member for the Family Place Resource Centre, Shean

Coop and the Stella Maris Church.

**DONALD COSMAN
MABOU**

The Mabou Gaelic and Historical Society wishes to nominate Donald Cosman as their volunteer of the year. Over the years, Donald has been a quiet, dependable worker who gets a job done without much ado. He has come to the rescue of the Society on numerous occasions, whether to assist with plumbing or furnace problems in the middle of winter, or to give advice and assistance with displays and activities.

Recently, Donald has spent countless hours assisting in upgrading the technological capacity at the local museum, An Drochaid/The Bridge, and he has helped launch the Society into a new technological era. He has generously shared his talents gratis and has recently given much help in preparing for the development and production of a photographic history of the Mabou area. To Donald we send "Ciad Mile Taing" for his willingness to help, for his countless hours of research, for his time, and for his talents. Comunn Gàidhlig agus Eachdraidh Mhàbu/The Mabou Gaelic and Historical Society proudly salutes a true volunteer.

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CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO ALL INVERNESS COUNTY VOLUNTEERS. WE SALUTE YOUR HARD WORK AND EFFORTS TO MAKE OUR COUNTY A BETTTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE.

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Laurie Cranton Margaree Valley

The Inverness-Richmond Society for Persons with Disabilities is honored to nominate Laurie Cranton as their volunteer of the year. Laurie has consistently demonstrated a hard work ethic and support in his capacity as Chairperson of Inverness-Richmond Society for Persons with Disabilities. He has committed his time, expertise and knowledge to this organization for the past three years. Laurie is well deserving of this honor and the Organization thanks him for all he does.

Paul Antoine Deveaux Chéticamp

The Knights of Columbus Council 3850 is pleased to nominate Paul Deveaux as their volunteer of the year. Paul has been involved in the past as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council and at the present time is a Eucharistic minister and a lector. He is a member of the church choir and has served on the cemetery committee for the last three years.

Paul has coached minor hockey for three years and has volunteered his time with La Société St. Pierre and served on the Board of Directors of the Chéticamp Credit Union. He is currently a weekly volunteer for Meals on Wheels in the community. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Paul for the many hours he volunteers and his outstanding dedication to his community.

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Dorothy Doncaster Orangedale

The Valley Mills Ladies Auxiliary proudly presents Dorothy Doncaster as their volunteer of the year. Dorothy is always willing to help out at any function as well as volunteering as a first responder. Dorothy is someone who will go the extra mile when the need arises as she is often seen walking the 11 kilometers to the hall to help out. The Auxiliary is very fortunate to have Dorothy as part of their team. Congratulations and thank you for all you do for the community.

Aurel Fiset Grand Etang

The Lemoine Volunteer Fire Department is proud to nominate Aurel Fiset as their Volunteer of the Year. Aurel has been an active volunteer firefighter for over 25 years. Although now retired from active duty, he nevertheless remains very active attending meetings and functions. He is always willing to lend a helping hand and his mechanical knowledge is a valuable asset to the department: He maintains our vehicles, pumps and generators making sure they are always in good working order.

Whether it be maintaining the vehicles, or serving on committees, cooking or doing major renovations, he is always there to help in any way he can. Aurel, the department wants you to know that your time and knowledge is priceless and wishes

to thank you for all of your hard work.

Dernie Gillis Creignish

The Port Hastings Historical Society is pleased to recognize Dernie Gillis as their volunteer of the year. Dernie is a friendly, self-motivated volunteer who doesn't hesitate to offer to do whatever is required to keep the Gut of Canso Museum and Archives humming along: He compiles grant applications, plans and assists with fund raisers, designs and works on displays, and cheerfully undertakes repairs and maintenance on the building.

Dernie has recently been elected President of the Historical Society and he is also involved with the Museum Search Committee which is working hard towards its goal of obtaining a new building for the Gut of Canso Museums and Archives. A retired teacher, Dernie is very much involved in his parish and is a member of the Strait Area Right to Life and Children's Aid Society, Minor Hockey and the Army Cadet Corps. Congratulations Dernie and keep up the great work.

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**JOHN D. GILLIS
PORT HOOD**

The Port Hood and District Volunteer Fire Department is pleased to nominate John D. Gillis (better known to his community as JD) as their volunteer of the year. Since joining the fire department 21 years ago, JD has given countless hours providing fire protection to his community. JD has been instrumental in bringing medical first responders to this area. The Port Hood Fire Department is very lucky to have such a dedicated fireman on their team. Keep up the great work, JD.

**MARGARET GRAHAM
JUDIQUE**

The Judique and Area Development Association is pleased to nominate Margaret Graham as their volunteer of the year. Besides serving on the Development Association, Margaret has been involved in many aspects of her community. She helped create the Tartan Gardens; the concept for the Gardens was hers, as were most of the fund raising efforts which continue to this day. She can be seen on most days of the spring, summer and fall at the gardens with some of her co-workers, planting, weeding and watering.

Margaret is also co-chair of the Kintyre Farm concert and is a member of the Judique Community Centre. Whatever she sets her mind to do, you can be assured she will get the job done. Congratulations and thank you, Margaret for helping make your

community a more beautiful place to live.

**RYAN HANNIGAN
NORTH EAST MARGAREE**

St. Patrick's Youth Group is very proud to nominate Ryan as their volunteer of the year. For the past five years Ryan has dedicated himself to St. Patrick's Youth Group, while helping with church activities. He helps to serve meals for the Knights of Columbus and always stays behind to clean up. He also does a fabulous job keeping the cemetery clean. Ryan is hospitality minister at his church and always greets everyone with a happy smile.

Whatever the weather or whatever the job, Ryan can be counted on. He is committed to the youth group and has a gift for making people feel comfortable. St. Patrick's Youth Group want Ryan to know that he is very deserving of this recognition. Congratulations Ryan and keep up the good work.

**JOHN HENDSBEE
WHYCOCOMAGH**

The 1st Whycocomagh Group - Scouts Canada wishes to nominate John Hendsbee as their volunteer of the year. John became a member of Scouts Canada in 1998. He has a special interest in helping develop youth to their greatest potential and continues to give freely of his time and energy to the youth of Whycocomagh.

John has spent much time

travelling with the scouts and attending their meetings. The 1st Whycocomagh Group - Scouts Canada wishes to thank him for his continued interest in ensuring the youth of Whycocomagh become valued adults of society.



**DAVID INGRAHAM
MARGAREE VALLEY**

The North East Margaree Volunteer Fire Department would like to nominate David Ingraham as their volunteer of the year. During David's ten years with the Fire Department he has given freely of his time serving on many committees. David is also an active member of the Wilson United Church. The community is assured that when the pager rings, David will be one of the first to respond. Thank you David for your devotion to your community.

**JOHN KERSTEN
WEST BAY ROAD**

St. Margaret's Parish is proud to nominate John Kersten as their volunteer of the year. Over the past fifteen years John has diligently given of his time for the good of his parish and the community of West Bay Road. He always finds time to attend

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Parish Council meetings and he organizes Remembrance Day wreath-laying ceremonies. Many residents of the community can attest to the acts of kindness he has performed for many of them over the years and for which he wanted no public recognition.

It is people like John who keep the small parishes and communities functioning and vibrant and provide a healthy environment where we can raise our families. Congratulations and thank you John for all you have done for our church and community!

JIM KELLY RIVER DENYS

The Valley Mills Volunteer Fire Department would like to nominate Jim Kelly as their volunteer of the year. Jim puts in countless hours faithfully working at the weekly bingos, suppers and brunches. He works without complaint and his great humour is appreciated even more when the tasks seem heavy. The Valley Mills Fire Department would like Jim to know that they appreciate his wit and good humour. Congratulations and thank you Jim.



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A. DONAT LEBLANC CAP LE MOINE

Le Club Kinsmen de Chéticamp wishes to nominate A. Donat LeBlanc as their volunteer of the year. Donat has been actively involved in the communities of Chéticamp and St. Joseph du Moine since he returned here in 1998. He is a director of the Sacred Heart Hospital Charitable Foundation and serves on the committees of several other organizations in the area as well as Le Club Kinsmen de Chéticamp. We salute him for the many hours he contributes to making this a better place to live. Congratulations Donat.

CARL MACDONALD ORANGEDALE

The Orangedale United Church of Canada is pleased to nominate Carl MacDonald as their volunteer of the Year. Carl is a faithful member of the Orangedale United Church of Canada where he can be found volunteering in various areas of the church and community. Carl is also known to make special deliveries from the General Store where he is employed. Everyone in Orangedale wants Carl to know how much he is appreciated. Congratulations Carl and keep up the good work.

RAYMOND MACDONALD COLINDALE

The Red Cross takes great pleasure in choosing Raymond MacDonald as their Volunteer of

the Year. For many years he has campaigned for our organization. Raymond also shares his fiddling talents with the seniors of his community. He enjoys playing TV bingo and is an active member of his parish and can often be found stepping it off at the West Mabou dances. Congratulations Raymond and keep up the good work.

BERNADETTE MACDONELL JUDIQUE

Port Hood Island-View 4-H Club is very proud to nominate Bernadette MacDonell as their volunteer of the year. Bernadette has led a group of members in the Sewing Project for the past three years. As a former 4-H member herself, Bernadette is of great assistance to the Club. With her pleasant manner, her enthusiasm and her background, she is always willing to lend a helping hand when something needs to be done. She is also involved with her church. Thank you, Bernadette for taking the time to work with our Club. We appreciate your dedication to our 4-H members.

DONALD B. MACISAAC JUDIQUE

Judique and District Volunteer Fire Department is pleased to nominate Donnie as their volunteer of the year. Donnie, along with his family, has been very active over many years with various community groups such as St. Andrew's Parish Council, the Judique Recreation Assoc-

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iation, Judique Community Centre and the Judique Flyer Trails to name just a few. Since joining the Judique Volunteer Fire Department over thirty years ago, Donnie has served on the executive as vice president and as president; on the fire fighting corps as a captain involved in training; on the fund raising and recreation committees as co-manager of the bingo canteen and pitching-in to help with coasting, skating and other social activities sponsored in whole or part by the Judique & District Volunteer Fire Department. Congratulations and thank you Donnie for being an outstanding volunteer.

JAMIE MACISAAC JUDIQUÉ

St. Andrew's Parish Council is pleased to nominate James MacIsaac as volunteer of the year. His presence has been an asset to the parish and a considerable help to pastor Fr. Allan MacMillan. Jamie chairs the Education and Clustering Committee of the Parish Council and doesn't hesitate to lend a hand wherever it is needed. Jamie is also Fire Chief with the Judique Fire Department and in this capacity he has helped install a new detection system in the church. He has also helped coordinate games for the annual parish bazaar for many years and has worked at various parish projects with the council. The Parish community appreciates Jamie's interest and input during his term on council and the time

he has given over the past three years.

DIANE MACKINNON SOUTH WEST MARGAREE

The South West Recreation Association is proud to nominate Dianne MacKinnon as their volunteer of the year. Diane has been the treasurer of the Recreation Association for many, many years and also works tirelessly helping to organize all of our summer activities. She can always be counted on to get the job done, no matter what the task. Diane is also a valuable volunteer with other parish organizations. Wherever you find Diane volunteering her talents, she does it in a friendly manner. Congratulations Diane, you certainly deserve our appreciation and thanks for all you have done and continue to do for our community.

ARNOLD MACLEAN PORT HASTINGS

St. David's U.C.W. would like to honour Arnold MacLean as their volunteer of the year. Arnold regularly participates in the church service as a lay reader and as a greeter. For church suppers he can be found peeling potatoes, setting up and waiting on tables — and, he is an accomplished dishwasher! He does numerous odd jobs around the church and at the community museum. His kindness and thoughtfulness is also appreciated by a 94 year-old senior in the community, whom he visits regularly and faithfully to keep her up-to-date on church

activities. If we need help with anything in the community, we can always count on Arnold. The U.C.W. wishes to thank him for all that he does.

TYSON MACLEAN SCOTSVILLE

The Lake Ainslie Volunteer Fire Department is happy to nominate Tyson MacLean as their volunteer for this year. Tyson has been an active member of our Department since May 2000. His dedication to our community is evidenced by his willingness to attend fire calls, training sessions, meetings or Department functions. Tyson has spearheaded numerous fund raising events for our Department through his involvement with our Ways and Means committee. Currently, he is working to complete Level 1 Fire Fighter Training Certification. In order to make this happen, Tyson has been independently attending training courses at several fire departments across Inverness County. These courses are provided by Nova Scotia Fire Fighter School and Tyson hopes to complete his training this year.

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LAURIE CRANTON
Margaree Valley



PAUL ANTOINE DEVEAUX
Belle Marche



DERNIE GILLIS
Creignish



RYAN HANNIGAN
NE Margaree



JOHN D. GILLIS
Port Hood



JOHN HENSBEE
Whycocomagh



JOHN KERSTEN
West Bay Road



JIM KELLY
River Denys



A. DONAT LEBLANC
Cap le Moine

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CARL MACDONALD
Orangedale



RAYMOND MACDONALD
Colindale



BERNADETTE MACDONELL
Judique



JAMIE MACISAAC
Judique



DIANE MACKINNON
Sw Margaree



ARNOLD MACLEAN
Port Hastings



TYSON MACLEAN
Scotsville



GEOFFREY MAY
Margaree Harbour



DAVID MITCHELL
Baddeck

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GEOFFREY MAY MARGAREE HARBOUR

The Lake Ainslie Weavers and Craft Guild is proud to nominate Geoffrey May as their volunteer of the year. Geoffrey is well known in Inverness County for his dedication to promoting the Gaelic language and song in Cape Breton. He has taught workshops in Gaelic to both children and adults, produces an internationally syndicated Gaelic radio program (at CKJM), performs with the Gaelic Singers, and is a frequent participant in traditional milling frolics.

Since joining the Lake Ainslie Weavers, Geoff has also worked enthusiastically to further the Guild's goal of keeping alive traditional Cape Breton hand crafts: For example, he facilitated our efforts to have items made up in the new

Inverness County tartan, and, this winter he organized a series of Sunday afternoon ceilidhs. Both of these undertakings have raised awareness of our activities and helped pay our bills. Geoff's willingness to jump in, and his creativity in relating fundraising to the Guild's mandate have contributed greatly to Guild projects. Congratulations Geoff, we appreciate all that you do.



DAVID MILLER WHYCOCOMAGH

The Inverness Ground Search and Rescue organization would like to nominate David Miller as their volunteer of the year. David has been a dedicated member of this team for nine years and during that time has served as both Vice President and President. Apart from never missing a monthly meeting, he attends all training workshops to better his skills in the woods, he works on projects such as renovations on our bus and has been attending meetings to lobby for funds for a building for the organization. No matter what time of day or night, no matter the weather conditions, or what other plans he might have, when the searchers are called out, he is always ready and willing to go. David is always available to help with his church and community whenever the need arises. For that reason we want to see him honoured as a true example of a volunteer. Congratulations and thank you, David.

DAVID MITCHELL BADDECK

The Orangedale Station Association is pleased to nominate David Mitchell as their volunteer of the year. David is always willing to take on any task that is asked of him, from helping to lay track, to painting the rolling stock (the caboose was but one example). He has proven himself to be an ideal tour guide, and has also

taken on the job of transferring our archival collection information to electronic media. David is one of our newer members and it is great to have his new ideas and energy in the group. Thank you David for becoming part of the team and congratulations on your nomination.

NORMA MUNRO WHYCOCOMAGH

Norma is part of the fabric of our community. She has been involved in the United Church Women for most of her adult life, and is an able and willing supporter of many of the organizations in the community of Whycomagh. She is famous for her cooking ability, having operated a diner in the community for a number of years. Norma can be called on for support by many community organizations including the church, Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Department, the Home and School Association, and community concerts. She has also been a member of the church choir. The Stewart United Church Women are pleased to nominate Norma as their volunteer of the year.

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BELL MURPHY NE MARGAREE

The Margaree Development Association is proud to nominate Bell as their 2005 volunteer nominee. Bell has been a resident of NE Margaree most of her life where she was manager of the NE Credit Union for 18 years. During the 70's, Bell was an active worker for the Margaree Summer Festival and, after a ten year "dry" period for the Margaree Development Association, she was one of the very first people to help revive the festival in 1995. Bell has raised hundreds of dollars each year selling tickets on various prizes at the festival. She is always ready with her wonderful smile, enthusiasm and friendly manner to help in any way she can. Congratulations Bell and thank you for all you do to help make our community such a wonderful place to live.

GREG NEARING WHYCOCOMAGH

The Lake Ainslie Development Association (LADA), is proud to nominate Greg Nearing as their volunteer of the year. Greg's commitment and dedication to volunteerism in the community of Lake Ainslie is something that has benefited our community on many levels. As a member of the Board of Directors of LADA, he has spearheaded and coordinated several community projects including the Stream Restoration Project, and has provided guidance and direction to several others. His dedicated efforts as

one of the founding members of the Sunset Funeral Co-operative has led to a membership drive that now includes over 200 members. The countless hours and strong leadership that Greg contributes to the community of Lake Ainslie is a great example of the importance of community participation. Congratulations Greg and thank you.

MARJORIE O'BRIEN WEST BAY

The West Bay Community Club is pleased to present Marjorie O'Brien as their volunteer of the year. Marjorie arrived at Pier 21 in March 1948 as a young war bride to join her husband, Jack, who had preceded her by a few months. In Britain she had been a cook in the Royal Navy and an acting leading WRNS. Jack and Marjorie eventually settled in West Bay and we are very fortunate to have her in our community. She is very involved as a volunteer with her church and dart league, and can often be found spending whatever time she has available with the seniors of her community. She willingly sells tickets and cooks for any group and never feels that a job is too big or too small for her to handle. Congratulations and thank you Marjorie.

GLENDA PATERSON PORT HOOD

The Chestico Days Summer Festival is proud to nominate Glenda Paterson as their volun-

teer of the year. For the past four years Glenda has been the key to making the Chestico Days Parade a tremendous success. She tirelessly serves as President of the Home and School Association and is a member of the Chestico Museum and Historical Society. Her creative and dedicated manner has brought success to her many endeavours. Congratulations Glenda and keep up the good work.

DONALD POIRIER JUDIQUE

The Judique Community Centre Development Association is pleased to nominate Donald Poirier as their volunteer of the year. As a member of the Board of Directors, he has shown an eagerness to volunteer and a keenness to get on with the task whatever it might be. Donald is an active member on the St. Andrew's Parish Council, Judique Recreation Association, Judique Flyer Trails and the Judique Fire Department. Congratulations Donald and thanks for the great contribution you make to life in our community.



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**JIM RUTTEN
EAST LAKE AINSLIE**

The Lake Ainslie Historical Society is pleased to nominate Jonathan James "Jim" Rutten as their volunteer of the year. A newcomer to Lake Ainslie, Jim has spent over two years making a contribution here. Most notable is that he is young — not retired!! Born in Mount Carmel, Ontario, he lived on the family farm and graduated from Fanshawe College with a Marketing Diploma. He is a member of Elderfields Farm Cooperative and is interested in the promotion of organic gardening, marketing and development. He is also a member of the Lake Ainslie Development Association and the Lake Ainslie Historical Society. As a member of the Society, he has brought fresh and innovative ideas. He gives freely of his time in many ways including helping at events, research and marketing the museum. Congratulations Jim and thanks for your contributions to our community.



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**JOANNE ROSS
MARGAREE**

The N.E. Margaree Senior Citizens and Pensioners Club recognizes Joanne Ross as their volunteer. From the moment Joanne moved to Margaree in 2000, she has taken a keen interest in the local senior group, craft group and church groups. Because of her willingness to tackle any task that needs to be done, she has become a valuable asset to the community of Margaree. Her pleasant personality and motivation makes it a joy to work with her. Congratulations Joanne.

**ANGUS SCOTT
WHYCOCOMAGH**

The Whycocomagh East Lake Ainslie AOTS Men's club is pleased to nominate Angus Scott as their volunteer of the year. Angus has been a valuable member of his group and community, helping out with suppers, and auctions and as convenor. He is always willing to lend a hand in the community no matter the task. Angus, the AOTS Men's club proudly salutes you and looks forward to many more years of volunteering together.

**LORRAINE SHAW
WEST BAY CENTRE**

The West Bay Road Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is pleased to nominate Lorraine Shaw as their volunteer of the year. Since joining the auxiliary four years ago, Lorraine has brought her enthusiasm to many

social events. She is always willing to lend a hand whenever she can. Her quick wit and ready laugh makes it a pleasure to work with her. Congratulations Lorraine and thanks for all you do.

**DONALD STEWART
ABERDEEN**

The Stewart United Church is pleased to nominate Donald Stewart as their volunteer of the year. Donald has been actively engaged in Church activities for many years, as a member of Session and Chairman of the Trustees. His opinions, advice and judgment are continually sought, especially in terms of building maintenance of the Church, Manse and Cameron Hall where he also pitches in with his labour. Donald has also been involved in many other aspects of the community and is always there to lend a helping hand wherever and whenever required. The Stewart United Church and his community thank him for his long service to both and wish him well.

**ANGELA TIMMONS
NORTH EAST MARGAREE**

St. Peter's Catholic Women's League salutes Angela Timmons as their volunteer of the year. Angela can usually be found enjoying the outdoors when she is not busy giving of her time to the CWL. She is vice-president of the dart league and plays an active part in the liturgy committee. In her spare time

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she works with the youth group of North East Margaree. Congratulations Angela for adding so much spirit to your community.

JESSLYN TIMMONS WEST LAKE AINSLIE

The Island Community Justice Society is pleased to nominate Jesslyn Timmons as their volunteer of the year. Since Jesslyn first began volunteering with Island Justice, she has become a valued part of the team. Jesslyn enjoys working with the youth of the county as well as coaching minor baseball. She has canvassed for the Red Cross and the Salvation Army. Her compassion and willingness to go the extra mile makes her a valued volunteer. Congratulations and thank you Jesslyn.

HERMINA VAN ZUTPHEN PORT HOOD

St. Peter's Parish CWL is pleased to nominate Hermina Van Zutphen as their volunteer of the year. Hermina has been an active volunteer with the League for over thirty-five years. She is committed to service and responsibility, not only with the League but in many other aspects of her community and parish. Her calm and gentle qualities presented in a strong and spiritual manner provides strong leadership and direction to the CWL. She truly represents the motto of a volunteer - *'the heart of the community'*. Congratulations and thank you Hermina. ■

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NEWS FOR VOLUNTEERS AND NON-PROFIT GROUPS IN INVERNESS COUNTY

There is a sector of our social, cultural and economic life in Canada that, taken as a whole, offers some mind-boggling numbers. The kind of numbers that, if this sector was considered as a whole, news organizations would feel compelled to assign legions of staff to cover it in special sections of their newspapers or newscasts.

The sector was recently analyzed by Statistics Canada. The number mavens there found that, if measured by its gross domestic product or the value of the productive activity this sector generates, it accounts for almost seven percent of this country's total economy. That's 57.5 billion (yes, with a "b") dollars. And this new analysis of the sector will be done every year, in each coming year.

To put this in perspective, in Statistics Canada words, the sector's GDP is "more than eleven times that of the motor vehicle manufacturing industry, over four times larger than agriculture, and over twice the value of the mining, oil and gas extraction industry. It is more than 50% larger than Canada's entire retail trade industry."

Now consider the fact that this sector relies heavily on voluntary labour. How heavily? If all those volunteer hours were translated into full-time jobs, there would be one million of them. Add the "value" of that volunteer labour (as in, imagine if these people were paid), and this sector then accounts for nine percent of our economy.

Before you think that some big story has somehow avoided the attention of our media, it is best to let you in on what we're talking about here: the "non-profit sector." Of course the media does indeed cover this sector, bit by bit. But the media seldom looks at it as a whole.

Why is this? For one thing, few people, including many actually *in* the sector, think about it as an entity. It's easy to understand why: the non profit-sector includes hospitals, universities and colleges, as well as stream stewardship groups and food banks. The organizations can range from enormous institutions, through which billions of dollars pass to small community groups, from sports clubs

to animal shelters, all supported by volunteer efforts. But they're all still non-profits. They are still part of Canada's identity: the idea that certain economic, cultural and social activities are undertaken — first and foremost — for the benefit of all Canadians, and are not driven by the need to



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make a profit. This activity helps define Canada, and while it's never hard to find critics, every time someone asks Canadians in a poll, we resoundingly say how much we appreciate the non-profit sector and our volunteers.

The scope and breadth of the non-profit sector is surprising. Just as the range of activities in, say, the manufacturing or resource industry sectors is both deep and broad, so too is what happens in the non-profit sector. Consider this: have you or someone you know recently:

- Participated in organized recreational sports?
- Received services from a program such as a visiting nurse or homecare?
- Attended the theatre, a festival or other cultural event?
- Made a donation to an organization or cause?
- Participated in a recycling or other environmental program?
- Volunteered your time for an organization or charity?
- Attended a religious service?
- Contributed to earthquake relief, international development or human rights efforts?
- Received counselling or participate in a support group?
- Used your local community centre — the pool, soccer field, dance lessons, after school program, camp or cooking class? Welcome to the non-profit sector!



MORE...

A few years ago, a small group of leaders from some of the 161,000 non-profit organizations across Canada got together and decided it was time to start thinking as a sector, to take a close look at what non-profits do, who they touch, who they deal with, how they communicate and how they can simply do what they do better. The result was a groundbreaking federally-supported effort called the Voluntary Sector Initiative (VSI).

The VSI has toiled away out of sight for years, and that's a shame, because its work affects millions of Canadians. Across the country, there are two million people working in this sector, delivering services and programming, and advocating for policies that make our lives better. In addition to the paid workers, there are thousands upon thousands of Canadian who volunteer for non-profits every day, and then there's the rest of the country, the people all these folks help, heal, entertain, nurture...and make Canada a better place to live.



In the Inverness County we rely on our volunteer firefighters and Search and Rescue personnel to help keep us safe.

One thing the VSI pushed for, and got, was a comprehensive study of the sector. For the first time, Statistics Canada has measured the economic impact that our sector makes, independent of our relationships with other sector, and now we know how we measure up! The study produced some of the surprising numbers mentioned above.

Another milestone was the "Accord between the Government of Canada and the Voluntary Sector." This document, signed in 2001 by representatives of both the federal government and the voluntary sector, along with its companion Codes of Conduct, is unlikely to become your favourite bedtime read, but it has enormous significance. That's because it essentially defines the relationship between the federal government and the sector. The same sector, remember, that touches millions of Canadian lives

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every day, and plays such a pivotal role in our national economy.

And your community. You don't have to know about the details in the Accord and Codes, but it's good to know that when a non-profit organization where you live wants to discuss funding, accountability, projects or contracts with the federal government, there is now a way to get down to what counts: providing the help, services, programs and advice that Canadians want. Even more encouraging: some provincial and territorial governments are investigating ways to have similar relationships with non-profit organizations.

Want a simple example of how this works? Registered charities in Canada (and there are about 80,000 of them) must file an information form with the federal government every year. Thanks to the VSI, the form has been simplified and reduced from a tedious and time consuming thirteen pages down to...four. That's thousands of hours freed up to do the work of a charity instead of paperwork.

Now, organizations such as The Seventh Step Society and Volunteer Calgary in Alberta, the MS Society of Canada BC branch, Volunteer and Information Quinte and Volunteer Hamilton in Ontario, Fédération québécoise des centres communautaires de loisir in Quebec, and the Fédération d'alphabétisation du Nouveau-Brunswick are finding the Accord and Codes allow them to deal more effectively and efficiently with their staff, volunteers and funders. To learn more about the Voluntary Sector Initiative and how it can help you, visit their website at: <http://www.vsf-fsbc.ca/> ■



MORE ARTS NEWS...

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

OPENS THURSDAY, MAY 5TH, 7 - 9 PM

See the haunting beauty that surrounds us through the eyes of four photographers, Joanne Chilton, Adam Hill, Johnny Gillis and Neal Livingston. Join us for refreshments in the Main Gallery on Thursday, May 5th from 7 - 9 pm. See story on Johnny Gillis starting on page 26.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FILM SERIES

Come out to the Inverness County Centre for the Art's Wednesday Night Film Series - \$5 - 7:30 pm - Cash Bar! The Inverness Festival of Film and Shorts takes place every Wednesday night beginning at 7:30 pm.

Between 1996 and 2001, 512 Nova Scotian family farms have gone out of business. If the stresses of running a family farm operation are getting you down, help is available. Call the Farm Family Support Centre at 1-877-418-7555. Source: GPI Atlantic (To learn more interesting facts, visit their website at www.gpiatlantic.org)

Who remembers the "wanderers" of Inverness County? These are the people who, in earlier times, traveled from place to place around the county, stopping here and there - sometimes doing odd jobs for a meal or bed.

Others, perhaps a little slow mentally, who wandered within their own communities socializing and eating a meal with the families they chose to visit.

Who were these people? Where did they come from? Who were the characters? Did they tell good stories?

The Participaper is interested in receiving information on these "wanderers". We hope to print some of the stories we receive from our readers. Please contact the editor at 224-1759, or by email at mt.aucoin@ns.sympatico.ca.

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NORMA MUNRO
Whycocomagh



BELL MURPHY
NE Margaree



MARJORIE O'BRIEN
West Bay



GLENDA PATERSON
Port Hood



DONALD POIRIER
Judique



JIM RUTTEN
East Lake Ainslie



ANGUS SCOTT
Whycocomagh



DONALD STEWART
Aberdeen



ANGELA TIMMONS
NE Margaree

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The Volunteer Award recipients from District Five are pictured here with their Councillor, Jim MacLean. Standing, l-r: Raymond MacDonald, Jim, and John D. Gillis. Seated, l-r: Glenda Paterson, Hermina VanZutphen and Donald Cosman.



District Three recipients of Volunteer Awards are pictured with their Councillor, Ned MacDonald. Left is Tyson MacLean and right, Doug Cameron.



The recipients of the Volunteer Awards for District One are pictured here with their Councillor, Daniel Boudreau. Paul Antoine Deveaux standing on Daniel's right. Seated are Therese and Eddie Joe Aucoin.

PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST AS A YOUNG...AND OLDER
...MAN - JOHNNY GILLIS

By Carole Chisholm

Twenty-five years ago, three young Inverness County students and their mentor – a budding artist himself – published two books of their artwork (Portfolios and Collection 20). The Fall 2004 edition of The Participaper included an article based on a recent interview with the first of those students, Peter J. Rankin of Mabou Harbour. That article was followed in the January/February 2005 edition with one based on an interview with Barrie Fraser of East Lake Ainslie, the students' mentor. In this issue, we present an article based on an interview with Johnny Gillis of Mabou, one of the three young students. The last in this series of articles will appear in the next issue —scheduled for publication in early July 2005— and features Jimmy Rankin.



Johnny Gillis of Mabou

Johnny Gillis shared with me, in his own words, how his interest in art took him on a path in a different direction from his friends: “From the time I was young, I was fascinated with people who could draw. In high school my friends, Peter Rankin and Jimmy Rankin, shared a similar interest in sketching. As is still true of many of our schools today, there was no visual arts program available to us at the time. Despite this, our high school English teachers, Jim St. Clair and Carole Chisholm, encouraged us to hone our artistic talents. For example, Mr St. Clair arranged for us to have Saturday morning art lessons with Barrie Fraser at his East Lake Ainslie studio. This gave us a focus, an interest, and camaraderie. Art class was more than art class; as we worked, we listened to music — rock and roll, classical, the Beatles, the blues — and we became good friends.” He went on to explain that, “Ms. Chisholm would bring coffee table books on color photography to class. The photography books made me want to get a camera, learn how to use it, get out of school and travel!” “The two teachers also brought in writers such as Silver Donald Cameron, Alistair MacLeod, and Mavis Gallant to give readings. And filmmakers such as Walter Delorey to do workshops.”

As his interest in photography grew in high school, Johnny said that he discovered the Time/Life series on photography and the work of photographers such as Eugene Atget, Andre Kertesz, Alfred Stieglitz, Walker Evans, and Robert Frank. About that same time, he remembers seeing a book by George Thomas with black and white photographs: His subject was the Margaree area. Johnny feels that all of these experiences proved influential in his artistic development.

After graduation from Mabou Consolidated School, Johnny attended the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD) in Halifax. He decided to study photography, bought his first camera, and has been taking pictures ever since. He says that the background in sketching and the drawing classes he took at the college contribute to “how” he takes a picture, even today.

As for the quality of instruction he received

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A dappled horse relaxing in the dappled sunshine of a summer day.



Shore Road.

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at NSCAD, and the school library resources available there, he feels that these were of the highest calibre. For example, he says that visiting artists from a variety of arts, crafts and design media were frequently brought in as guest instructors. Some of these artists were considered the best in the world and that to have so many talented and creative people around under one roof was “incredibly humbling and inspiring at the same time.” Also, the college kept a loft in New York City for students and alumni, and they were expanding their student exchange and study abroad programs with a number of other art and design colleges around the

world. This situation led to him meeting some interesting people!

Halifax also proved to be quite a stimulating city, because there was always something interesting to see or do. There were art galleries and shows. For example, on Barrington Street, the National Film Board ran a theatre [which has since been lost to fire], and the [now-defunct] Wormwood Repertory Theatre was showing some of the best documentary and feature films from around the world at the time.

Johnny shared this anecdote with me: “During my NSCAD days, I had a number of friends who were musicians, and I started playing guitar and harmonica. I remember one day going with a friend, Arthur Jacquard, formerly from Inverness, to play at a street rally to support the Katimavik Youth Program: A rally to encourage the government in power not to cut government funding to the program. A group of musicians came up to play after us. Their lead singer, a teenager, was pretty impressive; I found out later that her name was Sarah MacLachlan. That was one of her first public performances. She was a student at NSCAD at the time.”

Johnny graduated from NSCAD in 1987. During the 1980’s, he was fortunate to work on a couple of interesting projects. The first was as an apprentice illustrator, photographer and researcher on the Lewis Parker series of murals on the history of Cape Breton; a series commissioned by University College of Cape Breton. Working with him at the time was another young artist, Terry MacDonald, from New Waterford. (Many of Terry’s murals can be seen around that town.) Nearly twenty years later, during Celtic Colours 2004, some of the Parker/UCCB murals were exhibited in a group show entitled “A Portrait of Cape Breton” at the Inverness County Centre for the Arts. Johnny’s photographs and Terry’s paintings were also included in the show and were splendidly arranged by the Executive Director of the Centre and Terry’s wife.

One of the most interesting experiences of his photography career, Johnny recalls, occurred when he had the opportunity to



A shady trail

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work on the set of Robert Frank and Rudy Wurlitzer's 1987 feature film, *Candy Mountain*. (A large part of this film was shot in Cape Breton — including scenes from the area of the Mabou Coal Mines, where Mr. Frank makes his summer home.) Johnny was given full access to the set, doing props and set dressing and generally helping out; it was a real eye-opener for him into the workings and process of making a feature film.

In the early nineties, Johnny and his partner, Ann Morrison, made their way out to British Columbia. There, he was employed with a company that did press clipping and news monitoring.. But there were no photography or creative writing opportunities there — he had hoped to put into practice what he had learned in creative writing courses he had taken. Therefore, although the job security and benefits were good, and Vancouver proved to be one of his favorite cities, the work became repetitive and stifling.

In the late 1990's, he and Ann decided to take a chance and they moved back home to Cape Breton. Johnny worked for five years at The Red Shoe pub on the main street in Mabou and it was he who suggested to the then owner/manager of the pub, Rob Willson, that they call the pub "The Red Shoe". Named to pay homage to the creativity of the late Dan R. MacDonald, composer of more than 2,000 fiddle tunes, one of which was entitled *The Red Shoes*. The name has since become synonymous with Celtic music and ceilidhs across the land! [*Presently closed, the Red Shoe pub is scheduled to re-open under new management this month.*]

Johnny has recently worked with the Inverness County C@P Network Society (ICCNS). He has had the opportunity to work with a talented group of webmasters and researchers developing a website/portal for Inverness County Communities. Some of his digital landscape color photography can be viewed at the site: Visit <http://www.iccns.ca> [select "Mabou" on the community map and click on the "photos" button].

So what does the future hold for Johnny Gillis, photographer? He is looking to remain employed creating content for media. This could involve contributing to magazines, newspapers, web sites, documentary films, or other media. He has always been drawn to landscapes in Cape Breton, just as he was drawn to architectural and street photography in Vancouver and Halifax. He says that it is easy to find inspiration if you make time to find it.



Mabou Harbour Lighthouse

He sees that for young people coming up today, there are many more choices and opportunities for those who have an interest in theatre or music or the visual arts. For them, it is more lucrative to specialize, but therein lies the challenge—to decide what to specialize in. Specific training, he feels, translates into jobs, especially in Cape Breton. As he said, "You don't want to close any doors."

And, he still wants to follow his own muses in pursuit of pictures to build his portfolio of landscapes and portraits. Some of which could eventually be included in a fine art photography book he hopes to have published in the future: its content would be of Cape Breton or perhaps even Inverness County. Having carved out his niche in an arts-oriented world, he promises that he'll always "trust his instincts and go with it!" May his future projects be as fulfilling as those of the past twenty-five years! ■

[If you want to see more of Johnny Gillis' work, there is an exhibit planned for May 5 - 28, 2005, at the Inverness County Centre for the Arts. The works of "four local and regional photographers" (according to ICCA's web site), will be featured. One of the four is Johnny Gillis. Mark the date on your calendar and take in the exhibit — you'll be glad you did.]

C@P SITES IN OUR COMMUNITIES AN EXCELLENT RESOURCE FOR RESIDENTS

C@P Sites offer affordable public access to the Internet and Computers in many communities throughout Inverness County. Many sites also provide printers, scanners, fax machines, digital cameras, and web design software. Come out and see what we have available for your use. Save the following directory of sites:

Cheticamp C@P site: (2 locations)

Location 1: Les Trois Pignons. Website: www.lestroispignons@ns.sympatico.ca
Phone # 224-2642: High-speed Internet
Location 2: Le Portage Golf Club House.

Glendale C@P site:

Located in the Fr. John Angus Rankin Cultural Centre. Phone # 625-3441. Dial-up Internet.

Mabou C@P site:

Located: Inside the Mabou Communications building. Hours 9am-11:30am and 12:30pm-5pm. Monday to Friday. Phone #945-2025. Dial-up Internet.

Port Hawkesbury C@P site: (2 Locations)

Location 1: SAERC cable TV room.
Phone #625-2810. High-Speed Internet.
Location 2: SAERC Library. Phone #625-2729.
High-Speed Internet. Website: <http://ecrl.library.ns.ca>

Pleasant Bay C@P site:

Located: Inside the Family Centre. Phone #224-1947. Dial-up Internet.

Scotsville C@P site:

Located: inside the Scotsville School of Crafts.
Phone #258-3838. High-Speed Internet

Whycocomagh C@P site:

Located: Inside the Whycocomagh Education Centre/Service Canada. Phone #756-2901. High-Speed Internet.

Inverness C@P site:

Located: Inside the Inverness County Centre for the Arts. Phone # 258-2533. Wireless High-Speed Internet.

Judique C@P site:

Located: Inside the Judique Community Centre.
Hours: 9:30am-4pm. Monday to Friday.
Phone #787-2435. Dial-up Internet.

Margaree Forks C@P site: (2 Locations)

Location 1: The Drs Coady-Thompkins Memorial Library. Phone #248-2821. High-Speed Internet.
Website: <http://ecrl.library.ns.ca>
Location 2: Margaree Area Development Office, Downstairs, Library building. Phone #248-2356. High-Speed Internet.

Meat Cove C@P site:

Located: Inside the Meat Cove Welcome Centre.
Phone #383-2284. Dial-up Internet. Website: www.meatcove.ca

Port Hood C@P site:

Located: inside the Port Hood Resource Centre & Library. Phone #787-2568. High-Speed Internet.

St. Joseph du Moine C@P site:

Located: Inside the Fire Hall next to the Library.
Phone #224-1016. High-Speed Internet

Please note: All C@P site business hours are subject to change, dependent upon the time of the year and also depending on the availability of volunteers. Volunteers play a very important role with the sites, all sites are in need of more volunteers from their communities. If you want to become a volunteer for the C@P site in your area please call the site. *It is always a good idea to call ahead before going to the site, or to make an appointment to use the site.*



The Inverness County C@P Network Society (ICNS) is sponsored by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC), Industry Canada, Office of Economic Development and the Municipality of Inverness.



REGIONAL LIBRARY NEWS



"BLAST OFF!"

Summer is on the horizon with the annual TD Summer Reading Club for children fast approaching. "Blast Off!" is this year's theme of space exploration .

The program will promote the fun of reading and will include posters, stickers, a logbook to record books read, and collector cards featuring Canadian astronauts and fact sheets provided by the Canadian Space Agency. For more information, visit your library or Libr@ry Link site.



Eastern Counties Regional Library is pleased to participate in this special edition of the Inverness County *Participaper*, acknowledging the many volunteers that contribute through their time and expertise to make Inverness County a wonderful place to live. Thank you to all those volunteers who have made a difference!

SHARE A BOOK - BUILD A COMMUNITY

This fall, Eastern Counties Regional Library will be holding its third annual fundraising campaign. Show your support by making a donation to the library. All donations will be used to purchase books and materials to enhance the library's collection.

BOOKS BY MAIL AND VISITING LIBRARY SERVICE

We provide a free mail-out service for library books for persons who live in the more rural areas of the County. Just call or e-mail us your request. Also, for persons who -- because of a physical handicap or other reason -- cannot easily leave their home, we will bring or mail to you a selection of reading materials chosen by our staff to reflect your preferences. Call us to register!

For further information, please contact Eastern Counties Regional Library headquarters, by telephone:747-2597, E-mail: info@nsme.library.ns.ca or visit our Website www.ecrl.library.ns.ca

BRANCHES: HOURS: MAY 1- JULY 15, 2005

<u>MARGAREE FORKS</u> Tel/Fax: 248-2821 Monday 1:30 - 4:30 & 6:30 - 8:30 Tuesday & Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 Thursday 10:00 - 12:00 Friday 1:30 - 4:30 & 6:30 - 8:30 Saturday 1:30 - 4:30	<u>MULGRAVE</u> Tel: 747-2597 Fax: 747-2500 Monday 10:30 - 12:30 & 2:00 - 6:00 Tuesday & Wednesday 2:30 - 7:30 Thursday 1:00 - 4:00 Friday CLOSED Saturday 1:00 - 4:00	<u>PT HAWKESBURY</u> Tel/Fax 625-2729 Monday to Friday 3:00 - 8:00 Saturday 11:00 - 2:00 Please note: Port Hawkesbury and Mulgrave hours may be changed for the summer after July 1. Please call the Branch for information.
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<u>INVERNESS EDUCATION CENTRE</u> (every 2 weeks) Thursday 12:00 - 5:30 & 6:00 - 8:00 May 5, 19 June 2, 16, 30 July 14	<u>JUDIQUE COMMUNITY CENTRE</u> (every 4 weeks) Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30 & 6:00 - 7:30 May 4 June 1, 29	<u>PORT HOOD RESOURCE CENTRE</u> (every 4 weeks) Tuesday 3:30 - 5:30 & 6:00 - 7:30 May 24 June 21
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SUMMER/FALL EVENTS
BROCHURE:

Along with our regular line up of community celebrations and festivals, one of the highlights of 2005 includes the 50th Anniversary of the Canso Causeway (visit their website at www.cansocauseway.com). Our annual Summer & Fall Events brochure will be in mailboxes in early June. Keep it on hand for family and friends visiting this summer! Be sure to check this issue for a listing of the festivals and events that we have to date. Thank you to all who provided us with the festivals & events information for this year's brochure and best of luck to all the organizing committees!

INVERNESS COUNTY
RECREATION & CONTINUING
EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

This is the time of year our school and community programmers are in search of ideas and instructors for recreational and continuing education programs. These courses will be offered in the schools and community halls throughout Inverness County over the fall and winter months.

If there is a class or workshop you would like to see offered in your community, let your local programmer know now to give them time to find an instructor. The same goes for anyone interested in teaching/instructing a program. Instructors set their own schedule and rates are paid according to how many register. Contact the Recreation/Tourism office for more information at 787 - 3508.

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District Six recipients of Volunteer Awards pictured with their Councillor, Ed MacDonald. Standing, l-r: John Kersten, Jamie MacIsaac, Donald Poirier, Ed and Dornie Gillis. Seated, l-r: Bernadette MacDonell, Peggy Burke, Marjorie O'Brien and Arnold MacLean.



District Two recipients of Volunteer Awards are pictured here with their Councillor, Gloria Leblanc. Standing l-r: Geoffrey May, Gloria, Lea Caissie, Diane MacKinnon, Thomas Burns, Patricia Cormier and Bell Murphy. Seated l-r: Laurie Cranton, Ryan Hannigan, Angela Timmons and A. Donat LeBlanc.