Despite Chill and Drizzle, Enthusiasm Runs High at the 33rd Annual Tuna Flat Races July 25th

Enthusiasm was running high despite a chill and drizzle in the air for the 33rd Annual Tuna Flat Races held July 25th at the Hubbards Community Waterfront Park.

The tuna flat dory boats were painted in red, green, yellow and blue as they competed with their crews along a course dotted with spectators, sailboats, power cruisers and canoes.

Some racers sped along with grace and on course, while a few others couldn't make up their minds to head either forwards or backwards, but in the end, after three hours of racing, three champions emerged.

Taking home the Tony O. Harnish Trophy for the top men's spot was the Bay Boys Fury team consisting of Adan MacDonell, Marc Chapniss, Dave Miller and Ryan Taggart.

The women's team, High Tides, made up of Alysis Graham, Danielle Waller, Christine Waller and Chad Rossong, won the Susan J. Burchell Memorial Race trophy.

The Team HSC (Hubbards Sailing Club) rowed by Will Ross, Sami Whidden, Jack Flemming and David Frost, claimed the youth category's top spot.

The annual Best Dressed team award went to the Tuna Flappers.

Bill Estabrooks to be Honored September 13th

Well-known representative of the people, Bill Estabrooks, who served as an MLA for many, many years, is being honored on Sunday, September 13th, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Hubley Community Centre (once known as the Lewis Lake Fire Station and Hall). At that time, the center will be renamed the Estabrook Community Hall.

The event will feature a performance by the Air Cadet Squadron and speakers from Bill’s past as a teacher with Sir John A. Macdonald High School, from the Saint Margarets Bay Lions, and from hockey and provincial government.

Everyone is welcome to attend this exciting event and to honour Bill for his years of community service and dedication.

Iain Rankin Appointed as New Caucus Chair for Nova Scotia Liberal Party

Iain Rankin

The Nova Scotia Liberal party has announced the appointment of Timbeebie-Prospect MLA Iain Rankin as their new Caucus Chair.

Mr. Rankin replaces Lloyd Hines, the MLA for Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tredecie who was appointed to cabinet on Friday, July 24th, by Premier Stephen McNeil

Mr. Rankin explained to the Masthead News, “The Caucus Chair is a position where the member presides over each weekly caucus meeting” (a meeting in which leaders and members of a party get together to discuss policies and make decisions). He says, “I would be involved in setting the agenda, coordinating stakeholder presentations, and ensuring the meeting flows at a good pace.”

The meetings are attended by the full caucus team, including the Premier and Cabinet members.

Mr. Rankin added.

Mr. Rankin was first elected to the Nova Scotia House of Assembly as the MLA for Timbeebie-Prospect in 2013.

In addition to this new position, he is Vice Chair of the Public Accounts Committee and is a member of the Assembly Matters, Human Resources, Law Amendments and Private & Local Bills committees. He maintains his constituency office at 1268 St. Margaret’s Bay Road in Beechville.

Canada Day Held BLT Style

Canada Day Held BLT Style

Two New Commercial Ventures Approved for Hammonds Plains Road/Hubley Centre

By Keith Aylng

Members of the North West community Council held their monthly meeting July 20th and gave their approval to a number of re-zoning applications, development agreements, and funding requests.

Council approved rezoning to C-4 (Highway Commercial) to permit a drive-in restaurant on Hammonds Plains Road beside the Hammonds Plains Service Centre.

The re-zoning application by R. E. Jones Investments Limited will permit the establishment of the restaurant in addition to a future commercial plaza.

The restaurant will be 2500 square feet in size and represent a 1950’s style diner, while the commercial plaza will measure 7500 square feet and be developed within the next five years.

The existing automotive service center will remain on the site and a small house at the rear of the property will be demolished.

A development agreement to permit a home business use within an accessory building at 215 Conrad’s Road in Hubbards was approved, allowing Iain Jack and Peter Bojanic to construct a 1400 square foot greenhouse, including an attached potting shed, for the continued operation and expansion of their business of growing and selling plant products (ferns) primarily through a mail-order system.

A staff report on the matter said, “The use is consistent with a residential environment, as the

Story con’t on page 3.
Chester Art Centre Receives Funding of $115,783

The Chester Art Centre Association received a funding of $115,783 to enhance its plans for renovating and expanding the Chester Art Centre, both indoors and outdoors.

The announcement was made by Parliamentary Secretary Gerald Keddy on behalf of the Honourable Shelly Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, and the Honourable Rob Moore, Minister of State (Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency).

Broken down, the $115,783 becomes $75,569 from the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund, $2,800 from the Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage program, and $38,214 through the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program.

The $2,000 in funding is allowing the Centre to present its eighth edition of the Chester Art Festival, which is going on now, and is a celebration of arts and heritage that includes performances and demonstrations by local artists and artisans, children’s activities, and an art exhibit.

The festival is taking place until August 15th. The $75,569 will allow the Centre to renovate and expand the complex, both indoors and outdoors.

The $38,214 includes expansions to the building, the creation of an accessible washroom, and improvement of lighting throughout the space. The Chester Art Centre, founded in 2007, is the only visual arts center in the community and provides year-round, quality arts programming.

Community organizations, such as those representing youth and senior citizens, will have access to the expanded facilities at the Centre.

Despite Chill and Drizzle, Enthusiasm Runs High

Joanna Flemming, Karen Flemming and Susan Ross were dressed to the hilt and received the loudest and longest round of cheers and applause from the audience watching the award ceremonies.

Race organizers wanted to especially thank the many sponsors for this year’s event, which, without their help and generosity, would have made it difficult to help with the prizes and other expenses.

Platinum sponsors were the Aspotogan Heritage Trust, Hubbards Pharmasave, Hubbards Beach Campground and Cottages, Shore Club & Tuna Blue Bar and Grill, Neighbourhood Realty and Lola’s Landing.

Gold sponsors were the Trellis Café, Galactic Bubbles, and Moving Your Earth Construction Ltd.

Silver sponsors were Metaline Graphics, 4 Way Stop, Talbot Marketing, Lat & Long, and Gallant’s Canteen.

The Hubbards Sailing Club team: (L to R) are Sami Whidden, Will Ross, Jack Flemming and David Frost.

The Best Dressed team (the Tuna Flappers): (L to R) Taryl Melanson, Joanna Flemming, Karen Flemming and Susan Ross.

The Bay Boys Fury team: (L to R) Adam MacDonald, Marc Chapniss, Ryan Taggert and Dave Millar.

The High Tides team: (L to R) Alysin Graham, Danielle Waller, Christine Waller and Chad Rossong.
greenhouse is of a suitable scale for personal use. “The large size of the lot, significant setbacks from property lines and buffering in the form of existing forest cover will limit the impact of the proposed greenhouse on adjacent properties.”

A public hearing was held at Council to approve a development agreement allowing for the construction of a 6000 square foot, stand alone, commercial building at the Hubley Centre in Upper Tantallon.

The building will back onto the existing Wilson’s Gas Bar and face the Tantallon Public Library. The application for the development agreement was made by Crowbridge Property Holdings Limited.

Council also heard a presentation requesting $75,000 from the city to assist in the proposed construction of the Community Cenotaph Project at Uplands Park on the Hammonds Plains Road. Council members agreed to make the funding request to Regional Council, with the Memorial Committee members hoping the request will be granted in time for this year’s Remembrance Day celebrations.

North West Community Council will have their next meeting on September 21st at a location yet to be determined.

Two New Commercial Ventures Approved

The William Black Memorial United Church in Glen Margaret has been successful in its fundraising activities to provide three swings for its existing playground structure already in place for the community.

The initial playground was installed in October 2013. Since then, “we have continued to fundraise as a congregation” to obtain the new swings as well as for ground surfacing work and fencing, says Chair of the Outreach Program, Nancy Dupuis. The congregation has also managed to secure grants from the municipal and provincial governments as well as from the Bank of Nova Scotia matching grant program. “It is our hope that pre-school children and their families in particular will benefit from our community playground,” Nancy says. “Our old playground can accommodate those from 18 months to 12 years old, as per the manufacturer’s guidelines.”

She says that the adjacent park grounds serve as a green space and play area for children, as well as a meeting place for parents, seniors, caregivers and anyone enjoying the outdoors.

Community involvement through fundraising support and general interest has been strong since the project onset.

“Many young families have taken advantage of the playground, allowing friendships to take place that may have otherwise been delayed until their children began school,” says Nancy.

She says that park use is expected to increase in numbers each year, especially during the summer months.

Upon completion of the project in either late summer or early fall of this year, a day of celebration will be held for everyone.

The initial playground equipment was installed by Playpower and the fencing by Eastern Fence.

Church Group Continues to Upgrade Playground at William Black Memorial

Chester Playhouse Ending the Season with Top Performances

Chester Town Summer Theatre School is performing their live theatre piece of the season, The Drowsy Chaperone, at the very moment you are reading this sentence.

Scheduled to run until August 18th at the Chester Play House at 7:00 p.m. each day, there is an additional matinee on the 18th at 2:00 p.m.

The Drowsy Chaperone is a musical that centers on a high profile wedding between Oil tycoon Robert Martin and Broadway star Janet Van De Graaf, which is set to be sabotaged by the mob—as explained to you by the mob—to align with you by a die-hard Broadway fan with a fear of leaving his house.

A show within a show, the antics of the eccentric cast as they struggle with their wedding plans, when combined with the running commentary of the mysterious Man in Chair, will have you laughing through the entire trip to the altar.

The final, major production of the season, The Highest Tides by Allen Cole, will provide the summer season as it runs from August 19th to the 22nd, and then once more from the 25th to the 29th, at 8:00 p.m.

For further information on advertising please call 857-9099

DEADLINE DATE PUBLISHING DATES

September 9th 2015 September 16th 2015
October 7th 2015 October 14th 2015
November 15th 2015 November 18th 2015
December 16th 2015 December 9th 2015

Congratulations to all.

Chester Playhouse has partnered with The Galley and The Rope Loft once again this year to offer a Dinner Theatre Package for $56 plus HST.

The Playhouse will make a reservation on your behalf to your choice of restaurant.

After enjoying an incredible meal, the Playhouse will be just a five minute walk from The Rope Loft or a 10 minute drive from The Galley.

Please make your reservation a minimum of 48 hours in advance.

Excluding the Galapalooza, average ticket prices range between $8.00 and $34.00 (not including HST), depending on the event.

Discounts are offered for students and families, including a $20 deal for families of four.

The box office will be open from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from Tuesday to Sunday and until 8:00 p.m. on show dates.

Tickets can be purchased online at http://www.chesterplayhouse.ca or by phone at 902-275-3933 or toll free at 1-800-363-7529.

Winners of the OHC 50/50 Draw

On July 21st Cathy MacArthur won $617 after purchasing her ticket at Spidel’s Independent Grocer.

Mary Nauns won $630 on July 28th after buying her ticket at Chester Pharmasave.

And Deborah Jollymore-Messone won $500 after buying her ticket at Chester Foodland. Congratulations to all.
If you are not currently advertising, but would like to reach an audience of 14,680 homes and businesses in the Western HRM (Tantallon, Hammonds Plains and St. Margaret’s Bay), as well as Chester, here is your chance!

GET INTO EVERY HOME AND EVERY BUSINESS IN THIS FASTEST GROWING AREA OF NOVA SCOTIA!

Minimum of 3 issues required at $52 each + HST.
Peggy’s Cove Festival of the Arts Wraps Up Another Year with Successful Fifth Anniversary

By Paula Fredericks

It takes a lot of work behind the scenes to make something look easy, and when the doors opened at Shining Waters Marine on July 9th the rewards of that hard work shone through and continued to shine for the entire nine days of the 2015 Peggy’s Cove Area Festival of the Arts (PCAFA).

With the best weather of the summer on their side (what’s one rainy day?), the festival committees, along with hundreds of volunteers and supporters, gave visitors from near and far a great experience.

A special thank you is extended to every volunteer who assisted.

A successful silent auction and artists creating work on the spot were the highlights on Opening Night, with jazz in the background and the warm deck of the marina beckoning as a place to chat and relax.

This sold-out event is considered a must-do for many festival goers and for good reason—there's good food, a gorgeous location, and lots to see!

In the meantime, the yurt was going up at Peggy’s Cove as 35 artists prepared to enjoy four days of painting ‘en plein air’ with easels on the rocks and in the village.

From Friday to Monday, hundreds of visitors observed the artistic process, toured the yurt and bought record-breaking numbers of art pieces.

Hubbards enjoyed a small influx of painters over that weekend with their art on display and for sale at the Shore Club. Did you see an artist painting at the Hubbards Barn or at Bishops Park?

The brand new Arts Fair flew colourful flags and caught the attention of guests, who enjoyed workshops, watched demos and saw performances.

Tantalizing strawberry shortcake was sampled more than once by many.

St. Luke’s United Church volunteers supported the festival committee from the kick-off moment to the closing event.

Unicorn Theatre joined the team to help celebrate their 20th anniversary and outdoors themselves.

Everyone enjoyed the music, theatre and dance—from the You Gotta Sing choir, kicking it off on Tuesday, to a hot summer night with Unicorn’s “The Bay’s Got Talent.”

Were you at the Thom Swift mini-concert? Or did you hear Shannon Quinn play her fiddle or enjoy the sounds of an accordion? Did you see the belly dancers wow the audience? These were some of the sights and sounds at the Arts Fair.

The three-day Studio Tour featured 63 artists showing their art and fine craft to visitors driving from the Aspotogan Peninsula to Prospect and everywhere in between.

Did you visit all 38 locations?

If you missed out, most of the artists and craftspeople are available year-round, so hang onto your Studio Tour Guide, find one locally, or visit the website for a link to the online guide.

“Passports” were filled out during the festival and Andrea Farnell won a $500 Art Gift Certificate. Keep an eye on Facebook and www.peggyscoveareafestivalofthearts.com for further announcements and more pictures.

For those with chronic pain? Dr. Dykes will discuss this question with all those present.

To attend, drive to the Ocean Swell Community Centre, North West Cove, 2716 Hwy 329. Call 902-826-7210 for more information.

The time will be at 2:30 p.m.

Karen Conney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.

Karen Corney (left), Manager at the RBC Royal Bank and Debbie Smith, PCAFA President, draw Andrea Farnell’s name to win the $500 Art Gift Certificate.
A few years ago one would not expect to see or hear about black-legged ticks being found in the central part of the province. Such is no longer the case. In fact, there are many “hot beds” of tick populations.

“Four weeks ago while walking in woodlands in the Windsor area with three other individuals for a short time, we found 20 wood ticks on,” says Don Cameron, a registered professional forester. This was sometime in May. Ticks have been found as far as eastern Cape Breton, although low in numbers.

“It is safe to guess that eventually all of the province could be home to ticks,” Don says. The ticks have been found routinely in the southwest end of the province but they are moving progressively northward and eastward.

Over the last several years, there have been ticks found in Halifax, Hants and Colchester counties where they were not known to exist before.

The black-legged tick is sometimes a carrier for Lyme disease which can be very debilitating and life-changing. Early symptoms may come weeks or months after being bitten but generally people feel fatigue, muscle aches and headaches.

The symptoms at this stage are so non-specific that doctors often have difficulty diagnosing Lyme disease.

The longer the disease goes unchecked, the less that can be done to deal with the problem. If the disease is not treated, serious long-term impacts can occur such as facial palsy, heart problems or chronic joint pain and mobility problems.

Fortunately, there have only been two dozen confirmed cases of Lyme disease in the province since 2002. Only Black-legged ticks carry Lyme disease. Generally, it is understood that they transmit the disease after they have filled themselves with blood, which takes about 24 hours. This gives plenty of time for people to check themselves for tick bites and remove them as soon as possible.

Ticks are most active during the spring and summer and are most commonly found in grasses.

Black-legged ticks are brown to reddish-orange, lack white markings on their backs, and are larger than dog ticks, another kind of common tick in Nova Scotia. If you find a tick on yourself and it is embedded, take a pair of tweezers, grab the tick from behind and allow it to pull straight back gently.

If having tomatoes ripening in your garden on July 14th is a pleasure and delight, then the answer to the above question is definitely “Yes!”

Last year, when an early tropical storm blew through the Masthead News area, spores of the late blight flew with it, wiping out tomato and potato crops in most home gardens.

That kind of ticked me off! (Oh!, the poor thing, isn’t that too bad? Yes, I can hear it all now,) because I was trying several different kinds of tomatoes that I had bought as transplants from the nurseries and was anxious to see how they tasted and performed.

Then, along comes the storm and—Blam!—everything is wiped out.

Blasted by a storm that had no mercy or feelings, I decided to try and save all of my very few listed in seed catalogues as late blight resistant and wound up with six tomato varieties and no potatoes. It would seem that Europe has a number of resistant potatoes but not, apparently, in North America (although I recently came across a couple that claim to be resistant).

I wanted good size tomato plants to put outside (and being impatient for the gardening season not to wait well), started them way earlier than I should have (back in March) and grew them under fluorescent lights in the basement. By the time the middle of April rolled around, I had to construct an unheated, miniature greenhouse outside to grow them in because they had grown so tall.

Due to the cold nights, I had to bring them indoors and put them outside again during the daytime. It worked quite well and the plants continued to grow.

Finally, though, I had to plant them in the garden in early May. Put tomato cages around them, and wrap the cages with clear plastic bags to trap heat during the day.

This kept the cool wisdom of the plants but not the night time temperatures and the tomatoes suffered terribly for a month, turning purple and struggling to grow.

Sometimes I had to wrap up the cages and plastic with bath towels—all of which I could find in the house—to ward off frost.

It was a lot of trouble, and I don’t know if I would go through it again, but it paid off.

Some of the flowers set fruit, but generally people feel fatigue, muscle aches and headaches.

Squash, cucumbers, and eggplants were also started under lights and placed under hot kops outdoors around May 25th.

The winter squash are coming on strong and I have already been eating summer squash and cucumbers. The eggplants have grown flowers and should soon be setting fruit.

So, going back to the original question, “Does it pay to plant your vegetable garden early?” Yes, it definitely does.

The Chester Art Centre is proud to present A Shade of Grey as its summer exhibition at 60 Queen St. in Chester. The exhibition is open until August 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

This year the showcase features a stunning collection of black and white photo artistry by eight of some of the finest photographic artists in the country, all working in Atlantic Canada. Curated by renowned cinematographer and photographer Christopher Porter, the show features images which range from jarred juxtapositions of strange life in China through moody and enigmatic east coast landscapes and arresting portraits of ancient faces.

“I wanted to show the visual expansiveness of the camera and reveal the voices of the artists behind the tool,” says Porter. “The personalities of these photographers show through. They fold fact and reality into poetic and expressive experience that is uniquely their own. They manage to capture the fluidity of time in a static art form.”

Karen Hospier, Executive Director of the Chester Art Centre, says “The photographs in A Shade of Grey are simply riveting. Some are cold, some are enigmatic and others are quiet striking. All of them pack an emotional punch. We’re proud to be showing the work of these fine photographic artists.”

The photographers are Raoul Manuel Schnell, Lynn Ellis, Terry J. Janer, Kas Stone, Colin Campbell, Roxanne Smith and Christopher Porter.

Admission is free.

The Chester Art Centre is located at 60 Queen St. Chester. For more information, visit the CAC website at www.chesternaratcentre.ca or call 902-275-1789.
Enjoyable English Cream Tea Social Held at St. Peter’s Anglican Church

An enjoyable “English Cream Tea” social was held at St. Peter’s Anglican Church in Hackett’s Cove on July 18th. This was the first time for such an event and was hosted by the Parish Merrymakers.

The idea was initiated by the Parish Rector, Andrew Cooke, who is originally from England, and by his wife, Valerie, who, though from Canada, fully enjoyed attending afternoon cream tea socials while in England for 18 months.

Not everyone knew what an English cream tea social consisted of but they soon found out. While socializing and enjoying each other’s company, they ate a delicious tea biscuit with fresh cream topping (normally Devon clotted cream), topped with fresh jam preserves and served with a selection of finger sandwiches, a wide selection of desserts and, of course, tea.

Some were heard to say, “If you do it again, we will come back with friends.”

Songs from the British Isles played in the background and decorations reflected the theme.

In the photo, enjoying their English cream tea, are (left to right) Marilyn Hollett, Mike Cooper, Joan Redmond, Lydia Boutiller and Norma Morash.

Residents Turn Out to Look at Environment and Natural Resources Displays

By Keith Ayling

About three dozen community members were on hand to view the displays by the Nova Scotia Departments of Environment and Natural Resources that were hosted by MLAs Iain Rankin and Ben Jessome on August 4th.

Displays showing provincial trails, protected areas, wilderness areas and provincial parks were set up to highlight many of the features found immediately west of Halifax Central down to and including the Mahone Bay area.

The displays featured maps showing all forms of trails, areas for forest harvesting, mining, and wildlife, including the mainland moose.

There were listings showing favorite walks and hikes in provincial parks and protected areas, as well as an ecological landscape analysis of the St. Margaret’s Bay ecodistrict.

The ecological landscape analysis contained maps of land capability, natural disturbances, and roads, among other features. The displays on Nova Scotia parks showed nature-based recreation, while the woodland area displays highlighted forest harvesting and forest regeneration.

Many of the maps are interactive and can be found on the web site www.novascotia.ca/esr/protectedareas/docs/KeepItWild_recreation.pdf for those who weren’t able to attend but would like to view the above.

Deadline for the September 16th Issue of The Masthead News is September 9th
If you love to sing the “You Gotta Sing! Chorus” may be the perfect venue for you every Tuesday morning from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Luke’s United Church in Upper Tantallon.

The Masthead News was invited to sit in on one of the singing songs, listening to over two dozen folks from around the St. Margaret’s Bay area singing uplifting songs from a variety of sources and thoroughly enjoying themselves in the process.

The “You Gotta Sing! Chorus” was founded 11 years ago by Beechville resident and choirmaster, Vanessa Lindsay-Botten, who has been a musical educator for the last 20 years, having taught piano, voice and harp, along with being a church music director.

Vanessa explains the Chorus started out singing in Halifax and then expanded to Tantallon three years ago.

She said, “It is non-denominational and features music from around the world, always being positive.”

Vanessa says there are four ways you can register for “You Gotta Sing”.

You can register online at www.yougottasing.ca and mail a cheque to You Gotta Sing, P. O. Box 22, Lakeside, NS B3T 1M6 or you can register online and pay with debit and credit card using PayPal or show up and pay at your first rehearsal.

The Chorus helped kick off this year’s Peggy’s Cove Festival of the Arts Fair.

Vanessa tells the Masthead News, “I always feel so grateful people want to sing with me. They always leave feeling better and energized.”

Vanessa says there are four ways you can register for “You Gotta Sing”.

If you’ve driven by the Aspotogan Heritage Trust building in Hubbards lately, you may have noticed the all of the vegetables that are now growing in their “front yard”.

With generous funding from the Hubbards Area Business Association and the Chebucto West community Health Board, “we were able to expand the garden, build raised beds and fill them with organic garden soil,” says Lori Dale, Aspotogan Heritage Trust Society.

She added that the 2 Bays 4H Club “did a great job helping plant the seeds while the staff and summer students (the SWAG team with direction from Lori), assisted with the ongoing gardening.

Amongst the greenery lies a variety of annuals consisting of tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, zucchini, green pepper, green and yellow beans, radishes, edible flowers, corn, celery, kale and basil.

The perennials in the garden consist of highbush blueberries, cherry trees, plum trees, rhubarb, beach nut trees and some blackberry and raspberry bushes. “Our pumpkin patch is sure to be eye-catching as we have a few Howard Dill ‘giants’ just waiting to make a big impression!” says Lori.

If there are community members who would like to participate in the ongoing project, feel free to contact Lori at 902-857-1133 or email info@aspotogan.org.

“Our goal is to create and develop an opportunity for an open experience for the entire community and to provide fresh, healthy food to the Hubbards & Area Food Bank, as well as local residents,” says Lori. “We are hoping to continue expanding the garden in the 2016 growing season with more raised beds and additional perennials.

“Feel free to stop by, walk the property and try a sample of whatever the garden has to offer.”
BayRides Looking for Volunteer Drivers

BayRides is looking for volunteer drivers who can use their own vehicles.

“The BayRides service covers a big area,” says a press release from Mr. Boddie, a volunteer driver. “We felt the removal process didn’t need to be hard. We were able to fill it at their own pace because life doesn’t always work with deadlines—and when it’s ready to go, Junkery shows up with their spiffy boom truck to take it away.

Junkery offers a regular Junkery Pick Up service as well. Their crew has ninja-like skills and are in and out, so customers can get on with their day. Sometimes large jobs require a combination of a Junkery Bag and Junkery Pick Up—not a problem! Customers really appreciate having multiple options,” says John. “And our Junkery Bags have been hugely popular with the do-it-yourselfers.”

There are no rental contracts or time restrictions and the disposal fee is included in the price. “It was essential to us that we’d be able to track how much junk we were diverting from the landfill,” says Ginny. “We have our own sorting facility—we sort it so you don’t have to!”

To date, less than 10% of the total tonnage of materials picked up by Junkery has gone to landfills. John adds, “That is a number we are very proud of.”

To learn more about Junkery, visit junkery.com or call 902-455-JUNK (5865).

To volunteer contact us at info@bayrides.ca, www.bayrides.com or call 902-820-6600, General Manager, 902-820-6600, Alison Donovan, BayRides School to Become a Community and Recreational Center

The former Gold River-Western Shore Elementary School will be transformed into a community center and recreational space, says Gerald Keddy, Member of Parliament for South Shore-St. Margaret’s.

The government of Canada has approved a contribution of $75,253 to complete architectural, electrical and mechanical upgrades to the building’s interior, install infrastructure and equipment, create a community space, and install a new, pitched roof.

In order to support a wide range of programs, workshops and events, the Municipality of Chester will relocate its departments of Recreation and Community Development to the completed building, according to a news release from Mr. Keddy’s office.
More than 700 residents of Beechville, Lakeside, Timberlea and surrounding communities came together for Canada Day and are already excited about 2016. Thanks to the generosity of dozens of sponsors “we were able to host a great event that included a free barbecue with hamburgers and hot dogs, a Canada Day cake, cotton candy, popcorn, ice cream and water,” wrote Linda Mossmo-Skinner in an email to the Masthead News.

The Kids Zone, hosted by Ian Angus Real Estate, included bouncy castles, face painting, tattoos and Minnie Mouse.

“Thank you to the volunteer firefighters and paramedics who joined us with their trucks,” said Linda.

The evening was topped off by fireworks.

Special thanks goes out to D & Jo’s Country Market for hosting the event on their property, along with Dr. Ryan and Timberlea Dental Centre.

A very special thanks goes out to Steve Williams and Affordable Fuels and Metro Home Heating for an outstanding fireworks display and for collecting donations to the Parker Street food bank.

Special thanks goes out to D & Jo’s Country Market for hosting the event on their property, along with Dr. Ryan and Timberlea Dental Centre.

A very special thanks goes out to Steve Williams and Affordable Fuels and Metro Home Heating for an outstanding fireworks display and for collecting donations to the Parker Street food bank.

Sponsors who also deserve a special mention and thank you include MP Geoff Regan, OH Armstrong Ltd., Bay Self Storage, Ultramar Timberlea, Ben’s Bakery, Ian Rankin, Dr. Robert Scovil, Councillor Reg Rankin, Oxner Party Rentals, Coca Cola Canada, Bev’s Ltd., TBR Restaurant & Lounge, Saputo, Dropit Automotive, Blom Signs, Credit Union Atlantic, AquaTerra, Fitzgerald’s Rite Shop, KC’s Face Painting, Farmer’s Dairy, City Mazda, HRM Mascots, Glow Parties, Liquid Air, Guardian Pharmacy, Debora Crooks Graphic Design, Cavicchi’s Meats, and A. D. MacEachern Insurance.

A notice will be coming up in the September issue of the Masthead News about the meeting to be held for the 2016 BLT Canada Day celebrations.

Thank you from the 2015 Planning committee—Renee Archibald, John Bignell, Joanne Ewasiuk, and Lyndsay Hart.

The turnout was large. Lyndsay and Scarlet Hart who, along with others, enjoyed Canada Day in Timberlea.

Using clear garbage bags instead of dark bags encourages proper sorting and reduces the amount of waste that ends up in our landfill. One dark bag is allowed for privacy.

halifax.ca/clear
Crossroads Educational Garden Gets Harvested for Second Time

The Crossroads Educational Garden in Upper Tantallon at the Redmonds Shopping Plaza is bursting with good vegetables this summer and is still showing beautiful specimens of kale, chard, onions, beets, rutabaga, parsnips, potatoes, cabbage and carrots, even after being partially harvested.

In July and August, volunteers reaped about 80 pounds of kale, chard, beets, beet greens and carrots for the food bank.

The kale and chard was harvested twice when the plants because of prolific leaf growth, and the carrots (8 lbs.) and beets (5.5 lbs) were harvested as thinnings to make more room for the remaining plants.

The veggies were bundled up and packaged in small bags and given out to food bank recipients along with recipe recommendations.

The garden is maintained by volunteers from Transition Bay St. Margarets and the St. Margarets Bay Food Bank and is intended to inspire one and all in the values, health and quality benefits of “Grow Your Own” vegetables.

“Garden rekindles the fact that most residents maintained gardens decades ago,” says Bob Cervelli.

The garden is one of many projects of Transition Bay St. Margarets (www.transitionbay.ca) and the organization believes that local food resilience helps to build a strong, local economy.

The main garden harvest will occur on Saturday, September 26th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (rain or shine)—two weeks before Thanksgiving!

“We will be digging the potatoes and harvesting the rest of the crops,” said Bob.

Book your calendar if you are interested in helping with the garden harvest for the food bank.

Contact Transition Bay at info@transitionbay.ca

Looking like a scarecrow with a hat on her head and carrots in her hand, Gwen Christie helps to thin the rows to make room for even bigger carrots.

P. R. O. Receives $400 from Old Timers Hockey Group.

Cosette Howlett, the P. R. O. Kids coordinator with the Municipality of the District of Chester, received a cheque for $400 from Michael O’Connor, Treasurer of the Chester and Area Old Timers Hockey Group, recently.

The money represented the proceeds from a hockey pool organized by one of the team members, Rhys Harnish.

The Old Timers group has donated more than $2,000 to P. R. O. Kids since 2012.

Rumrunners’ Storytelling Sunset Cruise August 20th

For those who love sailing and love to tell tales at the same time, your chance is coming on August 20th.

That is the date for the Rumrunners’ Storytelling Sunset Cruise, the annual fundraiser for the St. Margaret’s Bay Stewardship Association.

The cruise starts at 6:00 p.m. sharp and sails for two and one half hours from the St. Margaret Sailing Club, 5 Foxberry Hill in French Village.

Note that this is a change from the usual departure site.

Refreshments will be served and a 50/50 draw held for one toonie or three for $5.00.

Tickets for the cruise are $50.00.

Call 9092-823-1993 or email emcdy25@hotmail.com

When you go, you are invited to go aboard with your own Bay tales to tell.

Cosette Howlett receives a cheque for $400 from treasurer of the Old Timers Hockey Group, Michael O’Connor.

Deadline for the September 16th Issue of The Masthead News is September 9th.
New Catholic Church Officially Under Construction  By Keith Ayling

The official sod turning ceremony and blessing of the land for construction of the new St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish Church now underway on Scholars Lane in Upper Tantallon took place on Sunday, August 9th, with Archbishop Anthony Mancini officiating.

Parishioners and dignitaries gathered under threatening skies, rather than from himself, as the rain moved in.

He explained during the ceremony this new church is coming into being after 10 years of planning, designing and now construction that is expected to be completed by late spring of 2016.

It will replace Catholic churches in Hammonds Plains, Tantallon, Timberlea and Glen Margaret as church attendance in total is decreasing and there are fewer priests to serve that many church parishes.

The Tantallon services are currently being held at St. Luke’s United Church, while the Glen Margaret Church will continue to be used for other purposes.

The Timberlea Church has been sold while St. James in Hammonds Plains is for sale.

Land clearing and site preparation for the Scholars Lane location is being done by Kynock Resources while J. W. Lindsay Construction will be putting up the building.

Also attending at Saturday’s blessing were Mayor Mike Savage, Councillor Matt Whitman, Councillor Reg Rankin, MLA Iain Rankin, MLA Ben Jessome, MLA Denise Peterson-Rafuse and BMO representative Craig Bradshaw.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the nearby fire station on Scholar’s Lane.

After 30 Years of Community Service, Bernadette Jordan is Running for Office

Dream Hughie Award Open to Musician’s with a Dream

The Dream Hughie Award is presented annually to a Nova Scotian musician and provides $2,500 to a talented and promising artist who has a dream to achieve artistic growth and success.

The award is named for Hugh Douglas Langin or “Hughie” as his friends called him.

Injured at birth, Hughie had challenges throughout his life, yet his thirst for knowledge and understanding was life-long.

His greatest passion was music. He loved music and musicians who knew him loved him.

They understood that Hughie’s love of music was like his personality, simple and pure.

He was happiest circulating throughout the crowd while the band played on.

Cliff Langin, Hughie’s brother, says that the award’s selection committee looks for talented and promising musicians with a “dream and a passion that will remind people of Hughie.”

The application deadline is August 19th.

The 2015 award winner will perform at Stayner’s Wharf Pub & Grill in Halifax during the award presentation on September 22nd.

For more information, visit www.cfns-fcne.ca

Bernadette Jordan

For longer than she can remember, Bernadette Jordan, the Liberal candidate for South Shore-St. Margaret’s, has been captivated by politics.

It was at 17 when she started volunteering with the young Liberals.

“The Liberal party has always been the one that excited me the most because of its acceptance of a wide variety of voices and its visionary, yet very evidence-based, approach,” she said.

Bernadette feels that the following are the most important issues:

With the end of the Health Accord in 2014 and the changes in transfer payments for healthcare, Nova Scotia stands to lose almost one billion dollars in health care funding in the next 10 years.

“With an aging demographic this is a real concern,” she says.

“Mr. Harper believes in funding based on number not on need.”

Crumbling infrastructure is another concern in this riding, she believes.

“Once again funding is based on numbers not need.”

There is also a two-fold problem of out migration and student debt load, she maintains.

“Many young people I talk to would like to stay here and would even take a job that pays less than they would get in the west but their crippling student debt has forced them to leave,” she explains.

A lack of jobs and stagnant economic growth are the second parts of the problem.

If elected, she would pursue these problems and, along with the Liberal party, try to correct them.

Bernadette holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science.

She is happily married to Dave Jordan and has raised three children—Isaac, Mason and Rebecca.

In her spare time, she enjoys kayaking, hiking, camping, music, photography and is constantly learning about the traditional art of rug hooking.

“With the full support of my family and a deep and appreciative knowledge of this community, I am excited and ready to run for office,” she said.

Further information on Bernadette can be found at bernadettesouthshore.ca, on Twitter @BernJordan2015, and on Facebook at bernadettesouthshore.
Flyers!

Need to do a mass mail out?

Saturation coverage!

Call The Masthead News for the best deal around!

Call Ron or Heather @ 902-857-9099
Or email us at: themastheadnews@aol.com
Richard Biggar Throws His All into Federal Election as Green Party Candidate

By Catherine Clute

Richard Biggar may originally be from British Columbia but his heart and opportunity brought him to Nova Scotia where the 32 year, married father of three is a candidate for the Green Party of Canada in the riding of South Shore-St. Margaret’s.

Biggar moved to the province several years ago to follow a job opportunity and to follow his heart, as his wife, Elizabeth, has family ties in Lunenburg County.

The newcomer to politics is looking forward to the campaign.

“It is more important than ever to get involved,” says Biggar. He calls upon the memory of his parents, both of whom have driven him forward. The Green Party is the only one that makes sense.

“Until we fix the problems in our democracy we cannot move forward. The Green Party is the only party who doesn’t want to play the age-old game of politics and will work with anyone.”

Biggar plans to rely on his strong background in social media such as Facebook and Twitter, where his handle is @richiebiggar, to rally supporters and to hit the trail “the old-fashioned way”, says Biggar. He also draws on his perspective from playing the age-old game of politics, where his handle is @richiebiggar, to work with anyone.

Catherine Clute

---

Richard Biggar is a candidate for the Green Party of Canada in the riding of South Shore-St. Margaret’s. He may originally be from British Columbia but he is drawn to Nova Scotia where he has family ties in Lunenburg County. The newcomer to politics is looking forward to the campaign.

“It is more important than ever to get involved,” says Biggar. He calls upon the memory of his parents, both of whom have driven him forward. The Green Party is the only one that makes sense.

“Until we fix the problems in our democracy we cannot move forward. The Green Party is the only party who doesn’t want to play the age-old game of politics and will work with anyone.”

Biggar plans to rely on his strong background in social media such as Facebook and Twitter, where his handle is @richiebiggar, to rally supporters and to hit the trail “the old-fashioned way”, says Biggar. He also draws on his perspective from playing the age-old game of politics, where his handle is @richiebiggar, to work with anyone.

Catherine Clute

---

Richard Biggar is a candidate for the Green Party of Canada in the riding of South Shore-St. Margaret’s. He may originally be from British Columbia but he is drawn to Nova Scotia where he has family ties in Lunenburg County. The newcomer to politics is looking forward to the campaign.

“It is more important than ever to get involved,” says Biggar. He calls upon the memory of his parents, both of whom have driven him forward. The Green Party is the only one that makes sense.

“Until we fix the problems in our democracy we cannot move forward. The Green Party is the only party who doesn’t want to play the age-old game of politics and will work with anyone.”

Biggar plans to rely on his strong background in social media such as Facebook and Twitter, where his handle is @richiebiggar, to rally supporters and to hit the trail “the old-fashioned way”, says Biggar. He also draws on his perspective from playing the age-old game of politics, where his handle is @richiebiggar, to work with anyone.

Catherine Clute

---

Richard Biggar is a candidate for the Green Party of Canada in the riding of South Shore-St. Margaret’s. He may originally be from British Columbia but he is drawn to Nova Scotia where he has family ties in Lunenburg County. The newcomer to politics is looking forward to the campaign.

“It is more important than ever to get involved,” says Biggar. He calls upon the memory of his parents, both of whom have driven him forward. The Green Party is the only one that makes sense.

“Until we fix the problems in our democracy we cannot move forward. The Green Party is the only party who doesn’t want to play the age-old game of politics and will work with anyone.”

Biggar plans to rely on his strong background in social media such as Facebook and Twitter, where his handle is @richiebiggar, to rally supporters and to hit the trail “the old-fashioned way”, says Biggar. He also draws on his perspective from playing the age-old game of politics, where his handle is @richiebiggar, to work with anyone.

Catherine Clute

---

Richard Biggar is a candidate for the Green Party of Canada in the riding of South Shore-St. Margaret’s. He may originally be from British Columbia but he is drawn to Nova Scotia where he has family ties in Lunenburg County. The newcomer to politics is looking forward to the campaign.

“It is more important than ever to get involved,” says Biggar. He calls upon the memory of his parents, both of whom have driven him forward. The Green Party is the only one that makes sense.

“Until we fix the problems in our democracy we cannot move forward. The Green Party is the only party who doesn’t want to play the age-old game of politics and will work with anyone.”

Biggar plans to rely on his strong background in social media such as Facebook and Twitter, where his handle is @richiebiggar, to rally supporters and to hit the trail “the old-fashioned way”, says Biggar. He also draws on his perspective from playing the age-old game of politics, where his handle is @richiebiggar, to work with anyone.

Catherine Clute
Sat., Aug. 15, Hubbards Community waterfront annual Boat Rendezvous & Hip of Beef Bbq! The fun starts at the Hubbards Community Waterfront Park. Registration starts at 10 a.m., registration starts at noon. Poker hands are $20 each. Buffet starts at 5:00 p.m. Tickets for the buffet will be on sale at Scotiabank Hubbards. The end of the festivities will be a 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. tour of Hammonds Plains Road (across Plains First Baptist Church, 1839 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Hammonds Plains First Baptist Church, 1839 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  Hammonds Plains, Singles’ ministry are $20, seniors and children 6-15 will be on sale at Scotiabank Hubbards. Registration starts at 10 a.m., Community Waterfront Park. Buffet, 10:00 a.m., Hubbards Community Waterfront Annual Festival. Sat., Aug. 15, Hubbards Farmer’s Market is open until October 31st. Located at the beautiful Hubbards Barn & Community Park, #57 Hwy 3, Hubbards. Some of the highlights of the summer are Story Time and Yoga at the Market. For more info go to www.hubbardsbarn.com or like us on Facebook.

Sun., Aug. 16, Enjoy an evening of music for the entire family at the Chester Bandstand. Enjoy the water, enjoy the music, enjoy the atmosphere. Your family is invited to bring your picnic and your dancing shoes. Live music from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Lordly Park, Chester, every Tuesday until August 25. Here is the remainder of the schedule:

August 18, Jamie Junger & friends, sponsored by B. W. Armstrong Insurance
August 25, Parsons Brothers, sponsored by Wells, Lamey, Malim & Bysen
Meals for musicians generously provided by the Stretch Diner. Free admissions. Donations for the Chester Community Band. For more info contact Donna Larder 902-689-2444 (home) or 902-790-2304 (cell) or facebook.com/donna.larder@env.gov.ca

Tues., Sept. 8, The Bay Grandmothers will meet at 7:00 p.m. in St. Luke’s Church Hall, Upper Tantallon. Our guest speaker will be Kayla Housselle, reporter for CBC News. Kayla will discuss her experiences in Sudan and comment on Ethical Reporting. All are welcome.

Thurs., Sept. 10, Chester Sea Cadets Registration for Cadets 12 years and up at the Chester Legion (upstairs) starting 7:00 p.m. Bring birth certificate of Canadian passport and current health card. Parents or guardians must also complete forms. Returning Llewynllwyn cadets and parents should arrive at 6:30 p.m. and bring renewed health cards. For more info contact Donna Larder 902-689-2444 (home) or 902-790-2304 (cell) or facebook.com/donna.larder@env.gov.ca

Sat., Sept. 12, Breakfast at the Chester Legion from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Enjoy eggs (any way you like them), French toast, hash browns, beans, bacon, sausage, toast, tea, coffee and juice.

Mon., Sept. 14, Blood clinic at the Chester Legion from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and again from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. For more info call 1-888-236-6283.

South Shore Seniors Card Games 2015
Card games are held monthly on Fridays at the Western Shore Fire Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and games start at 7:30 p.m. Cost is $3.00 per person. Prizes and lite refreshments. Everyone welcome. Card games are on: August 14 September 4 October 2 November 6 No card game in December

Friday Night Movies at the Waterfront
There is one last outdoor movie being shown at the Amphitheatre at the Hubbards Waterfront this summer. Pay what you can. Proceeds are towards projects at the Waterfront Park. Rain dates are the following Fridays of each set date:

Cinderella, Aug. 21 @7:30p.m Watch the Hubbards Community Waterfront Association Facebook page or email julia@communitywaterfront.ca for more info.

Sunday, Sept. 13, Yoga at the Market. For more info call the Centre at 902-275-5789 or visit www.chesterartcentre.ca

Tantallon Village Market
The Tantallon Village Farmers Market is open every Tuesday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Redmonds Plaza, bringing fresh from our farms to you fruits, vegetables, meats, poultry, breads, Acadian meat pies, landscape plants, handcrafted items and sewing alterations. Check us out on Facebook. Fresh volunteers are always welcome, www.tantallonvillagefarmersmarket.ca

Honed Rug Museum of North America Marketplace
The Hooked Rug Museum of North America Marketplace is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until September. There will be a Hook-in on August 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On August 27th Lucy Richard of the WOoly Mason jar will be holding a Microwave Magik Dyeing Workshop from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pre-register for any of these events by visiting www.hookedrugmuseumnovascotia.ca or by calling 902-858-3060.

Two More Treasure Chest Winners Turn up with Smiles This Summer
Peter MacAulay, a long-time resident of Upper Tantallon, sure knows how to make July rain showers into gold nuggets! By playing his lucky #8860 at Redmonds Home Hardware since registering on April 19, 2014, and was very excited to be this week’s winner.

Jean Hunt was the second lucky winner. Jean has played #1187 regularly at Redmonds Home Hardware since registering on April 19, 2014, and was very excited to be this week’s winner.

Jean has family visiting from Edmonton this summer and plans to treat them to some extra special Nova Scotia hospitality. Her daughter starts university in September and is hoping for a “special shopping trip”. Many of Jean’s friends, impressed by her winnings, are now inspired to register for Bay Treasure Chest numbers and play regularly.

Deadline for the September 16th Issue of The Masthead News is September 9th

Jean (left) receives her winner’s cheque for $4,109 from Susan Picton, a Bay Treasure Chest volunteer.
When Dona Edens wrote to the Masthead News and said, “My husband and I live permanently in Alabama but spend our summers in Tantallon” turning sailboats into shanty boats, it immediately caught our attention.

Our first question was, “What is a shanty boat?”

Rod, her husband, wrote back and said, “Good question!” He immediately explained that “I think they first appeared in the U. S. A. in the 1800s. They were built by poor folks who did not own any property and could not afford to pay rent. But they could live mortgage free, tax free, rent free and hassle free IF they could simply live in a boat on the local river or lake.

“However, as I said, they were poor, very poor. So, they would build a boat for their family to live in out of whatever scrap materials they could find.

“As you can imagine, the boats looked like ‘shanties’. Hence, the name, shanty boats.”

This day and age some people are still drawn to the idea of living on a boat, he said. At least for a few days at a time. And they really don’t care what anyone else thinks.

“I’ve sailed a lot,” he said, “but didn’t want to do that anymore. So I removed all of the ‘sailing’ parts and pieces. Then I built a little wheelhouse on it so I could have standup headroom when inside the cabin. And, I added more boards here and there to make it easier to move around on (and, to make it look a bit like a 100 year old boat).”

He said that he added a little 10 HP motor and now goes anywhere on St. Margaret’s Bay at about six miles an hour—”a very peaceful speed,” he said.

“The boat gets attention everywhere I go. People ask who made it, where it’s from and sometimes they ask ‘why’.”

An earlier version which he built in Alabama appears on the website Shantyboatliving.com. “You will find a wide range of ideas that different folks have had to build inexpensive, live-aboard boats” at that site, he said.

Rod added that a lot of the old Cape Islander fishing boats are being converted into pleasure boats and that you might call them shanty boats as well. “You see more of those on the Bay every year. In fact, I converted one about 10 years ago and used it for several years.”