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Autumn to Winter 2014

The harvest is all but finished, the wood is stacked for winter warmth, and the house is banked. Winter must be on it's way. Time to reflect on the summer and autumn past. But there is no down time in community events as you will find out by reading this newsletter. Coming up is the honouring of all our veterans with Remembrance Day and quickly following are any number of seasonal and Christmas events. Join in, you will find it rewarding.

NGAPS Programs & Events

NGAPS Regular Meeting the first Tuesday of each month @ 7:00pm. Everyone welcome to attend. Check our web page for more details.

Garden Club Regular Meeting at the NGRHS Library the fourth Wednesday of the month @ 7:00pm. Please check our community website.


Literary Night in New Germany November 19th, NGRHS Library, 7:00pm
Everyone welcome to attend (info page 15).

Countryside Christmas November 29th to December 7th. Various events and locations (page 20 for details).

Tree Lighting and NGAPS Christmas Open House, December 4th (page 21)

Community Events

- Nov 11 Remembrance Day
- Nov 19 Literary Night
- Nov 25 Pap Clinic
- Nov 26 Garden Club
- Nov 29 - Dec 7 Countryside Christmas
- Nov 30 Christmas House Tour
- Dec 4 NGAPS Open House
- Dec 5 NGAPS Movie Night
- Dec 7 Christmas Festival & Market
- Dec 25 Merry Christmas
- Jan 1 Happy New Year
- Jan 6 NGAPS
- Jan 28 Garden Club AGM



Free Advertising for Community Groups on NGAPS Community Calendar


New Germany Area Promotion Society (NGAPS) maintains a New Germany Area Website including a Community Calendar page.

Any group or organization in our area can advertise their event on this page at no charge. Please send listings to:
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The more listings we have, the more views the page will have and the greater the interest will be in everyone's event. Let's work together.

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Also check out our Facebook page!



The mission statement of New Germany Area Promotion Society is "NGAPS will strive to create a sustainable and vibrant community where people and businesses are encouraged to thrive." We will achieve this mission by supporting communications and partnerships both within and outside our community.

Parkdale/ Maplewood Remembrance Day Service

Location: Parkdale/Maplewood
Emmanuel Baptist Church

Order of Service is as follows:

10.30 - Gathering at the Cenotaph (in front of the church)

10.40 - Singing of O Canada

- Laying of wreaths

11.00 - Two Minutes of Silence

- The Last Post

- Prayer

- Veterans are Piped into the Church

- Opening Remarks

- Choir Selection

- Introduction of Veterans

- Poem "In Flanders Fields"

- Message "**Philip Riteman – Holocaust Survivor**"

- Closing Hymn

- Expressions of Appreciation

- Singing of "God Save the Queen"

- Benediction and Grace

- Veterans are Piped from the Church

Following the Service, all are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshments at the Parkdale – Maplewood Community Hall. Please come to hear Philip Riteman speak and there will be an opportunity to purchase his book "A Holocaust Memoir Millions of Souls" for the price of \$15.00



The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 08-102 New Germany

Week of Remembrance Events 2014

Thursday Nov 6th- Service, West Northfield Elementary School

1000 Hours Legion & Auxiliary members gather at the school

Assembly in the gymnasium

All Legion & Auxiliary members welcome

Friday Nov 7th Service New Germany Elementary School

1000 Hours Legion & Auxiliary members gather at the school

Assembly in the gymnasium

All Legion & Auxiliary members welcome

Friday Nov. 7th Service, New Germany Rural High School

1300 Hours Legion & Auxiliary members gather at the school

All Legion & Auxiliary members welcome

Sunday November 9th – Service of Remembrance in Springfield

1030 Hours Legion & Auxiliary members gather

1100 Hours Service of Remembrance

All Legion and Ladies Auxiliary members welcome

Tuesday November 11th

1030 Hours Parade participants gather at the New Germany Fire Hall

1045 Hours Form up Parade and March off

1100 Hours Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph,
Epworth United Church

Service in the church for adults

Service and refreshments at St. John's in the Wilderness for youth and families

1200 Hours Form up Parade and March back to the Fire Hall

There will be a lunch provided at the Legion for participants 19 years of age and over

Afternoon Friendship, Camaraderie and entertainment in the Legion clubrooms

1700 Hours Social Hour

1800 Hours Banquet

Tickets must be presented at the door.

Dress code as per Legion By-Laws

Health & Wellness Expo Report

On Thursday, October 30th, the 4th Annual New Germany Health and Wellness Expo was held at New Germany Rural High School. This year was the biggest to date with some 57 booths set up in the gymnasium and 15 different presentations going on in the Library.

A large number of students and community members took the time to view the booths and listen to the presentations. Several of the new booths this year included United Way, Lunenburg County; Lighthouse Media Group; Sharon Jones-Psychic/Medium; LaHave River Chiropractic, and Steve Biancolin! These booth holders were also sponsors!

As usual, we are indebted to the staff and students for allowing us to use their facility and helping us set up and run the entire afternoon event!

A special thank-you to all the sponsors. Without their monetary donations we would not have been able to advertise or feed the booth holders. I feel that everyone who was generous in their donations certainly got their moneys worth! For the first time ever, we got 2 weeks of Face Book listing in the Caledonia area..a unique offer to get the word out there about the Expo!

To all the community members who helped to make this years Expo such a great success, thank-you from NGAPS, the organizing group. It was a success because of the tremendous opportunity for networking among the many booth holders. As a result of this valuable time together we are hoping for new initiatives to be developed within New Germany. Watch for these in the coming months!

Finally, I want to say a big THANK YOU! To Michelle Greek and Janis Power for their time and effort in helping to prepare for the Expo. Also to Madelyn Bowers for her work in keeping track of my finances and helping to get the booths set up in the correct spots. And the other members of NGAPS who just keep supporting our efforts, thank-you!

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Greg Selig

Chair, New Germany Health and Wellness Expo



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What's at the Museum?

Slate & Pencil **32.3 cm x 22.4 cm**

This slate board was made from a piece of quarry slate set in a wooden frame. A slate pencil (not chalk) was used to write on the slate.



The slate pencils were often sharpened on the school wall. The advantage of slates over paper was that they could be wiped clean and used again and again. There is a string attached through a hole in the board to hang it up with.

The Maplewood Parkdale Community Museum is closed for the season. Thanks to everyone who supported them in 2014.

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Appointments may be made by any woman living in the New Germany area wishing to have a Pap test.

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Note: Current patients of New Germany Medical Centre can continue to book their Paps as regular appointments.



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Postcards from New Germany #2

It's just about time for the second NGAPS Postcard Contest! Donna Veinot, the winner of our first postcard contest can tell you what it's like to win: "It was really fun to take part in this local contest to help promote New Germany. It was easy too - I simply took a picture while I was out and about, emailed it to them, watched while people voted for their favourite on the Facebook page, and then won a \$100 gift certificate... see, it's that easy! Hardest part was choosing what to buy with the gift certificate!"



The next NGAPS post card contest theme will be the Christmas Tree Industry. Capture photos of New Germany Area Christmas Tree Industry this winter and your photo could be the next postcard in our postcard collection! Use your imagination when thinking about the Christmas Tree Industry! It could be the tree yards, a nicely decorated tree, making wreaths, cutting or shearing trees, older photos of working with the trees, whatever the Christmas Tree Industry means to you.

The contest will be open for submissions in January with voting will take place in February. Remember to take lots of pictures during this Christmas Tree Season for your chance to be a winner in 2015!



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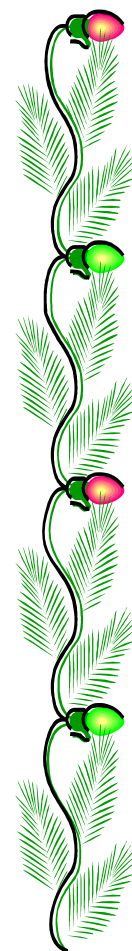
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Walks @ 6:00 Report

NGAPS recently sponsored four evening Walks at 6:00. Each walk was about an hour long, included a combination of trail and road and suitable for strollers. This is the third year we have organized, two Spring walks and two Autumn walks for a total of 24 walking adventures!

The most popular walk this autumn was by Wentzell Lake along the LaHave River Trail. Watch for more walks in the Spring of 2015. If you have suggestions for walking routes, please get in touch (contacts on page 23)



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November is 4-H Month!

On November 5th, Livewires 4H members and other 4h'ers in Lunenburg County wore green to recognize National 4H month. Livewires 4H club is based out of Parkdale-Maplewood and have about 30+ registered members and cloverbuds.

4H is not just about animals. There are many different lifeskills and livestock projects you can take along with public speaking, exchange trips, and workshops. We offer such lifeskills projects as welding, small engines, wood-working, sewing, crafts and heritage. For livestock projects we offer dog obedience, poultry, horse, and rabbit. For a complete list of projects that you can take in 4H check out the NS 4H website. In grade 10 you can even use 4H as a high school credit.2

To be in 4H you must be between the ages of 9-21 yrs. old and for Cloverbuds 7-9 yrs. old. Livewires 4H meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Our Cloverbud group meets once a month on Saturday a.m. from 10-11:30 am. We post our meetings in the NGES newsletters.

If you would like to have any information about our club please give Donna Simpson a call at 644-3465.




Back row: Isaac Rafuse and Joshua Foster.
Front Row: Josie Rafuse and Jacob Foster.




4H Achievement Day

With their dogs: Victoria Penney, Issac Zwicker and Brienna Molyneaux
With his turkey: Joshua Foster
With her lamb: Josie Rafuse






VON Foot Clinic



VON hosts a foot clinic at the New Germany Medical Centre every 2nd Thursday from 9:30am – 4:00pm.

If you would like to book an appointment please call VON at 624-1897.

The fee is \$35 per visit. Please bring your own hand towel.



South Shore Public Library Mobile Library

is at New Germany Freshmart every Tuesday from 3:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. A library card is free and so is using the library.

Friends of New Germany Elementary School

~Alice Wile

Nearly everywhere you look you will see volunteers lending a hand or providing a service that wouldn't otherwise be available. New Germany Elementary School is no exception, and has a list of dedicated, caring volunteers who once or twice a week come into the school to give of their time to make the day a little bit better for students.

Some of these volunteers are there by 7:30 in the morning to prepare for the Breakfast Program. As soon as the first bus arrives at 8:30, students are lined up at the breakfast window for a nutritious start to their day of learning. This program was started with those children in mind who, for whatever reason, didn't get chance to have breakfast before boarding the bus. Some students are on the bus shortly after 7:00am, so a little extra something in their belly before classes begin is a welcome treat.

The usual breakfast menu consists of toast, either with butter or peanut butter, and a piece of fruit. Occasionally, boiled eggs are available as well as muffins, yogurt and juice packs. Through a very generous donation from Len's Plumbing and Heating and Sweeny's Funeral Home, milk has been available to every student for the past two years at no cost to their families. Volunteers for this program work on a rotational basis, usually coming in one morning per week. In the words of one little girl, "I can't wait to get to school for butter toast".

Volunteers will also be found reading to students and assisting others with reading their own books. There is nothing quite so rewarding as listening to a child read a story themselves and knowing that you were able to help them reach that point.


If you have ever attended a school function, fair or fund raiser, you have encountered yet another group of volunteers. Such events would be much harder to pull together without the dedication of school volunteers. Some other things that volunteers do in our school is make costumes for plays, paint props, chaperone class trips, coach sports games as well as serve on Home and School, and the School Advisory Council. It is without a doubt that your child's day at school included more than one positive encounter with a volunteer.

Volunteers are a highly sought after group of people, and without them many programs and services would just not be available. Your talents and abilities as a school volunteer would be greatly appreciated. It's as simple as calling the school and picking up the proper forms. Many of us have done it...it doesn't hurt, and the rewards are knowing that you are doing something that will help the students have a successful year at school.



Volunteer Joanne Spidle keeps the toasters fired up on Wednesday mornings

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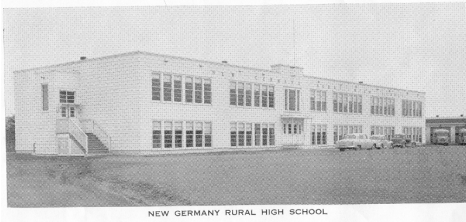
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NGRHS Reunion

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Any and all students who ever attended NGRHS, even if you didn't complete grade 12 at New Germany, teachers, office workers, custodians, bus drivers past and present are welcomed and encouraged to attend the reunion. For more information please contact alumni@ngrhsalumni.ca



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New Germany Garden Club

The Garden Club meets the fourth Wednesday of the month, generally at New Germany Rural High School. In October we participated in the Heath and Wellness Expo with a garden quiz. A great chance to talk with fellow gardeners about all the wonderful benefits of gardening.

In November (26th) the club will be meeting at Rosedale Home and making table arrangements for the residents of the Home to enjoy during the holiday season. Soon the community planters will be dressed in their winter greenery.

There will be no meeting in December but our meetings will resume on January 28th with our AGM at 7:00pm. A presentation will follow beginning at 7:20. Check the community website for program details. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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~Donna Finck



Tips for Putting Away for Later

Fall to Winter - we are at the change of the season. We know that the bounty of the garden will soon end. I have been asking gardeners in my community how they put food away for later. What follows are some suggestions that I received.

Dark- cool- moist. Cold rooms.

Below the frost line soil temperatures remain above freezing. This is nature's way of taking care of all the inhabitants of the soil. It's a refrigerator made by nature. People have been digging in the ground and storing food inside as long as there have been people. Partitioning a corner of the basement with insulated walls will create a similar cool, dark, moist environment.

Store potatoes, turnip, carrots and cabbage. It's a good place to overwinter dahlia tubers as well. Brush the excess soil off veggies but don't wash them clean. They will keep better with a little dirt. Store potatoes in open boxes made of wood or plastic. Carrots require more care to prevent them from drying out. Top and tail carrots and layer them so that they do not touch each other in damp peat moss. Cabbage seem to keep best when the entire plant is placed in the cold room, root down.

Leave parsnips in the garden. Pile up bags of dry leaves on top of them. The leaves will insulate the ground so that it is simply a matter of unpiling the bags and pulling out what you want for dinner. They will taste sweet, sweet, sweet as the cold temperatures bring out their flavour.

Indirect sunlight, dry air. Under the beds or on the back stairs.

When onion leaves wither and die they are ready for harvest. They need a period of approximately two weeks to dry (cure). Building doors are pure genius for this purpose. Tie onions in small bunches and hang on the inside side of the door with small nails or hooks. On nice days open the door. On wet days close the door. Once dried onions will keep in baskets in indirect sunlight and dry locations.

Squash require a curing time as well. Wash and dry them. Place the squash on a cookie sheet under the bed. Once a week check them for soft spots and turn them. Any squash that show rot must be cooked immediately but most will keep for three or four months.

Cold, cold. The Freezer.

The most wonderful thing about the freezer is that it can buy you time. Maybe you have boat loads of beautiful ripe tomatoes all at once. Wash, bag and freeze them now while they are perfect. They can be cooked into sauce later and refrozen or they can remain as they are and removed a few at a time and added whenever tomatoes are called for in the recipe right from the freezer.

Kale leaves can be similarly stored. Pick the leaves, wipe clean, place in bags and freeze. When kale is required in a recipe take out a few leaves and 'crumble' into the pot.

Kale will do fine outdoors until Dec. After that harvest the leaves, wipe clean and place in your camp cooler. Store the cooler in an unheated space. Remove the leaves and steam for supper or as you need them. They can keep well for quite a while.

Parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme, and oregano can be harvested fresh, put through the blender or food processor, bagged and frozen. Remove when required and use as you would fresh herbs. Another way to prepare these herbs for storage is to dry them. Spread herbs out on cookie sheets after they are chopped in small pieces and place in an electric oven with the door ajar and just the oven light. In a day or so they will dry and can be stored in sealed jars. A gas oven with a pilot light will dry herbs even quicker.

Freezers are wonderful for fresh fruit. Blueberries and other small fruit need only be cleaned bagged and frozen. Softer fruit such as strawberries are easier to access later if they are frozen spread out on cookie sheets and then put into bags to store.

Peel and cut up apples, add sugar and freeze in the right measure for pies or crumbles. When you're ready to bake a pie it's just a matter of thawing fruit enough to put in the pie shell or baking dish. Apples will dry surprisingly quickly in the kitchen if they are peeled and sliced, strung on string and hung to dry. Once dry they will keep in jars for months.

Even if the bounty of the harvest does not originate in your own back yard knowing how to store food is a good way to save money. Food is often most economical when there is plenty and most expensive when it is scarce. These are some tried and true methods from people who live here in the area for putting away when there is plenty. It's a nice feeling to have a little put away for later whether it is two or three nice butternut squash under the bed or some aromatic herbs to flavour the spaghetti sauce.

Dog Show for Rosedale

On September 7, 2014 in Stanley Section, The Bridgewater Agility Dogs hosted a dog show and fundraiser for the residents of Rosedale Home for Special Care. The show opened with singing by Rose Veinot and her granddaughter Rylan. Residents, staff, family, and friends enjoyed an afternoon of fun.

Our dog group called B.A.D. consists of approximately 20 members which includes six youth. We put on an hour show of agility runs, musical chairs, hot dog dunk, tunnel races, and some dog tricks. There were extra laughs as we were entertained by Fireman John Parnell and his Dalmatian named Hydrant (a.k.a. Trevor Myra).

After the show we had a barbeque and refreshments. A total of \$510.00 was raised by having a free will donation box, and the sale of hot dogs, water, and pop. The money raised was used for the Rosedale residents for a 3 day trip to Digby and Yarmouth.

On behalf of Rosedale Home we would like to say a very special thank you to the Hemford Fire Department for providing the benches for seating. Thanks as well to the New Germany Freshmart, New Germany Shoppers Drug Mart, and the Bridgewater Atlantic Superstore for their donations towards the barbeque. To our family, friends, and neighbour for all your help and to everyone who came out and supported our fundraiser. We thank you from the members of Bridgewater Agility Dogs (B.A.D.)



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Contest : Something different! The logo for NGAPS are a pair of oxen and Christmas trees. We've dressed them up for Countryside Christmas. And you get to give them some colour.



Send your completed picture (to the address on page 23) by December 4th for a chance to win.

Only one entry per person please.

Answers for September's contest:

29lbs, 24, 84.5, 10,080, 3, 15, 20, and 37

Puzzle Maker Wanted

If you would like to create a puzzle for an issue of Connections, please get in touch, contacts on page 23. Thanks to our guest creator this issue, Michelle Greek.

Name _____

Community _____

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If you are our winner from which advertiser would you chose your prize?

Do you have any comments about the Newsletter?



From the Lions Den

New Germany and Area Lions Club News

November 28 - Diabetes Tag Day
New Germany Freshmart, 10 am - 6 pm

The New Germany and Area Lions will be accepting donations on November 28 at Barry's Freshmart in support of Diabetes Tag Day. Proceeds from this one day event will go towards funding leading-edge research, services and essential programs to help people living with Diabetes. Receipts will be issued for a donation of \$10.00 and up. For more info or to donate, please contact Pat 644-3280 or Nancy 644-3366.

LIONS - What do we do? To find out more, visit our website:

<http://eclubhouse.org/sites/newgermany/projects.php>

If you would like to attend a Lions Club Meeting at any time, please call Membership Chair Lion Bill (644-2217). We meet at 6:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. The 2nd Wednesday is a dinner meeting. To reserve a meal, call Lion Pat (644-3280). Meals are \$10.00.



New Germany Area Promotion Society in partnership with New Germany Rural High School presents:

Literary Night in New Germany

November 19th
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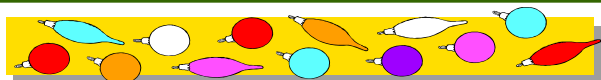
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Have You Read Any Good Books Lately?

~ Laura Best

As an author I tend to get excited about books, not only writing them, but reading them. So when it was suggested that we form a book club in East Dalhousie I couldn't have been happier. In the beginning, we had no idea what to expect. Would there be enough people in our little community, interested in reading, to form a book club? When twenty-two people came to the first meeting we thought we might just be onto something. Only a few of those who came had been involved in a book club in the past, but for the rest of us it was all new.

So, what exactly is a book club? It's really quite simple. Each month a book is read and then we come together to discuss it. We take turns choosing books for the upcoming months and we're flexible. Joining the book club doesn't mean you have to come each and every month. If an upcoming book doesn't sound like your cup of tea, or if you have plans to be busy that month, it's not a problem.

Where do the books come from? We buy, borrow, and pick them up at used book stores. Some book stores will also offer book club members a 10% discount, so check around. Recently, we discovered that the Annapolis Valley Regional Library offers a program called, "Book Club in a Bag." The package comes with 8 copies of a book, a discussion guide and suggested questions and a sign-out sheet for the group leader. The library offers an extensive list of books to choose from. While I couldn't find the Book Club in a Bag program at the South Shore Library, I discovered that book clubs can put in a request to the library two months in advance and they will do their best to get as many copies of the title as possible. So a book club doesn't have to mean you're buying a lot of books if you don't chose to.

So, if you enjoy reading, and discussing what you've read with others, you might want to start your own book club. Ask around to see who is interested. And if your club decides to read local books, you might want to consider inviting a local author to come and discuss his/her book with you! Check out the Literary Night in New Germany coming up on November 19th for an idea of some local authors and their books. You might be pleasantly surprised!



Literary Night in New Germany - Our Authors

Come to the NGRHS library on November 19th for our 2nd Literary Night in New Germany. This year our authors are novelists Heather Veinotte and Rosalie Osmond as well as poet Margaret Rutley, read by Mary Morey.

Rosalie Osmond was born and brought up in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, and is a descendent of the first settlers. She was educated at Acadia University, Bryn Mawr College, and Cambridge University, where she acquired both a Ph.D. and a husband. Much of her subsequent life has been spent in the U.K., where her adult children still live. In 2009 she returned to live in Lunenburg.

Rosalie has taught English literature at university level in both Canada and the U.K., and has published three books of non-fiction; *Waldenstein* is her first novel. In addition to writing, Rosalie sings with a small early music group that she formed, teaches courses for seniors, and attempts to keep the two acres of garden around her house under control.

Margaret Rutley was born and raised in Nova Scotia and is now living on Vancouver Island, BC. She has studied writing with Yvonne Blomer, Maleea Acker and Terry Anne Carter. Her poetry and short stories have been published by Leaf's Press, Polar Expressions, various literary journals, and the Sacred in Haiku Anthology. She was also posted on Stephen Gilis' Website and is a member of Heron's Quill Literary Group and Haiku Arbutus. Margaret's father, Arnold William Carver, grew up in the Barss Corner area; her roots are in this area.

Playwright **Heather D Veinotte** has written and directed more than twenty-eight plays for radio and stage. As well as being a recognized playwright she is the author of three novels. "The Mystery of Skull island- a young reader's book and "Beyond the Mist", a paranormal set in the 1800's in and around the historic towns of Lunenburg and Mahone Bay. Heather's very proud of the fact that this book was given Honorable Mention in the prestige Writers' Digest Competition of North America. Her latest novel "Lonely Angels"-a mystery suspense, will be available soon.



NGAPS maintains our community website, publishes this Newsletter, organizes the New Germany Health & Wellness Expo, the Spring & Fall Walks and other community events. Please consider joining us so we can do even more for our community!



A Year on the Road

~Catherine Voysey Fourdraine

I am updating our travel report from Vancouver, British Columbia. Since my last report, we have visited Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Wyoming, Montana and Alberta.

Our first stop in Utah was 12 days in Moab. We hiked trails in Canyonlands National Park and Arches National Park. One canyon trail led us to a rock span that is the 6th largest rock span in the United States at 243 feet in length. In Moab, we experienced temperatures in the 30's and humidity under 15%. By comparison, we set our dehumidifier in our Nova Scotia home to 50% to bring the humidity down!

We stayed five days in Cannonville, Utah to experience Bryce National Park and the town of Escalante. On our first day, the weather forecast included lightening, rain, and possible flash floods. We were advised by the park ranger to plan hiking for another day. We drove through the park and stopped at the overlooks to view the hoodoos. Hoodoos are a tall, thin spire of rock that protrude from the ground. They are formed by erosion and are found in the desert.

Our next stop was Hurricane for three days to visit Zion National Park. We also explored Silver Reef, a mining town that flourished between 1876 and 1890. It is now a ghost town with crumbling rock walls and foundations. Of the original structures, only the 1878 Wells, Fargo and Co.'s Express building remains intact. It is now a museum. Silver Reef is the only place in North America where silver has been found in mineable quantities in sandstone. In the few years that the town flourished, over 7 million ounces of silver were taken out of 33 mines.

From Cannonville, Utah, we drove three hours to Las Vegas, Nevada. We stayed at the Las Vegas KOA: Circus, walking distance from "the strip". When we checked in, we were informed the campground was closing at the end of September. Las Vegas temperatures reached a high of 38 degrees. Our Jayco trailer had no shade and its' air conditioner was overwhelmed by the intense heat. We survived the heat by walking earlier in the day, then relaxing at the pool until the sun went down. We experienced some nightlife on the strip as well as on Fremont Street, which is the original area of Las Vegas. One day we escaped the hustle and bustle of the strip for Springs Preserve, a 180 acre campus with museums and botanical gardens. We saw our first pomegranate tree!



Hoodoos at Bryce Canyon, Utah



Sunset Crater: Flagstaff, Arizona

On our way to our next destination, Flagstaff Arizona, we stopped at Hoover Dam for a tour of the power plant, 54 stories below ground level. Hoover Dam was built from 1931 to 1936 to control flooding of the Colorado River and to provide power to California, Arizona and Nevada. In Flagstaff, we visited local parks to view some cliff dwellings and to see a volcanic area at Sunset Crater. We also visited Riordan House, a 13,000 square foot home built in 1904. The architect, Charles Whittlesey, also designed the El Tovar Hotel at the Grand Canyon. One of our day trips from Flagstaff was a drive to Grand Canyon National Park. We hiked the Bright Angel Trail, a 4.5 mile hike down then up each way.

West Yellowstone, Montana is a 13 hour drive from Flagstaff. Instead of driving it all in one day, we stopped overnight in Fillmore, Utah. We left desert plants and summer behind in Arizona. Fall was ready for us in West Yellowstone. We experienced some winter conditions, as well, during one of our hikes in Yellowstone National Park. The temperature hovered around 3 degrees and snow covered the ground and the evergreen boughs. Our view of the lake below was completely snowed in by the time we reached the top of the mountain. Fortunately, we took some photos at the midway point. Outside of California, Yellowstone National Park is the most earthquake prone area in the United States. Heat from the volcanic activity heats the ground water and creates thermal features, like geysers. Old Faithful is Yellowstone's most well known geyser. It was an amazing experience to see Old Faithful in action!

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West Yellowstone to Canmore, Alberta was also a two day drive. We overnighed in Great Falls, Utah. My mom met us in Canmore for a four day visit. It was wonderful to experience Banff National Park with my mom. We explored Lake Louise, Johnston Canyon



Catherine and her mom at Lake Louise, Alberta

and the Columbia Icefields Glacier. We also reconnected with our Calgary friends and family. We enjoyed two Thanksgiving meals.

Now, we are visiting Vancouver for two weeks. We have hiked some trails, visited family and explored the city. In Nova Scotia, we have red, orange and yellow in our autumn landscape; the western landscape is mostly green with some orange and yellow. What it lacks in bright colour, it more than makes up for with gigantic evergreens. In the Capilano Park, we saw a 61 metre tall Douglas Fir!

From Vancouver, we are driving to California with plans for a San Diego Christmas before returning east.



View of Mount Chester from Chester Trail, Alberta



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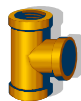
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Christmas House Tours 2014

A brand new event for our area! New Germany Area Promotion Society is pleased to be organizing Christmas House Tours this year. Three local homes will be open to ticket holders; as well you will have the opportunity to see behind the scenes with an outdoor tour of one of the most elaborated decorated homes in our area.

Here are your invitations:

Avan and Lisa Joudrey live on School St. with their 2 busy teenage children, Emma and Alex and one very spoiled "Winnie". "Over the years our family has danced together throughout our county with the New Germany Cloggers. Today you can still find Avan arranging his finest meals at Rosedale Home and Lisa in the Day Care Surgery Unit at South Shore Regional. The Christmas Holiday's with the Joudrey's always includes loads of twinkling lights, yummys from the oven and fragrant smells of balsam fir."

On the Osborne Road you will find the Demone's house. "Our home on the tour is a log home built 20 years ago, nestled down by the LaHave River. It is an open concept living space and lots of natural wood to give it that cozy feel. I love to decorate and also make crafts all year long but especially at Christmas, so come along and take a tour! Love to see you!"

The MacDonald farmhouse on Tompkin Road appears to be a typical late Victorian Nova Scotia farmhouse but is actually three small houses pulled together, with the original house that is now the living room possibly dating back to the original 1858 land grant. The house is furnished with family antiques from around that same time. Decorations at this house include collections of Santas, angels, snowmen and sheep, inside and out. Only the sure-footed should try to climb either of very steep staircases leading to four bedrooms on the second floor.

In New Germany on Highway 10 is the Carver house. "We moved into our home 16 years ago and have been decorating it every year. We always try to add something new each year. We use about 200 extension cords and I wouldn't want to guess how many lights. We enjoy people stopping to take pictures as we do this not only for ourselves but for everyone else to enjoy. This year Santa and Mrs. Claus will be here on Nov. 30. Hope to see everyone." Children, with an adult ticket holder, are welcome at the Carver home.

This fantastic tour is available only by ticket. Each ticket is \$10.00 and includes a chance to win one of three locally grown Christmas trees or a Christmas wreath. The homes will be open on November 30th for 5 hours between 2 and 7 pm, plenty of time to take in all the venues even starting later in the afternoon or early evening. At each home we will also be offering a small seasonal treat!

Tickets are available at Cathy's Beauty Salon (902-644-2922) or Village Glassworks (902-644-3185). There will be a limited number sold. All profits from this event will be shared among the breakfast programs at NGES and NGRHS as well as NGAPS projects.

Cathy's Beauty Salon

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Municipal Recreation News

Lunenburg Municipal Recreation has opportunities for you and your family throughout the Municipality! Here are a few that may be of interest:

Babysitter Course - Saturday, November 15, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., MARC, Dayspring \$30

Seniors Kitchen Parties – Wednesday, November 26, 1:30 – 3 p.m., HB Studios Sports Centre, Bridgewater. Field games, card games, social. \$2 drop in. Music by Agnes & Jim Clinton.

Family Christmas Party – Sunday, December 14, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., MARC, Dayspring FREE

Municipal Matters Community Events listing deadline November 14. Call in your event to be included. Community organizations may also submit events for listing on the Community Calendar on the new Municipal website! Also, check out South Shore Connect to list your programs and events.

www.southshoreconnect.ca Watch for the December issue of Municipal Matters for information on changes in Municipal Grants or visit our website. Visit www.modl.ca for a full listing of recreation programs. Online registration is available, credit card payment only. Watch the Lighthouse Log for weekly listing of Recreation programs and events

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We welcome your ideas for winter/spring programs in our community; please contact Janice Rand at 541-1335. District of Lunenburg Recreation Department 541-1343 or recreation@modl.ca

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November 29 to
December 7, 2014

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Christmas

Enjoy the holiday season at home! Nine days of Christmas fun in our area, meeting and greeting your neighbours and friends. Check out all the events & activities.

- Sat., Nov. 29th - **Breakfast** at New Germany Legion, 7:00am
 - **Christmas Penny Auction** at Pinehurst Hall, 11:00am - 2:00pm
 - **Dance** at New Germany Legion, 9:00 pm to 1:00am
- Sun., Nov. 30th - **Christmas House Tours** (by ticket only); **Photos** with Meagan by appointment
- Mon., Dec. 1st - **Christmas Merchandise Bingo** at Pinehurst Hall, 6:30pm
 - **Jam Session** @ North River Hall, special lunch, 7:00pm
- Wed., Dec. 3rd - **Free Exercise Class** with Morning Glories, NG Legion, 8:30am
 - Family Resource's **Children's Christmas Party**, NGES, 10:00am
 - **Christmas Pot Luck** 6:30pm followed by **Card Party**, Simpson's Corner Hall
 - **Night of the Arts: Art, Music, Drama** @ NGRHS, 7:00pm
- Thurs., Dec. 4th - **Christmas Tea** at Anglican Church Hall, 2:00pm
 - **NGAPS Tree Lighting** & Holiday Snacks, 6:00pm
- Fri., Dec. 5th - Rosedale Home **Christmas Tea**, 2:00pm
 - **Tastings** @ NSLC on Dec. 5th & 6th
 - **Christmas Open House** @ Village Glassworks with Discovery Toys on Dec 5th & 6th
 - **NGAPS Christmas Movie Night at Anglican Church Hall** - 6:00pm for younger children & 8:00pm for older children
- Sat., Dec. 6th - **Candlelight Breakfast** at Pinehurst Hall, 7:00am
 - **Customer Appreciation Day** at New Germany Freshmart with refreshments & treats; Santa visits 1:00-3:00pm; entertainment noon to 2:00pm
 - **Christmas Show** at the Parkdale Maplewood Hall, 7:00pm
- Sun., Dec. 7th - **NGES Christmas Festival and Market** with Lions' train, mini trees for kids, Santa's Village, Christmas light exchange, canteen, letters to Santa, Cookie decorating & face painting, Food Bank donations accepted.
 1:00 to 4:00pm
 - **Homemade Ice Cream demo**, Mader's Clover Farm Market Supermarket
 2:00 to 4:00pm
 - Parkdale Maplewood **Christmas Concert** 3:00pm



Family Movie Night



Friday, December 5th
St John's Anglican Church Hall



6:30pm Mickey's Christmas Carol
8pm Christmas Vacation



Free Admission!
NGAPS Snack Canteen

Wear your Christmas Pyjamas and
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**Market @ NGES
Christmas Festival**

New this year!

NGAPS Christmas Market during the annual Christmas Festival at NGES December 7th.

What will you find at the Christmas Market?


-Unbridled Products	-Author, Laura Best
-Pampered Chef	-Crafter, Bonnie DeJong
-Discovery Toys	-Everyday Style
-Watkins	-Annette Conrad's Jewellery Designs
-Nature's Natural Selections	-Arbonne
-Darcie Cares	-Norwex
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**Christmas Tree Lighting
@ Stedman's Corner &
NGAPS Open House @
St. John's Church Hall**

You are invited to attend the lighting of the MODL Christmas tree on December 4th at 6:30p.m.

Join us for a few songs around the tree and then come to the St. John's Hall for a holiday snack at NGAPS's Christmas Open House until 8:00p.m.

Put on your favourite Christmas sweater and enjoy the conversations and the holiday cheer.



2014 Provincial & Western Woodland Owner of the Year, a True Success

– **Hiram & Ernest Carver, New Germany, NS**

~Patricia Amero, RPF, Picea Forestry Consulting

The 2014 Provincial and Western Woodland Owner of the Year events held at Hiram and Ernest Carver's 350 acre woodlot in North River on October 3rd and 4th were a true success despite some damp weather that moved in on Saturday. Hiram and Ernest were all smiles and exhilarated both days since an approximate total of 600 persons took part in various activities and everyone's enthusiasm and keen interest certainly shined.

"The Kids in the Forest" day on Friday, October 3rd was a real delight since there were 300 school children from grade six and some grade 5 classes attending from various schools in the County. There were a total of 12 buses from schools such as Greenfield, New Ross, Chester, Bridgewater, Pentz and of course New Germany. The Forestry class from the local Community College were also in attendance. The day was organized into various stops in the forest with tour guides that talked about and in some cases demonstrated various forestry aspects such as biodiversity, fire safety, insects, wildlife, horse logging, tree planting and so on. I had teamed up with Ross Pentz from NSDNR to help teach the children why, how and where someone would want to plant a tree. It was very uplifting to see how knowledgeable and keenly interested they were. Many children would name the trees they planted and would occasionally give it a pat before proceeding on to the next stop. Hiram was truly taken away by such care and compassion and had mentioned this is his speech to the crowd during the celebrations at lunch hour on Saturday.

The main event on Saturday also saw approximately 300 persons mainly other woodlot owners, recreationalists, family, friends and so on. This day was also organized into different stops depicting various aspects of forestry from different methods of wood harvesting, forest ecosystem classification, silviculture, archery, boundary lines, ground search and rescue, etc. The lunch hour was the main stage of events.

Lunch was hardy and delicious consisting of barbeque pork, baked potatoes, a variety of salads, and dessert prepared and served by the Stewarts of the United Church. After lunch, the Honorable Minister of Natural Resources, Zach Churchill, presented Hiram and Ernest with their huge provincial WOYA sign for the woodlot, a chainsaw gift, a trophy type plaque that is kept at the local NSDNR office, followed by Hiram & Ernest's speeches and the planting of a sugar maple by Hiram, Ernest and the Minister. There was also a large WOYA celebration cake which Hiram and his wife Ruth cut together taking them back to their wedding day many years ago.

Hiram and Ernest have said the reports from the events have all been extremely favourable and will be remembered by those who attended for some time. Another special thanks to all those who helped prepare and took part in the day to make it a true success!



Hiram and Ernest receiving the large provincial WOYA sign for the woodlot from the Honorable Minister of Natural Resources, Zach Churchill. Photo P. Amero



This is at our (Ross Pentz and Patricia Amero) Tree planting stop where in this picture Ross is describing what tree seedlings we are planting and why. I would carry on the talk by talking about the tools used in planting and how to use them. If you look closely you can see Hiram in the background listening in and observing.

Photo P. Amero

The Almost Back Page

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Will be early February 2015 We would like to hear your story ideas. Please contact us at the address or phone number on this page.

Thanks for entering our contest!

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Enter our contest on page 13 and send your answer to the address above. You may be our next winner!

NGAPS Meeting

NGAPS holds our regular monthly meetings the first Tuesday of the month @ 7:00pm. Everyone with an interest in our community is welcome to join.

Please check website for location or call 902-644-2922 for more information.

NGAPS publishes New Germany Connections 5 times a year - mid February, mid April, mid June, early September and early November. Watch for yours with your flyers. It is also available in colour on our web site or can be picked up at New Germany Freshmart, Mader's Clover Farm Supermarket, Village Glassworks and many other places in our area.



New Germany Area Website and Facebook too!

Check out our community website for information about the events in our area.

Listings of community events and local business are **FREE**. Please email ng_cap@ns.sympatico.ca. We are always looking for updates. If you see that something has changed, send us that too. Thanks for the support.

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The Get Up and Go

a Q&A with folks who are making it happen

Lately I've been hearing murmurings about local Christmas tree growers participating in scientific research, so for this issue of the Get Up and Go I decided to speak with Jim DeLong from DeLong Farms in Barss Corner. Jim is the president of the SMART Christmas Tree Research Cooperative Ltd, which gives growers the opportunity to invest in work being done by researchers at the Atlantic Christmas Tree Research Centre (CRC). Directed by Dr. Raj Lada (Faculty of Agriculture, Dalhousie University) and supported by various national, regional, and provincial agencies, the CRC works with industry to "enhance Atlantic Canada's knowledge-based bio-economy by developing innovative technologies and products to improve the economic and environmental sustainability of the region's Christmas tree and greenery industry" (from CRC promotional materials). As a return on its investment (which is required for CRC to receive government funding), the Cooperative will be first in line to commercialize and market CRC innovations.

Jim, how long have you worked in Christmas trees? What are the advantages of this line of work?

Advantages? Putting food on the table. (*Laughs*) Well, I grew up in it, I inherited it. It was a commodity that we could produce here and as you know—Atlantic Canadian farming, a lot of Lunenburg County— this is marginal land for any kind of farming and this is an actual crop that grows here. We've been long-time Christmas tree producers to the world.

We are represented by the Christmas Tree Council of Nova Scotia and locally, the Lunenburg County Christmas Tree Producers' Association—we're a very strong body. And a major plus for us, the Nova Scotia Christmas Tree Council was allowed to join the National Christmas Tree Association of the United States. We sit as a full member on the American board and we have lobby rights in America and they take great care of us as an equal partner in their country's association. We realize we're guests but it's a privilege to be there because New England's always been a traditional market for Canadian products.

What challenges do local Christmas tree growers face?

Well, climate change. Because it's warmer longer, we have a shorter harvest period and customers are wanting their trees sooner... My father, back in the 60's and 70's, mostly harvested trees in December. Now we're harvesting trees in October, sending them [as far away as] South America and Japan; the challenge is keeping that tree fresh and healthy to market. You can have a week of 20 degree weather in November—it's learning how to handle that.

We're trying to break into the European Union. We lost that market about 40 years ago. We've got Dr. Suzanne Blatt at the research centre in Kentville (Department of Agriculture) working on some of the critters that block us from sending trees to the EU.

[Dr. Blatt explained to me that Nova Scotian Christmas tree growers cannot export to the EU because of the presence of the Pine Sawyer Beetle in our forests. The Pine Sawyer Beetle can host the Pine Wood Nematode, which can then be carried on trees or wood products to other countries where it can cause pine wilt disease. This 2-year project, sponsored by the Christmas Tree Council of Nova Scotia in conjunction with the Growing Forward II program, is focused on finding out if the nematode is carried by local Pine Sawyer Beetles and if so, whether they are abundant in the plantations themselves. The ultimate, long-term goal is to develop a "nematode-free" certification process, which might allow growers to export to the EU.]

SMART stands for Senescence Modulated, Abscission Regulating Technology. What exactly is the SMART tree and what are your hopes for participation in CRC research?

The SMART tree is the diamond of the whole project: to come up with that bred (not genetically engineered) Christmas tree that has superior colour, appearance, and needle retention. The researchers have been around to the local growers picking out the genetically superior trees, and looking at their characteristics. But that's only part of the work being done. There's three research platforms: understanding what causes needle to drop (what mechanism causes this, the plant physiology), molecular breeding (developing the SMART tree), and also understanding pest-management and biocontrols... We hardly use any pesticides as it is. Because of this—what we're understanding— we use less and less pesticides all the time. It's about understanding the plant so that we can work with the plant to improve our industry, the quality of the product we produce, and take back and sustain our market share, thus improving the Atlantic Canadian industry.

My hopes? Well, the SMART tree—like I said, the star of the show—is important, but for me it's learning the physiological handling of the tree—to keep that tree the best it can be for a good Christmas season.

~Jim was interviewed by Alison Smith