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Responding to the Call

Marc Potvin, Senior Pastor

Centreville Baptist Church

Undoubtedly, you have heard about the conflict currently raging in Syria and in parts of Iraq. The United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees agency states that there are 3.9 million Syrians who have left their homes to seek refuge in another country. In 2013, Syria had a population of 22.9 million, Canada a population of 35.2 million. To put the refugee issue into a Canadian perspective, imagine that the whole population of Alberta (4.0 million) was seeking refuge somewhere outside the borders of the country. That is more than four times the population of Nova Scotia! Every month 90,000 new refugees from Syria are registered by the United Nation's agency for refugees.

Most of these refugees have lost everything, including family members, through no fault of their own. One does not choose to have one's home bombed. Sadly, many, especially those from minority groups, have little prospect of returning home, given the civil war has already raged for four years and continues to escalate.

Earlier this year, the Canadian government announced that it would resettle 10,000 refugees from the Syrian civil war over the next three years. Through a programme unique to Canada, citizens and groups can privately sponsor refugees. Centreville Baptist Church, along with other Baptist churches from the Annapolis Valley, is taking advantage of this programme through the private sponsorship agreement held by the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches.

The church has begun the journey towards inviting a refugee family from Syria to our peaceful corner of the world. What does that mean? Over the coming weeks and months, together with other local churches, Centreville Baptist will be researching to identify a refugee family living in a camp in Lebanon. Following this, an application will be made with the Government of Canada declaring our intent.

Refugee sponsors have two major responsibilities: finances and hands on-support. First, they must financially support the family for a twelve month period, beginning when they arrive. This support includes providing a home and all the furnishing of the home as well as a monthly allowance for their upkeep and food. Second, sponsors have the responsibility to help and guide the family as its members adjust to their new life. Moving to a different world with a different culture, language, school and medical system is challenging. All in all, sponsors become a new extended family.

It is with a great sense of anticipation sprinkled with a large dose of apprehension that we embark into this new journey. We welcome the participation, support and comments that any members of the community of Centreville may have. As someone once said, "I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody."

Many Syrian families had to escape their home, leaving everything behind to save their lives. Many have been praying and hoping that somebody would hear their plight for help. Centreville Baptist Church decided to be that somebody to one such family.

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If you haven't yet, pay the website a visit. It has lots of interesting information about the community – past and present – as well as a calendar of events, old photographs, items of concern to residents, past and current issues of The Centre Post, and useful links. It is a work in progress, and depends largely on input from you. If you have an upcoming event you would like posted, send the information to:

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Assistant Editor's Note...

The Centre Post staff members are always looking for material - we believe there are lots of you out there who have interesting stories to tell or information to relate, and we'd like to hear from you.

In this issue we are featuring just such a person - a local citizen who is known to many of you. Mack Frail has contributed to every newsletter since December 2005, and I can't imagine there are too many people who know more about the history of Centreville and the surrounding areas than he does. If you haven't learned anything about your community from his stories, you haven't been listening...

Special thanks to the Park Association's dedicated volunteers who bring us Centreville Day, Day Camps, and a wonderful new playground.

Anne-Marie Waterbury

Submissions may be edited due to space limitations or for clarity purposes. Context will not be changed.

Dates to Remember...

June 20: World refugee Day
June 21: Fathers' Day'
June 27: Registration for Day Camps, Park
July 1: Canada Day
July 2: Day Camp begins ages 4-6
July 3: Day Camp begins ages 7-12
July 4: Horse Pull Northville Farm 10 am (rain date July 11)
July 15: Park Association Meeting
July 25: Hand Mowing Competition Northville Farm 1 pm
August 3: August Holiday
August 22: Centreville Day
August 30: Harvest Festival Northville Farm
September 2: "50"- Plus resumes
September 7: Labour Day
September 17: Good Neighbour Club resumes
September 19: Big Breakfast
September 26: Fall Tractor Pull Northville Farm 10 am

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'Big Breakfast'

The Good Neighbour Club's 'Big Breakfast' is held at the Centreville Hall on the third Saturday of the month, 7:00-10:30 am, except in July, August, October, and December. Choices include eggs, bacon, sausages, baked beans, hash browns, toast, tea, coffee, and juice.

Free-will Offering

Next breakfast is on September 19, 2015
(June's Big Breakfast has been cancelled.)

Mack Frail: The Man behind the History by Gail Salmon



Mack at his computer, surrounded by books, notes, newspaper clippings, journals...

Recently, *The Centre Post* staff presented Mack Frail with a token of appreciation for all his years of contributing to our newsletter. Before writing for *The Centreville Post*, he worked with Pam Bezanson writing for *The Centreville Voice*. I am sure most of you, like me, enjoy the snippets of history he provides to us about the people, land, and farms in Centreville and the rich history we possess. He has always had an interest in history: as a small boy he was interested in history told by his father and the elderly people in the community. He began doing genealogy on his family in about 1995. Since retiring he has had more time to devote to history and other families' genealogies.

Mack and his wife, Sheila, invited me into their new home to allow me to learn more about the man behind the history. As a man of 80, he has lived his fair share of history and most of his life has been spent in Centreville. Mack was born on April 3, 1935, in the house on the family farm. He was the seventh of the eight children of Wallace and Mabel (John, Mary, Ronald, Robert, Mabel, Gerry and Rachael).

Wallace Frail fought with the Black Watch in the First World War. He was wounded and met Mabel in the hospital in England. She was a 17-year-old Girl Guide helping out and giving out Nova Scotia apples to the soldiers; Lady Baden Powell had formed Mabel's Guide troop. Wallace was wounded a second time and, when they met again, the two started their courtship. Wallace returned home after WWI and Mabel followed in 1921. They were married in Halifax on October 24, 1921, and saw the *Bluenose* beat *Elsie* in Halifax Harbour that day. Mabel was a loving mother and a wonderful person. There has been a documentary made about Mack's father called, "Wallace's War", which will be shown on YouTube in the future.

Mack grew up on the family farm and this close-knit family experienced a house full of love. His father worked as a cooper, as well as a farmer, to provide for the family. There was also a sawmill on the Frail property located where the barn still stands. Mack went to Centreville School and helped on the farm. During his youth he did whatever he could to make pocket money, such as carrying firewood for the elderly in the community, setting snares for rabbits, and trapping muskrats. He also worked in lumber camps. When he was 17, he set off for Ontario to work in tobacco. While there, he also worked for the Department of National Defence and Good Year Tires. After seven years away, he returned home in 1959 and stayed to help his father with the family farm and began his nursery business. His mother, Mabel, died in 1967. His father, Wallace, suffered several strokes and died in 1983 at the age of 93.

In 1960 Mack started Frail's Nursery and Garden Centre, which he ran for 50 years. My first meeting with Mack was shortly after we moved to Centreville: he was very helpful in finding plants and trees to plant on our newly owned property. Unfortunately, Mack had to retire due to his health. He also worked for Canada Post for 24 years as a RR 3 mail delivery driver - as Mack says, "the scenic route."

Mack was a bachelor until he was 58 when, on August 14, 1993, he married Sheila. Together, they still are very busy. They have fostered children for many years and figure they must have had 20 foster children. They still have Allen, whom they talk about as their own child. Sheila says that Mack has always gotten along with children and, when he was single, many kids came to talk to him about their problems, as they knew he would listen and could be trusted. Only one of their former foster children was able to attend Mack's birthday party in April, but another young man described how Mack had shown him kindness when he was a boy, and expressed that he was more of a dad to him than his own father was.

Mack is in the process of writing a book about the history of Centreville, and he also spends hours researching genealogy and the history of other areas. He has notes, newspaper clippings, journals, writings and spends hours at the Acadia Library researching. He speaks enthusiastically about his family farmhouse. It was once a store owned by Henry Bowles, and was located at the corner of Sherman Belcher and Highway 359, where the old Centreville church is situated. The building was taken by oxen to the place where it now stands on Highway 359 on the road to Hall's Harbour, where it was converted into a house. Mack is a member of the Kings County Historic Society and is involved with the Kings Courthouse Museum in Kentville. He and Sheila volunteer at Evergreen Nursing Home and the Centreville Baptist Church.

Recipe from Between the Bushes



Submitted by Margie Brown
The Nova Agri Group of Companies

Thai Bloobery Chicken Stir Fry

Serves 2

- 1 tsp sesame oil
- 1 tbsp canola oil
- 1 clove garlic finely diced
- 1 tbsp fresh ginger grate
- 2 tsp black sesame seeds
- ½ med white onion Julienne
- ½ cup sugar snap peas
- 1 carrot cut in matchstick
- ½ cup broccoli florets
- ½ cup Country Magic Bloo Juice
- 1 lime juice only
- 1 tsp hot chili sauce
- 1 precooked chicken breast sliced
- 2 tbsp chopped cilantro


Heat the sesame oil and canola oil in a sauté pan over high heat, add the garlic, ginger, sesame seeds, onions broccoli and snap peas. Sauté for few minutes then add the carrots, chili sauce, chicken, cilantro, lime juice and Bloo juice. Sauté for 3 to 4 minutes until chicken is hot; serve over your favourite steamed rice.



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Keep Mobile and Make a Kings Transit Day Trip Part of Your Summer

by Pauline Raven

Summer's here, hot on the heels of this spring's particularly vibrant greens. Now walkers and cyclists are out and about and it's hard to remember how high the winter snow banks truly were.

Centreville's patch of sidewalks on Route 359 are being put to good use and I've even spotted some brave and agile cyclists heading back and forth to Kentville. Being actively mobile is great for everyone's personal health, and Centreville families now have more reasons for a walk to the park where a spanking new playground has just been installed.



Jaxon Fairn was the first child to drop by to see how things were progressing the morning installation got underway.

Your community development association recognizes the need to improve pedestrian safety and the overall "walkability" of your neighbourhoods. Along with Mervin Steadman, Chair of the Centreville and District Community Development Association, I've met with county and provincial safety officers to begin the work of reducing speed limits and improving highway signage throughout Centreville.

The choice to walk or cycle helps communities to green and strengthen their local economy. No fossil fuels are required to make a trip to Foote's for your veggies, ice-cream or lobsters, or to cycle into Kentville to visit your favourite restaurant.

Public transit systems compliment active lifestyles. Our regional bus service, with current service from Brooklyn (Hants County) to Weymouth (Digby County), outgrew its 'Kings Transit' name several years ago. Like a walk or cycle trip, public transit can reduce the number of car trips necessary for everyday tasks. Over 400,000 trips are made on Kings Transit each year.

Those not on a Kings Transit route sometimes question me about the value of spending tax dollars on public transit. For many riders, the bus is their only transportation option for reaching work and appointments. Older and younger resident are choosing accommodations close to bus routes and the World Health Organization is praising public transit wherever it's found as an aid to increasing mobility while keeping the air we breath healthy.

Transit planners also predict a steady increase in ridership as seniors stop driving and youth no longer see a licence as a right of passage. In the capable hands of General Manager Stephen Foster, ticket and pass sales are increasing and efficiencies are being found.

We are all part of building an ever stronger public transit system. I invite you to take a first ride on the bus if you haven't yet done so. Pick it up in Kentville for a day trip to Berwick, Greenwood, or even Digby. The cost of a round trip is \$7 and a stay at your destination of two to four hours makes for a relaxing day trip through the Valley.

Please don't hesitate to be in touch at any time.

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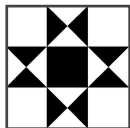
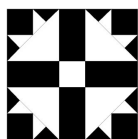
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Thank You...

The Centreville Quilt and Rug Hooking Show held on May 8th & 9th was a great success. We had over 400 quilts and rugs that filled the church with an array of colour. The TARTS (textile artists) had a beautiful display and we had a men's wall showing what men can create. Over 600 people from all over came to view the quilts and hooked rugs. We served two lunches and supper.

The Quilt and Rug Hooking Committee would like to thank all the people who brought quilts and rugs, everyone who helped with the registration and setup, and those who worked at the quilt show. Also, thanks to all the people who donated food and crafts to make the show a huge success.

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Centreville "50" Plus Association



'Friends Enjoying Friends'

by Darrell Spurr, President

Centreville "50" Plus recently celebrated its sixth anniversary. The executive was re-instated at our annual meeting in April: Darrell Spurr, President; Sandra Bishop, Vice-President; Myra Spurr, Secretary/Treasurer; Barb Keizer and Gary Coffin, Directors.

Our Wednesday afternoon sessions have been well attended and we have welcomed several new members. Birthdays for the month are celebrated on the third Wednesday. We will be taking a break during July and August: our last session will be June 24, 2015 and we will start up on September 2, 2015. We will be celebrating September birthdays on September 16th along with our annual BBQ. Wishing everyone a safe and healthy summer.



Spring's Play

by Gail Salmon

Emeralds, jades, limes, lush and tender
Straying from branches and peeking up from the earth.
Canvasses of every green, no human artist could ever be that adept.
Brilliant, nature reminding us of new beginnings, of promise.

Pink, purple, blush, scented and showy
Proud heads held high as they devour the sun.
Scents floating tranquilize and tantalize simultaneously.
We close our eyes and let it take us to a special place.

Choirs in songs, peeps, chirps, soft and shrill
Soaring, hopping, adorning our trees and lawns.
Plumes exquisitely designed, melodic and majestic
Inviting us to share their rituals of spring.

Rainbows, sun's rays, and blues, calm and gentle
Warming our souls and colouring our days, happy.
Dawn's quiet bliss erupts with sound,
Evening's regal glow sailed into quiet darkness, serene.



Centreville Park Association

by Suzanne Trudeau

All ball fields are up and running. The backstop was repaired, all fields were dragged, and a bleacher was installed in the tee-ball field area.

A spring clean-up took place on May 23rd. There was a small turnout (partly due to the inclement weather and late scheduling) but with the small group of energetic volunteers who showed up, we managed to do quite a bit of work in the three hours allotted. The priority was the clearing of leaves and whipper-snipping around the large, fenced-in ball field.

We had a much-needed break with muffins, coffee, with a sprinkle of friendly banter before proceeding to rake the leaves on either side of the main entrance to the park.

On Monday, June 1st, volunteers with utility trailers moved the small playground components from the maintenance building and placed them in front of the new playground area. The assembly of the playground structure was scheduled for Tuesday, June 2nd to Thursday, June 4th but was postponed until the following week due to rain.



The Good Neighbour Club News

by Susan Wood

The Good Neighbour Club had our closing for the summer on June 4th and will be back in September. We will not be having breakfasts in June, July and August - it's time for a rest and to enjoy all the activities with family and friends. Thank you for all the help the community gives and we will see you in September - just watch for the sign at the Hall for the announcement.

Have a great summer.

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Iceland was formed around 25 million years ago, which makes it one of the youngest landmasses on the planet. Iceland is home to some of the largest glaciers in Europe, and some of the world's most active volcanoes. Iceland is also the land of light and darkness. Long summer days with near 24-hours of sunshine are offset by short winter days with only a few hours of daylight.

Iceland was the last country to be settled in Europe, when emigrants from Scandinavia and the British Isles first came to live on the island in the ninth and tenth centuries. It remains the most sparsely populated country of the continent, with fewer than three inhabitants per square kilometre. Shaped by the unrelenting forces of nature, Iceland's harsh natural environment has bred a resilient nation that has learned to exist under extreme conditions, and to harness the natural resources these create for its own prosperity.

Today, Iceland is a progressive, modern society that continuously ranks at the top of measurements for quality of life, such as the United Nations Human Development Index. Iceland is annually considered to be one of greenest countries on the planet, due in large part to its vast renewable energy resources.

Icelandic customs and traditions are inspired by centuries-long insular existence and a curious mixture of pagan influence on a Christian religion. Icelandic folktales are ripe with mysticism, ghosts, and elves and trolls, and further shaped by the natural forces and a taxing environment.

Iceland is typically divided into different geographical regions. Each region differs slightly in respect of culture and landscape, but all are uniquely Icelandic.

- *East Iceland* –home to the country's largest forest, lush farmlands and a range of small fjords and islands
- *West Iceland* - Its natural wonders are a nearly exhaustive sampling of all that Iceland has to offer, ranging from slumbering volcanoes and majestic waterfalls to a variety of flora and wildlife.
- *South* - home to some of the country's most visited tourist attractions. The coastline itself is renowned for its beauty, and the towns along the coast are famous for their fresh seafood.
- *Reykjanes* - The Reykjanes peninsula is a geothermal wonder, where lighthouses outnumber villages.
- *Reykjavik* - population of 120,000, Reykjavík is not a whirlwind metropolis. Few skyscrapers grace the skyline, traffic jams are rare, and faces are familiar. But don't be deceived—a steady beat of energy and events keeps the city alive and pulsing with excitement.
- *North Iceland* - The north of Iceland truly is a land of contrasts. Its long valleys and peninsulas are interspersed with mountains, lava fields, and smooth hills carved out by rivers. The deep and numerous indentations in the coast of the North are at times lush with vegetation, at others barren. As one nears the Arctic Circle in the northern latitudes, the midnight sun is invariably awe-inspiring.

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Story from the Family Farm

by Mack Frail



With the unusual amount of snowfall last winter and the miserable spring weather behind us, the arrival of warmer weather is more welcome than usual. Where I live on Baner Road it is a great pleasure for me to be able to go outside and be close to a natural environment. My background in farming and horticulture has brought me close to nature and the soil. My thoughts often go back to those days, especially at this time of the year with the warm weather making me more aware of the wonders of nature that surround us.

I share with you some of my thoughts and memories of growing up in Centreville when it was a rural farming community. There were about thirty family farms in Centreville then and, as a rule, the larger the farm the better equipped it was. During the 1940s, farming was much different than it is now; the methods would be considered very crude by today's standards. Our farm was a small operation that included about twenty acres of orchard. Besides the orchards, we grew a mixed crop of vegetables for our own use and for market. We had at least one cow to supply our family with milk, and cream for making butter. We would usually raise a steer that was sold when it was time to have the animal slaughtered. Without the proper refrigeration that is in homes today, storage of meat was difficult. Pork was often cured as smoked pork or stored in salt brine as salt pork. The number of pigs that we raised on the farm varied, and we had about fifty laying hens. We were proud of our farming operations and the profit that was made from our labour. I cherish my memories of my early days growing up on the farm, helping my father clear land with the use of a yoke of oxen and later, when I was about twelve years old, plowing with a hand plow and a team of horses. I have many memories of those years that are too numerous for me to mention. The farming life, outlook, and methods that I experienced have become a part of history.

My fifty-three years' involvement in the nursery greenhouse business, which also included fifty years operating my own nursery business, has for me been a satisfying occupation. Now that I have retired I am more aware that I would now be better off financially if I had stayed with an occupation that would have provided a retirement pension. When I think back and recall how much I have enjoyed my horticulture work and the people that I have had the opportunity to come in contact with and to assist, I realize that I would not have wanted it differently.

This is also the time of the year when I am reminded that as children we were involved in activities such as trout fishing, walks through the country side, and playing baseball. It has

been a few years since I walked out back of the Centreville Community Hall, which was previously the school. Time has changed the old school grounds where generations of children have played. I was pleased when I realized that I could make out the deep impressions worn in the ground by generations of children as they ran from home plate to first base, second base, third base, and then back to home plate. While standing alone in the area of the old school ground I took some time to reminiscence, allowing my thoughts to go back to my school days. Time will soon erase the identity of those days as it has many of the Centreville landmarks, but the memories of the past are not as easily destroyed or forgotten.

I was eight years old and playing outside with friends and siblings on a warm March day in 1943 when suddenly we heard a loud sound in the sky, similar to an explosion. Looking up almost directly overhead we could see the airplane that had just passed over was spread across the sky in pieces. Two parachutes could be seen, but the only two people in the plane were members of the Royal Canadian Air Force and did not survive. The airplane was a WWII Mosquito Fighter Bomber flown with a two-man crew. My older brothers and their friends ran towards the crash area, but my mother would not allow me to go. At the time I was not pleased with her decision, but later realized that it was not a good place for an eight-year-old boy to go. The area where the airplane parts were scattered was near where I now live on Baner Road. The main part that included the engines landed north of Baner Road where the brook is located. In 1943 the area was a lovely meadow where we went as children to play and fish for trout in the brook. The main part of the airplane was in a wooded area north beyond the meadow at the base of Centreville Mountain. The bodies of the two men were located in the same area. For the next two weeks the air force personnel from Greenwood would not allow the public to enter the main crash site. It was two weeks after the crash that I walked with my friends the length of the meadow, and a long distance along a wood road to the base of the North Mountain before reaching a large burnt area where the main section of the airplane had settled and burned. My information is that the Mosquito Bombers were made mostly from wood, since metals were scarce during WWII. We children had a busy summer searching for pieces of the airplane.

A little farther along the wood road where the airplane crashed were the remains of a skidway that was built of poles from the woods. Also in the same area along the base of the North Mountain were several impressions in the ground

Story from the Family Farm - con't

about twelve feet in diameter. I was curious as to what they were, and my father explained to me that it was the remains of a charcoal-making operation carried on by John Haggerty during the early 1900s. The man-made skidway was for transporting, from the side of the mountain, certain types of hardwood that made the best quality charcoal to provide intense heat. Blacksmith shops and axe manufacturers required charcoal to heat the iron and steel to become moulded into a useful product. The Blenkhorn Axe Factory that was in Canning from 1859 until 1962 required large quantities of charcoal.

Farther east along the base of the Centreville Mountain is an area where, in 1933, a large section of the mountain slid. My older brothers would go for hikes to the landslide. When I was about six years old I wanted to go with them, but they wouldn't take me. I didn't have long to wait before I was making the trip with my two close friends Earl and Robert Veinott. Earl and Robert were brothers, and we were inseparable as young boys from 1940 when we met at the Centreville School. We travelled the Centreville countryside playing cowboys and Indians, and doing all the enjoyable things boys did in those days. We remained close friends. Robert, who was a year younger than I was, died in 2011. Earl,

age eighty-one, is almost a year older than I am, and has been my close friend for seventy-five years.

On April 20, 1953, I was driving my 1928 model A Ford car back to work at Fillmore's Valley Nursery (which was located next to, and north of, the Charles MacDonald House Museum) when I met police cars, Kentville Fire Department trucks, and an ambulance. It was later during the afternoon that I was informed that a Lancaster airplane had crashed near the brow of Centreville Mountain. After a few days I visited the site where the airplane had crashed. There is a monument located east on Brow Mountain Road about one mile from Highway 359 that serves to memorialize the six men that died in the crash. One of the seven crew members survived the crash, but was badly injured. The Lancaster airplane and crew were returning from Newfoundland, where they had been involved in a rescue mission. These are the only airplanes that have crashed in the Centreville area. They were tragic events because of the loss of life. I know of fires in Centreville that have caused property loss, as well as automobile and farm accidents in the community that have caused injuries and deaths. It would be wonderful if Centreville could boast an accident-free community, but we should be thankful that more tragic events have not occurred.

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More from your Park Association...

Centreville Activity Day Camps

The Park Association is offering Summer Day Camps again this year. There will be two separate groups - one for children ages 4-6 and one for ages 7-12 as follows:

Ages 7-12: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Ages 4-6: Tuesday and Thursday
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Early registration will be on **Saturday, June 27** at the park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration will be by the week, with a maximum of 15 kids per day. Any remaining spots will be filled on a first-come basis each day.

There will be no cost for the program, but any donations to the park would be appreciated.

Any questions email to: centrevilleparkrec@gmail.com

Camp will begin on July 2 for the 4-6 year-olds and July 3 for the 7-12 year-olds.

The activities will be more sports-oriented but we are hoping to have sufficient funds to provide arts and crafts as well. Donations of craft materials would be appreciated (call Suzanne at 902-678-7769).

Centreville Day

August 22, 2015

Each year we try to make Centreville Day bigger and better for everyone's enjoyment. We have a great day planned. The dunk-tank was so popular last year that we will bring it back, as well as the Bouncy King which is provided to us thanks to the Baptist Church.

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Come and try your luck at all of the games for all ages, a larger car show, ball games and fireworks. There will also be some surprises - come on out and see for yourselves!

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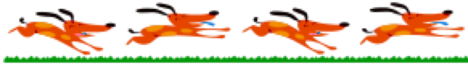
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We've seen vast improvements in dogs' coats, joint mobility and oral health since introducing the raw food. Feeding a raw food diet eliminates all artificial colours and flavours as well as all by-products, which in turn eliminates all allergens that a dog may be suffering from (i.e., yeast infections, stinky/dirty ears, smelly and swollen feet, loss of hair, hot spots, dry skin, weepy eyes, etc).

If you're thinking "Eww that's gross", just keep in mind that dogs have been around for thousands of years, and kibble, well kibble has only been around for roughly 100 years. What do you suppose dogs ate all those years before the human invention of kibble? What do you suppose those sharp teeth and strong jaws were made for, certainly not eating kibble. If you're interested in learning more about the benefits of raw food, we suggest you come in and talk to us here at the shop or stop by the Wolfville Farmers' Market and talk to Kathleen at Wild Mountain Farms, our supplier. And why not get on Facebook and like the following people: Rodney Habib (leading pet nutritionalist) and Dr. Karen Becker (holistic veterinarian).

Grooming

We are booking a full two weeks in advance, so be sure to call ahead to avoid disappointment.

'Tis the season for **ticks, fleas, and worms**, so please make sure all your critters are on the proper vet-approved preventative medication. We do charge extra for tick removal and to de-flea your pet, so if you suspect your dog has either of these things, please let us know at drop off – it will reduce the fee!



Also, we have had to start charging an extra fee for dogs that come into the shop and immediately eliminate on the

floor and/or have fecal matter attached to them. So *please-please* walk your dogs until they eliminate **before** entering the shop and if need be, clean their behinds – especially on rainy days!

Daycare & Kennelling

Daycare and kennelling are busy as usual. Our daycare runs 7:30 - 5:45 Monday to Friday and is a drop-in service for any that need it. We recommend that you stop by for a two-hour trial run and to fill out some paper work if it is something that you're interested in.

Our kennels are busy most nights of the week and almost every weekend. We are getting fairly booked up for the summer, so if you think you may need a kennel stay, call and book it – you can always cancel up 12 hours ahead for no additional charge!

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Charles William Macdonald was known as a seaman, labourer, manufacturer and artist at the turn of the last century, but little known was his talent in photography. Prior to embarking from New York as ship's carpenter on tall ships and tramp steamers, it's likely Charlie purchased a Kodak camera and took it to sea. The year was 1898 and one of his ports of call was Havana, Cuba. It was the year the USS Maine exploded in Havana Harbour, setting the scene for the Spanish-American War.

With a progressive mind and an eye for the political, Macdonald created an album of photographs unique in its observation of Havana at this pivotal time in her history. We've reproduced photographs from this never-before-seen album and they will be on exhibit this summer from June 27 to August 26 at the Charles Macdonald Concrete House.

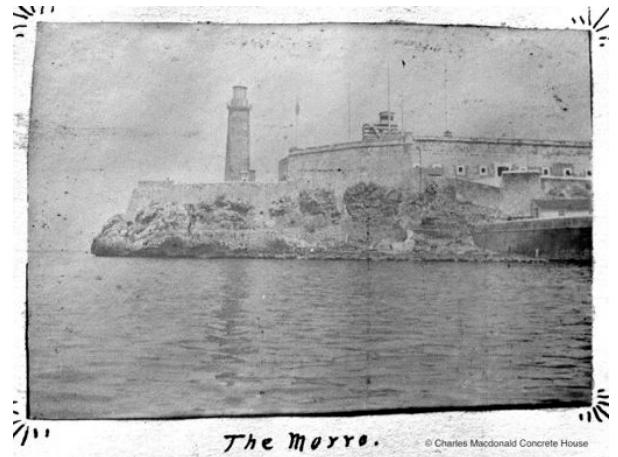
And, as a bonus, July is Cuba Month at the Concrete House as we're also featuring "Convergence of Two Cultures". It's an exhibit of watercolours by Nova Scotian artist Jude Caborn that explores similarities between Nova Scotia and her adopted Pinar Del Rio, Cuba. Jude works with artists and groups in both countries, creating a visual celebration of that which transcends political and geographic boundaries.

"Convergence of Two Cultures" shows from June 27 to July 21 at the Charles Macdonald Concrete House, 19 Saxon Street, Centreville, Nova Scotia. Call 902-678-3177 for opening hours.

The Charles Macdonald Concrete House

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by Fred Macdonald



"The Morro" - a photo from the 1898 exhibit.



Snow damage to the driveway entrance.



On March 26th we surprised Reina Guerrero Pérez of the Boca de Samá Museum in Cuba with several reproductions from our "Havana 1898" exhibit. On a previous visit, Señora Perez was fascinated by this collection of historical photographs and asked if she might have copies for a corner of her museum. We felt it was a fitting way to cement a bond with her small rural museum and our Charles Macdonald Concrete House of Centreville Society.

On October 12, 1976, Boca de Samá was attacked from the sea by counterrevolutionaries. There were deaths and injuries. Boca de Samá is accessible by tours from hotels in the Guardalavaca area.



Kevin West explains to Liam MacFradsham how to operate one of his pieces for this year's Uncommon, Common Art installation at the Charles Macdonald Concrete House.

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Acadia Lifelong Learning Centre (ALL)

The Acadia Lifelong Learning Centre (ALL) provides courses, seminars, outings and special events in literature, science, fine arts, writing, and more. Participation is no longer restricted to those 50+ years of age, with the exception of free credit course audits.

ALL membership benefits include free Acadia credit course audits (age 50+ only); access to the Vaughan Memorial Library; free ALL seminars, lectures, and readings; reduced ALL course fees; special events and outings, and e-mail notices of ALL and community events. The annual membership fee is \$25.00.



To view courses offered through ALL, Acadia University calendars will be available at the Centreville Post Office or from our website www.all.acadiau.ca

For more information or to register, call 585-1434 or 1-800-565-6568, or e-mail all@acadiau.ca

Brown Baggers Program

The ALL Brown Baggers Program is intended to fill our need for discussion of some of the important, and perhaps not-so-important, developments in our world. This is a truly informal time, when we can meet some new people who are interesting, and who love learning every day. And, we actually do eat lunch during the presentation.

The baggers meet every Thursday at noon in the beautiful Sheldon L. Fountain Learning Commons located right in the middle of the Acadia University campus. *Please mark your calendar: every Thursday at noon.* We will advise you by e-mail of upcoming programs.



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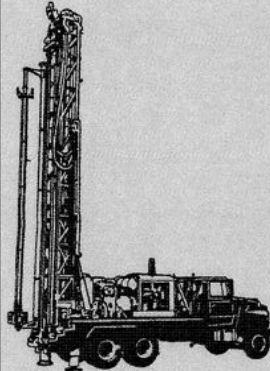
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On the web ...

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Centreville 'Events' Website

Do you have an up-coming event? Do you want it seen on the Centreville Website, www.centreville-kings-county.com? If so, send the information to:
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The beginning...



The New Playground!!

Construction of the new playground at Lydiard Park, made possible through grants obtained by the Park Association, was delayed by the tremendous amount of snow that fell and its refusal to melt in a timely manner. At last Mother Nature cooperated, and the structures were assembled in early June. As of June 10th all that remained to be done were covering the play surface with engineered wood chips to a depth of 12 inches and adding topsoil and sod around the periphery.

Thank you to those who donated their time and skills to make it happen, especially Ted Davison, George Graves, Bev Greening, Bud Murphy, Neil Prince, and Pauline Raven. Our community owes you a huge debt of gratitude for what you've done to help make Centreville "a good place to live and grow"!



Budd Murphy, Geoff and Brad MacLaughlin of Cobequid Consulting (installation supervisors), and Neil Prince with the completed small set.

Photos courtesy of Pauline Raven



The middle...



The end - almost. The large playground with its ramp for accessibility.

Community Groups

Good Neighbour Club

The Good Neighbour Club (GNC) meets at the Centreville Hall at 7:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays of the month (except June, July and August). All Centreville women are welcome to attend and join the club.

'50-Plus' Fun Group

The '50-Plus' Fun Group meets at the Centreville Hall every Wednesday, 1:30 - 4:00 pm. New members are welcome.



Pins and Needles

Anyone is welcome to join us at the Community Hall on Thursdays. Bring along a craft you are currently working on and a paper bag lunch, and stay for the day. Tea and coffee are available. We also get together once a month to work on 'comfort quilts': These are made with donated fabric and are sewn and tied, then given to organizations to provide comfort to those in need.

For further information call Ann Steadman at 902-678-4472

TOPS

TOPS meets at the Centreville Baptist Church, Murray Drive, on Monday evenings. Weigh-in is from 6:00 to 6:30 pm, followed by a short meeting. We are open to new members at the cost of \$36.00 yearly, which includes a magazine from headquarters with "Eating Sensibly" ideas and recipes. You can drop by for one free night. For more information contact Hope Shanks (co-leader) at 902-678-1302 or Madeline Sheffield at 902-678-7584.

Al-Anon

Are you affected by someone else's addictions? If so, Al-Anon is for you. Al-Anon is a support group for families and friends whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking, drugs, etc. Our meetings are held every Tuesday at 10:00 am at the Baptist Church here in Centreville. For more information, please contact Beverley at 902-678-4798.

Battery Recycling in Centreville

Used batteries can be dropped off at the Centreville Community Hall on Thursdays, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, as well as at the monthly Big Breakfast, except in July and August.

All batteries can be turned in **except** car batteries.



Centreville Park Association

The Centreville Park Association meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Centreville Hall. Anyone interested in becoming involved or wishing to share ideas or concerns is welcome to attend. Centreville community members are those who will make the park a success.

Next meeting - July 15/15

Centreville District Community Development Association (CDCDA)

Board of Directors' Meetings

Where: Centreville Hall

When: Fourth Thursday of the month

Time: 7:00 pm

Exceptions: June, July, August and December by notification

All meetings are open to the public — come out and support your community's development!

Next meeting: September 24/15

Cancer Support Group

For women with and/or recovering from any type of cancer.
Meeting the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

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