

The Book Nook

by *Kate Oland*

Over the past few months, Baddeck Library has been receiving a rich influx of fabulous new books for the library shelves, as anyone keeping an eye on the "New Arrivals" table will have noticed. In this issue of the Book Nook, I want to tell you a bit about how the Cape Breton Regional Library acquires new books - and about how you can participate in helping develop our collection.

The library's collection is a constantly changing animal. Although the stacks look pretty monolithic and static, there's actually an ongoing flow of materials in and out. The process of weeding (a topic for another time) helps us identify books that aren't circulating, so that we can either exchange them to another library, or retire them if they're no longer current. Of course, weeded materials must be replaced - and that's where acquisitions begins.

New materials are acquired in various ways. Sometimes, we receive donations of books that are in brand new condition, or which fill an important gap in our collection. Although most donated books are sold in used book sales to raise much-needed funds for the library, some are catalogued and placed on library shelves. If you're the sort of person who purchases new paperbacks, reads them once, then doesn't know what to do with them, donating them to the library might be an answer for you - and a help to our collection!

Cape Breton Regional Library also acquires books through its "Adopt-a-Book" program. Adopt-a-Book allows patrons to purchase a book from the library's "wish list" to donate to the library. If there isn't a suitable book on the wish list, we'll work with the donor to find a book that suits their interests and the collec-

tion's needs. The donor may choose a bookplate inscription for the book, and can designate which branch the donation is for. One advantage of Adopt-a-Book is that donors who perceive a gap in our collection can help us to fill it. For example, someone with an interest in tropical fish might know of an excellent book on this topic, and assist the library in making it available to others.

Often, book donations are given as a memorial to someone who has passed on - or via bequest to the library. Baddeck Library was able to very significantly improve its collection of books related to sustainability issues (farming, green energy, alternative building, etc.) as a result of a bequest from the late Dr. Mabel Grosvenor. Her thoughtfulness is benefiting many others in Cape Breton, as the books purchased with her funds are already circulating widely.

Of course, the bulk of book acquisitions are a result of the library's collections budget. Our Victoria County Supervisor is in charge of purchasing for the Baddeck, Ingonish, and Bookmobile branches - and she welcomes suggestions from patrons (and staff) about what should be purchased. In purchasing, she relies on reviews and "new release" information, and also spends time analyzing where the collection's "gaps" are. Patron requests also help our purchaser determine what would be popular in our region ... so don't be shy! If there's something you think is missing on our shelves, let us know. If it seems like something others would like, it may end up in the library.

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Branch 53 news

by *Calvin Hillier*

A few years ago I placed small plaques on the Veterans grave markers, but over the winter, some plaques came off the markers. Last fall and again this summer, I took photos of the of all grave markers. I still have about 50 left to do. When all of the photos are done and all pertinent information is recorded, then I will put it together in a book (similar to the Middle River Cemetery Book). I will continue to search and catalogue the peacetime veterans who have passed on. In the last week of July, I was in the Middle River Cemetery, lots of fly dope on, but during the early afternoon, I stepped on either a nest of deer flies, or wasps and got stung several times on each leg. That ended my day, made it back home and Clara had some good ointment, which helped, but the pain was horrible for three days. I'll continue my quest next week.

Some residents have questioned why our Branch is celebrating VJ Day- Victory in Japan, which took place 65 years ago on August 15, 1945. As they pointed out to me that this was an American war. Well here is a history lesson for them - Hong Kong was a British Colony and in 1941, the Canadian government was pressured to send Canadian soldiers to help defend the colony. They sent The Royal Rifles of Canada (a Quebec Unit) and the Winnipeg Grenadiers. They arrived in Hong Kong on 16 november 1941 and 22 days later, the Japanese army invaded Hong Kong and the colony surrendered on December 25, 1941. About 10,000 Canadians served in the Far East during World War 11 including campaigns in Hong Kong, Burma and other Pacific countries. Of the 1975 Canadian soldiers in Hong Kong, 557 were killed in the fighting or died in Japanese Prisoner of War Camps. These prisoners faced horrors unimaginable to most and spent years living in unbearable conditions.

On August 15, 2010 our Branch will be holding an "Anything that floats (but not a

boat) race". Crafts have to be homemade, no engines or outboard motors, or pre-fabricated boats. The sailors will start from the Yacht Club with the finish line at the Legion. Registration will begin at 1330 hrs (1:30 PM) at the Yacht Club, entrance fee \$10 per person and \$30 for a team of four. All monies will be even split between the winners and the Baddeck Lions Club for their Kidston Island project. All entrants must wear a life jacket. This will make for a very entertaining afternoon. Unfortunately, I will not be able to join in the festivities. I have to attend the Poppy Campaign meeting in North Sydney. at 1300 hrs.

On July 17th, our Branch hosted a party for Jessie and Mitchell Wong. Jessie for her hockey accomplishments and to support Mitchell as he completes an operational tour of Afghanistan. It was a huge success and the Village residents turned out in mass.

Later on this month, we will be looking forward to getting our Sea Cadets up and running again for another season. How many teenagers do you know who get to visit a country overseas and or go to summer camps across Canada, and it doesn't cost the parents anything?

Speaking of Sea Cadets, a photo was given to me, of some Sea Cadets from the 1950's Corps that was held in Baddeck. The picture was taken at the Sea Cadet Camp at Point Edward. In the photo are - Raymond Rose, Willie Martin, Byron MacLeod, Donnie Rose, John MacLeod, Ralph Pineau, Jim Bradley, Alexander Fraser, Walter Ross, Wayne Crawford, Gary MacAskill and Donnie Asaph

Membership Appreciation Day will take place on August 28th. Members must register at the Branch. For further information go to our facebook page, check at the Legion or call the President.

Our regular meetings will start on September 2nd, at 7.30pm. Renovation plans will be discussed, so a good turnout is needed.

INVERARY RESORT SUMMER REPORT

LAKESIDE RESTAURANT

Hours of operation: 5:00 am-8:30 pm
Cut out this ad and present to your server for a **FREE** glass of Nova Scotia wine with dinner.

THISTLEDOWN PUB

Entertainment lineup:
August 10Tracey Cavanaugh
August 11Open Mic with
Larry MacAskill
August 12Michael Cavanaugh
August 13-14.....Tracey Cavanaugh
August 15Michele Stevens
August 16-17.....Tracey Cavanaugh
August 18Open Mic with
Larry MacAskill
August 19Rob MacLean
August 20-23.....Tracey Cavanaugh

BELL BAY

Happy Hour with entertainment
every Thursday 6:30 pm-9:30 pm
August 12Tracey Cavanaugh
August 19Tracey Cavanaugh

INVERARY SPA

August - Open 7 days a week
(Evenings by appointment)
9:00 am-5:00 pm
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Daily 11:30 am-2:00 pm
BBQ lunch \$12.95-\$15.95

Daily 2:00 pm-5:00 pm
Mussels & Beer \$9.00

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Theatre on the Hill presents:

The Fiddlers on the Hill

37890 Cabot Trail, St. John's Parish Hall, Ingonish
(Besdie the Seagull Restaurant)

Saturday Night Ceilidhs in Ingonish With fiddler Paul Cranford & weekly guests

admission \$10 - (children under 12 - \$3)

August 14 - **Captain Stanley MacKinnon** (Fiddling
Whale Tours), **Doug MacPhee** (piano)

August 21 - **Stewart MacNeil** (of the Barra MacNeils
- flute, accordion & piano) **Brenda Stubbart** (fiddle
& piano).

August 28 - **Andrea Beaton** (fiddle & piano), **Fiona
Black** (a touring Scottish accordion player), **Sarah
Beck** and **Brenda Stubbart** (both fiddle & piano)

September 4 - **David Papazian** (fiddle & concertina),
Ryan MacNeil (of the Barra MacNeils) Irish pipes &
piano.

Enjoy an evening of traditional Cape Breton fiddle music

Concerts start at 8:15 PM