

Arbor Day celebrated

St. Ann's Bay

Following is a poem by Aaron Schneider, commissioned by the Cabot

Trail Writers Festival, and read by Aaron at the recent Arbor Day celebration at the Arboretum in Indian Brook.

ARBOR DAY

I remember New York as a child,
 "planting trees" in Israel, the little blue stamps
 we bought and licked and stuck
 to the bare branches of the poster tree,
 and when the tree was full of blue-stamp-leaves,
 a new tree was planted in the new state of Israel
 to "make the desert bloom" they said.

The World's War was over and I lived
 in a new room in a new house
 on a new street in the new world.
 Sassafras loomed high above the rooftop;
 leaves brushed my window where birds
 sang and squirrels danced for joy.

Wisteria twined that tree and clung
 and climbed through my teens past my room,
 trailed lavender blooms as it reached
 up to the canopy and out to the roof,
 felt for holdfasts under the slates.

But prudence trumps beauty,
 as glory prefigures demise.

Tall poplar towers above my home today.
 I love the pale leaves trembling,
 the sparrow song and the chickadees'
 flight to the feeder and back,
 the squirrels' natter and tease.
 But it's old and I know I should cut it down
 before a gale blows the bole
 through the corner of my house,
 but I don't.

My son stabs a narrow shovel
 into a black burn-over in BC,
 stamps in a seedling between felled
 trees he can't climb over,
 low graded and left to rot.
 The burnt black hills roll around him;
 everywhere the earth spills down
 bleeding through the road cuts.

And where O Israel is our tree,
 the fruit of your vine,
 the promise of your bloom,
 the blue stamp leaves?

Aaron Schneider 2/26/10

Wagmatcook hosts regional science fair



Participants are pictures at the Mi'kmaq Regional Science Fair which was held at the Wagmatcook Culture and Heritage Centre recently. Students from Wagmatcookway We'koqma'q, Membertou and Eskasoni schools competed for the opportunity to represent the region at the the Nova Scotia Showcase of Regional Winners to be hosted by St. Mary's University, and the Canada Wide Science Fair in Peterborough, Ontario.

4-H speakers advance to Provincials



The Cape Breton Regional 4H public speaking rally was held March 27 at Greenwood United Church. Winners from Baddeck Valley 4H club in Victoria County are Caitlin Hanam (hostess) & Catherine Messem (junior thanker). Both are advancing to the provincial rally at 4H weekend in Truro on May 15.



TENDER VILLAGE OF BADDECK

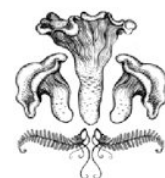
SEALED TENDERS will be received at the office of the Clerk **UNTIL 4:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010**, for hourly rates for backhoe (ladder must have 2 working backhoes), excavator (to include floating), and trucking services, as well as gravel costs hauled in Baddeck, for the Village of Baddeck's water and sewer repairs. This tender will be in effect from June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2012, and may exclude capital projects.

For further information and details on the tender, interested parties may contact the office of the Village Clerk at **295-3666**.

The Village of Baddeck reserves the right to reject any tenders, not necessarily accept the low tender, or to accept any tender which it may consider to be in its best interest and also reserves the right to waive formality, informality, or technicality in any tender.

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Tenders will be opened for public viewing at 7:00 pm on May 12, 2010, at the Public Works Building, 29 Hillcrest Drive.



The Restaurant at the Chanterelle Country Inn

Savour a cuisine created from locally and organically grown ingredients

Served nightly from 6 to 8:30 on the verandah overlooking St. Ann's Harbour.

Reservations required - 929-2263



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