

## Culinary Extravaganza A Great Fun-draiser

On September 19, SCAC held a really fun fundraiser — The Culinary Extravaganza.

Basically, it was a cook-off with prizes in three categories: main course, side dish and dessert. After the judging, a crowd of about 60 chowed down on a wide variety of delicious foods.

The event was held at the Osprey Arts Centre. Following the meal, diners enjoyed an Osprey production, a concert by The Shantymen, an a cappella group from Yarmouth who sing sea shanties and talk about the history of such music.

The event raised about \$1000 for SCAC activities.



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## Eleanor Smith Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

SCAC presented Eleanor Smith with an award for "lifetime achievement and significant contribution to the culture of Shelburne County" before a large crowd at the Osprey Theatre on August 16 at the Shelburne Writers Festival.

Born and raised in Shelburne, Eleanor left to pursue her BA, a teaching degree and a Master of Science degree. A publisher asked her and a colleague to write "This is the Life" her textbook on Family Studies. Published in 1977, it did so well, it was released in French and American editions. Later, it was published in Australia.

In 1983, she published an extensively researched Loyalist cookbook. After six printings with the original publisher,



SCAC Executive Director Darcy Rhyno presents Eleanor Smith with the Lifetime Achievement Award and a gift.

Eleanor now publishes the book herself.

Since then, Eleanor has written a history of her own family, the Hoggs. She wrote "Land of My Fathers" a book about early Welsh settlers. Lately, she's been particularly busy, authoring or co-authoring with her friend and colleague Kim Walker three books of local history: "Remembering the Town of Shelburne," "Founders of Shelburne, NS Who Came 1783-93 and Stayed," as well as "Remarks and Rough Memorandum," which is a translation of the diaries of Captain William Booth with the Corps of Royal Engineers. All proceeds from these publications go to the organizations that publish them.

## Membership Renewal Time

The Shelburne County Arts Council is calling on all supporters to buy a SCAC membership for \$10.

Membership helps the organization and the community in many ways. For example, it buys support for an organization that gives work to local artists. SCAC commissions local artists to create original work. SCAC brings the best authors to Shelburne County schools and for public readings. SCAC offers a scholarship to graduating students bound for higher education in the arts. SCAC archives the artistic history of Shelburne County. SCAC works with other community groups to present performances and supports with small grants efforts by individuals or other organizations to carry out arts activities.

SCAC commissioned The Hupman Brothers to write an original set of music and Russel Crosby to build his first mandolin. The Hupman's music became their first CD. SCAC has purchased arts supplies and contributed to tuition fees for local artists who have become more independent as a result. SCAC has made it possible for children across the county to see high quality arts performances in dance, theatre, music and literature and to take part in artistic activities themselves both in the county and beyond.

All of these activities are carried out by a board of dedicated volunteers with a very small budget. Please support their efforts by becoming a member or by purchasing a membership as a gift for someone

else. Memberships are good from September to September and at just \$10 are very reasonably priced.

All members get a copy of this newsletter mailed to them and receive invitations to special events. To join or to renew, send your \$10 cheque along with your name, mailing address and email address to:

**Memberships**  
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Right: Sid & Betty Smith, Eugene Roache, Marjorie Turner Bailey. Photos by Cheryl Graul. See p 3.



## SHELBURNE COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



## \$10,000 Recognition Award

Through the Shelburne County Arts Council, Shelburne County has won the 2009 Arts and Culture Recognition Award.

The award is given to a community that demonstrates significant "artistic and cultural achievements" and "incorporates and celebrates arts and culture." It is presented by Nova Scotia's Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage.

Add SCAC's varied and numerous programs to efforts by other community groups like the Osprey Arts Centre,

Lockeport's Harmony Bazaar and Shelburne's Whirligig Festival, the expansion of Shelburne's museum district and the hard work of those promoting Black Loyalist history and culture, as well as the establishment of Shelburne County as a haven for movie makers, it isn't surprising that our community received this award.

However, the jury cited two key cultural organizations lead the way: the Shelburne County Arts Council and the Osprey Arts Centre. "These organizations work together on

many projects... this kind of synergy is conducive to a vibrant culture," said award spokesperson Jim Morrow.

The award was presented to the Municipality District of Shelburne at the Creative Nova Scotia conference and awards banquet on October 24, held this year in Tusket. The Municipality will administer the prize for SCAC's use since it is the only county wide arts and culture organization in the community and because SCAC made the application for the award.

## SCAC Launches Record Label & Publishing Imprint

### One Story Books and SCAC Records Set to Complete First Projects.

SCAC established its own in-house publishing imprint and its own record label earlier this year.

On August 16, "One Story Books" published its first book, an illustrated short story for adults by Kathleen Tudor. SCAC commissioned Tudor to write the book for this purpose.

Illustrated by Shelburne County artist Lio Lo, edited by local writer Darcy Rhyno, designed by former Shelburne County resident Brenda Conroy and printed by Gaspereau Press in Kentville, the book is a very local production of high quality.



Hard and paperback versions of the book were launched at the 2009 Shelburne Writers' Festival.

On November 28, SCAC will record its first CD for the new SCAC Records label. The CD will feature live performances by the top ten entrants in the first Shelburne County Songwriting Competition.

Shelburne County's own Alex Buchanan, now training in

recording arts, will be on hand to record the event for the CD. Judges will determine the winners on the night of the competition and SCAC will award cash prizes.

SCAC has publishing and recording projects planned for 2010.



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### Heads Up

- Membership renewal: SCAC memberships just \$10 are good Sept to Sept. Support the most creative arts organization in Nova Scotia.
- "Art Made of Garbage" coming soon!
- Author Vicki Grant at Osprey Nov 25, In schools Nov 25, 26.
- You might be eligible for a Community Art Grant! See page 3.
- Eleanor Smith recognized at last. See page 2.

## SRHS Student Awarded First Peter Oliver Scholarship

Shelburne High School student Alex Buchanan is the first recipient of the new Peter Oliver Scholarship.

Named for the much-loved, highly respected director, actor and social activist, the scholarship will be awarded annually to a student graduating from a high school in Shelburne County and pursuing further education in the arts. The student must be entering a post secondary program in the arts. The amount of the scholarship is \$300.

All his life, Peter Oliver was a



Photo by Cheryl Graul

generous supporter of youth and the arts. When he came to Shelburne as a retired actor and director, he started a theatre group for young people called Uranus

Theatre. Then he started Basement Theatre, open to both youth and adults. The group still produces plays for the community.

Alex is enrolled in the the Recording Arts Program, part of the NS Community College School of Applied Arts and Technology. Earlier this year, he put out a full length CD of his own songs.

The Scholarship is an appropriate legacy for such a great mentor to young people. If you wish to contribute, contact the Arts Council.

## SCAC Offers Community Arts Grants

Every year, SCAC offers small grants to individuals and groups in the community to support artistic activity.

Grants are made on an on-going basis as applications are received. There is no deadline. The SCAC grant-ing budget is only \$1000 a year, but it has managed to accomplish a great deal in the past. Grants have supported events like Harmony Bazaar, helped schools

send students to arts events, helped artists to purchase supplies and helped artists receive training.

Any person or group wishing to apply for assistance should write to SCAC at the address on the back of this newsletter. Write a letter describing the project or purpose and present a list of costs to explain the financial need.

**Shelburne County resident Miles Redgate poses in front of a wall he found in a Florida restaurant made of lawn chair webbing.**



## Author Coming to Shelburne County

*Writer Vicki Grant to Visit Schools, Give Public Reading*

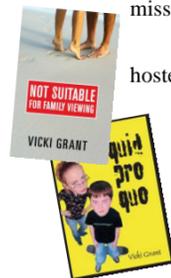
This year's visiting author is Halifax writer Vicki Grant. Her six books for youth 8-14 are very popular with kids and with adults.

Her new novel *Not Suitable for Family Viewing* draws on her work in television where she was very successful, winning the 2000 Gemini Award for Best Writing in a Children's or Youth Program.

Her last novel, *Quid Pro Quo*, won a big American award, the Arthur Ellis Award for Best Juvenile Crime Novel. She's also won the Silver Birch Honour Book award, the Ann Connor-Brimer Award and the New York Public Library Best Book for Teens award.

Grant will visit three county schools and give a public reading at the Osprey Arts Centre in Shelburne, Wednesday November 25, 7 pm. Admission is \$5 at the door.

In previous years, SCAC has hosted such renowned writers as George Elliott Clarke, Sherri Fitch, Donna Morrissey, Michael Crummey, Bill Richardson, Shauntay Grant, Leo McKay and our own Natalie



## Art Made of Garbage

Artists, kids, members of the public, save your garbage... well, some of it, anyway, because SCAC wants you to make it into art. The first ever "Art Made of Garbage" show will feature works by established artists and by members of the public who want to give art a try.

SCAC will call upon artists to include existing works in the show. In addition, SCAC will commission artists to create pieces specifically for this show and call for pieces from the general public, both youth and adult.

Art made of garbage will go on display at the Osprey Arts Centre in the late summer of 2010. The exhibition will be called "The Garbage Collection."

SCAC hopes to harness the artistic imagination to give us new ways of looking at objects we thought useless and to draw attention to waste-related issues such as over consumption, disposal and the limits of recycling.

Judges will decide winners in various categories and present cash prizes. SCAC hopes to offer on-site art-making for young and old. Watch for details about dates, categories and prizes.

## SCAC Commissions: Book by Tudor, Pics by Graul

SCAC's Commissioning Program was busy again this year. The Council paid writer and publisher Kathleen Tudor to write a short story and photographer Cheryl Graul to assemble an exhibition of portraits of Shelburne County citizens.

Tudor's story called "Five Square Miles" tells the story of a student graduating from Lockeport in the 1950s and preparing to leave for university in Montreal. It's a bitter sweet story that depicts the richness of a Shelburne County upbringing and the pain of having to leave it behind.

Published as a gorgeous little book, it features illustrations by artist Lio Lo. It's

available for \$10 at the Whirligig Book Shop in Shelburne. Since the commission, Tudor has published a novel called *Deep Roots*



Photographer Cheryl Graul in a dory off Lockeport. Photo by Rowing champion Walter Nickerson, one of the subjects in her exhibition.

through Roseway Publishing.

An accomplished musician, singer and photographer, Graul moved to the County several years ago. Since then, she's become known for her skills as a portrait photographer. The exhibition ran in the Osprey Arts Centre Sept 13—Nov 5.

Previous commissions went to The Hupman Brothers (they wrote songs for their first CD) and Bill Smith. He wrote an original score for a play performed by Basement Theatre. Russel Crosby built his first mandolin and E. Alex Pierce penned a long poem about Shelburne County that was named one of the top 50 poems in Canada last year.

## 2010 Roseway Literary Competition Starts Soon

SCAC will soon launch its seventh annual Roseway Literary Competition for young writers grades 6-12 in Shelburne County.

Big cash prizes in two age categories have attracted hundreds of poems, stories and song lyrics over the years. The winners from the first three years of the Competition were collected in a book that can still be purchased from SCAC.

This year, like every year, SCAC will announce the Competition and call for entries in the fall for a deadline in early spring of the same school year.

The Competition is open to youth living in Shelburne County between the ages of 12 to 19, whether or not they are in school, but almost all entries come from youth grades 6 to 12. The prize is named in honour of Roseway Publishing started by Kathleen Tudor.

Prizes for last year's competition were announced in June when SCAC handed out \$650 in cash prizes.

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Here are the 2008-09 winners and honourable mentions (HM):

### Grades 6-9 Division

1<sup>st</sup> Lee Eshelby, Lockeport  
2<sup>nd</sup> Isabella Redgate, Lockeport  
3<sup>rd</sup> Eliza Hyde, Shelburne  
HM Lara Fraser, Barrington  
HM Allison Williams, Lockeport

### Grades 9 - 12 Division

1<sup>st</sup> Sara Balish, Lockeport  
2<sup>nd</sup> Shelby Garron, Barrington  
3<sup>rd</sup> Hannah Malloy, Lockeport  
HM Holly Harding, Lockeport  
HM Alex Buchanan, Shelburne  
HM Rachael Hanakowski, Shelburne

## Youth Songwriting Contest Launched

The Shelburne County Arts Council has just announced a new songwriting competition aimed specifically at youth.

To enter the contest, young song writers and bands across the county are asked to record a song on a CD and leave it at the office in your school. The CD should be accompanied by an information sheet with you name, age, school, address, phone number and email address. SCAC will also accept entries by mail.

After all entries have

been received, SCAC judges will select the top ten entries by individuals and bands alike to perform at the Osprey. The judges will award cash prizes. There will also be a people's choice award. Each of the selected performances will be recorded and made into a CD, the first ever released on the new SCAC Records label. Each entrant will receive a copy of the CD with all the songs.

Originally scheduled for the fall, the deadline and the Osprey event have been moved to spring, 2010.

## Ambitious Arts Archive Project

The Arts Archive is one of SCAC's most ambitious projects. The goal is no less than to archive the artistic history of Shelburne County.

Last year, SCAC got a great start when it hired and trained Kim Truchan to get the project up and running.

SCAC Chair, Rebecca Tudor, oversees this project. Under her direction, Kim planned the process for gathering and preserving artifacts, met with potential donors and started receiving materials.

The Shelburne County Arts Archive is housed with

the Lockeport Historical Society at 65 John Street, Lockeport.

The archive includes documents from past theatre companies, photographs of paintings, interviews with artists and even some rare gems like a book in verse written in a scribbler about a house that once stood in Barrington.

If you are interested in contributing to the Arts Archive, please contact SCAC at the address on the back of this newsletter.