

PUGWASH

Working Together to Build a Strong and Resilient Community

Pugwash is a small fishing community with a big heart, “can do” attitude, and the vision, creative spirit and determination to get things done! Located at the mouth of the Pugwash River on the North Shore, the village, with a volunteer Village Commission, has approximately 736 full-time residents, including Pugwash River, Pleasure Cove, Pugwash Junction, Pugwash Point Gulf Shore and downtown proper. The population swells to over 5,000 in summer, with many cottagers and visitors coming to enjoy our two major festivals. Over 50 volunteer organizations in the village rely heavily on over 500 volunteers of all ages to deliver programming, develop new infrastructure, hold events and fundraise. We receive tremendous support from local businesses, in both time and sponsorship dollars, to enhance the work of our volunteer efforts.

Our volunteer organizations collaborate to celebrate our heritage, find solutions to challenges, and take pride in our accomplishments to continue to grow and hope for the future. Together we are stronger!

COLLABORATIONS

“...working together to create the community we want to live in.”(Louise Haycocks, Pugwash HarbourFest)

Pugwash Harbourfest - It's a Shore Thing

Began in 2006, Pugwash Harbourfest is a free annual two-day celebration of our glorious harbour, organized by a volunteer board, with the support of many other local volunteer organizations. It is a family-oriented event that stands out for its ability to involve many non-profit organizations in the structure and programming through positive encouragement and financial incentives. This ensures that there is wide community involvement, the commitment of time and energy beyond the small organizing committee and a varied and dynamic product that attracts many visitors to the village. Its goal is to support and make changes for the betterment of the community.

In the past they have hosted tall ships, dragon boats, speed boat races and soap-box derbies. Over time Harbourfest has evolved into a true community event, with local musicians, local artists and artisans and many interactive activities organized by local community and volunteer groups. These include the firefighters' breakfast, the Legion's cribbage challenge, the Communities in Bloom treasure hunt, the Pugwash Open Air Gallery Art Tour, the 4H lobster roll lunch, the Yacht Club harbour tours, and the Historical Society's dance, among others. The activities truly reflect the culture and tradition of our area, with events such as the Sinkers' Conference - a cardboard boat race with a nod to the historical Pugwash Thinkers Conference. (<https://pugwashharbourfest.ca/>)

Faith-Based Groups Coming Together - One Awesome Night

In early December of 2018 and 2019, the churches of Pugwash and Area held *One Awesome Night* at the Pugwash Farmers' Market site, a re-enactment of the manger scene in Bethlehem, as part of the Village's celebration of Christmas by the

Sea. The church groups created a Bethlehem Streetscape and everyone was invited to be part of the cast by dressing in period costumes, representing shepherds, Roman soldiers, and residents of the small town. With live animals, food, singing and activities, the free event attracted over five hundred visitors each year. COVID-19 prevented this program from happening in the last three years, but the area faith groups hope to present this seasonal event again in the future.

Festival of Lights - Lighting up Hearts

In 2019, as part of Christmas by the Sea, Pugwash Communities in Bloom (CIB) promoted participation in *Pugwash Festival of Lights*. Communities in Bloom Winterfest volunteers decorated the bridge, the heritage Train Station, Cenotaph, HarbourFront stage, Triangle corner, planters, and window boxes around the village. CIB encouraged the community to light up and celebrate the season.

During the restrictions of Covid, community involvement grew leaps and bounds, just when we needed it the most. The Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department added lights to the CIB wreaths on the bridge. The Northumberland Boating Assn. floated a lit tree in the inner harbour to gladden hearts as you enter the village from East Pugwash. Volunteers from Chase's Lobster, Pugwash Harbour Authority, Brickyard Marina, and the Bill Mundle Marina erected a Buoy Tree, on top of which was its visiting Elf from Cumberland Trails. A Mystery Christmas Tree appeared on the Gulf Shore Road. The Bill Mundle Marina added delightful Sailboat in Lights to their wharf and Pugwash Farmers' Market lit their site. These enthusiastic volunteers and organizations worked hard to bring joy to everyone in the dark days of winter, contributing greatly to community wellness.

Community Suppers - Coming Together Around the Table

Last fall, a need was recognized by a member of the Pugwash HarbourFest committee for a community Christmas Dinner. With the help of a Community Health Board Wellness Grant, a large number of other community groups and an impressive number of volunteers, HarbourFest provided Pugwash's first free community Christmas Dinner using food from local producers. People, of all ages and economic backgrounds, including several recent refugee families, sat together met and enjoyed the meal. As an added bonus, excess food was donated to the Open Hamper Food Bank.

This year, a Dumping Day Dinner, initiated by the Pugwash harbour Authority, offered the community a chance to recognize and celebrate our local fishermen by enjoying lobster chowder with them prior to the first Setting Day on the water. Community members cooked the locally-sourced food while HarbourFest provided the funding for the entertainment.

COMMUNITY PRIDE & RECOGNITION

"We hope to say thank you to people who might not always get the recognition they deserve. We want to find, publicly acknowledge, and publicize the people who make a difference in our community." (CIB Chair Maureen Leahey)

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Pugwash Communities in Bloom and the Village of Pugwash co-host an annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in September, inviting representatives from the over 50 volunteer organizations who contribute to the vibrant lifestyle of the village. This is an opportunity for the organizations to share their achievements and hopes for future endeavours. It is a public affirmation and thank you for their thousands of hours of dedication. In Pugwash we find that positive action draws, engages and retains new volunteers as they see how these projects make a difference in the community.

Communities in Bloom - Community Pride in Action Recognition Program

CIB has promoted the Community Pride in Action Recognition Program in Pugwash since 2011, honouring over 140 individuals and organizations who have enriched our village through their community service and generosity of spirit. They are fine examples of what it takes to grow a village of positive, energetic people who care about each other. They might be people who go out of their way to help a neighbour, who go the extra mile volunteering in an organization, who transform a building into something beautiful, who create something new that adds to village life, who have made this village a better place to live, or a group or business that knows how to make a difference. In the fall of 2019, CIB recognized Hurricane Heroes who helped neighbours in distress after the destruction caused by Tropical Storm Dorian.

Area residents are invited to send in nominations and a small CIB committee juries the selections. Recipients receive a letter, get their photo taken, are interviewed and formally presented with a framed award at the annual Volunteer Luncheon. We also promote their efforts on posters, the COOP billboard, social media, on local radio, and in print and web media. This is a small but powerful initiative that has proven to be well-received and impactful in our community. (*see supporting document*)

Community Events Thanking Volunteers - Giving Back

A number of non-profit organizations hold annual dinners and social events for their members such as the **Pugwash HarbourFest Corn Boil** and the **Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE) Fall Dinner** and summer and fall **Flotillas**. These popular events to "give back" to the community, strengthen their membership bases and encourage longevity, sustainability and foster a shared vision.

Communities in Bloom - Celebration of Gardens

Celebration of Gardens is an annual initiative begun in 2021 and promoted by Pugwash CIB to celebrate gardens and gardeners and encourage community pride. CIB volunteers leads with the annual filling of planters and tending of public gardens with colourful floral displays. The public are asked to send emails and a photo of their favourite gardens, whether they were edible, just for show, a community garden, created by a seasoned gardener or the child next door, large or small, local business or organization or a residential property.

Judges travel throughout Pugwash & Area (South and West Pugwash, and the Gulf Shore) during the month of July, looking for inspiring gardens and innovative gardeners. Photos were posted on Face Book to generate interest and boost morale during another pandemic summer. Winners and honourable mentions are announced in early

August on Pugwash Communities in Bloom's Face Book Page and prizes from local businesses are awarded.

RESILIENCE & ADAPTABILITY

"It was such a wonderful feeling, after being closed inside during Covid, to be outside enjoying local music and seeing the happy faces of our friends and neighbours again." (Norene Smiley, Pugwash resident re HarbourFest concerts)

Pugwash HarbourFest Presents - Open-Air Concerts

During the Covid shutdown, unable to hold a full festival, HarbourFest organized a series of free concerts on Harbourfront Stage in Eaton Park, against the backdrop of the scenic Pugwash Harbour. Due to their popularity, the concerts have now become a mainstay of Pugwash summers, gathering the whole community together in Eaton Park to listen to Nova Scotian musicians.

Pugwash Farmers' Market - Market Community Hub

The Pugwash Farmers' Market has always worked with other organizations to educate and enrich the lifestyle of the village, especially during the restrictions for the last three years due to Covid.

The seasonal market open May to October, attracts more than 1,000 visitors each Saturday during July and August. It makes space available for community groups, such as the volunteer fire department, to deliver information and fundraise. It is a weekly destination for local produce and information on living a healthy lifestyle.

In 2022, the market received \$50,000 in funding through the Develop Nova Scotia Placemaking Project, to construct a beautiful outdoor patio on the back of the historic Train Station, as well as the purchase of outdoor furniture and lighting. This enabled the market to establish an area for the community to gather, socialize, enjoy local musicians and attend information sessions at the Market Wellness Tent, while allowing for any health-related restrictions.

Now the market is working towards creating a Community Hub, a commercial kitchen space which will be located in the east end of the heritage Train Station. This will include an area for hot food market vendors to serve from and community groups to use as needed. The market is partnering with Sunset Community, a non-profit for residents with developmental disabilities, to have one of their residents run a small cafe during the weekdays. Plans are in place to be able to develop food security programming and use it for not-for-profit community groups such as the Open Hamper Food Bank and their Sharing Kitchen Program.

INITIATING POSITIVE CHANGE

"Our new facility will be an economic driver for the community, welcoming boaters along the Northumberland Strait to visit, fuel up and stay." (Deborah Cameron, Commodore, Pugwash Yacht Club)

Pugwash Yacht Club - Inviting Visitors to Our Harbour

The Pugwash Yacht Club (PWYC) situated at the Bill Mundle Marina, was incorporated in 1984 and for the past 38 years, the PWYC volunteers have served the social and recreational boating needs of area residents and visiting boaters. PWYC currently reserves at least one spot for daily docking of visiting boats and one for the Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Boat. The Bill Mundle Marina's infrastructure project is a collaboration with the Municipality of Cumberland and the Village of Pugwash to create more public green space, to build a trail connecting the inner harbour to the Village core, and to create a public boat launch. The development of the marina will help attract and retain people and business in our community, which is vital to the continued growth of Pugwash Harbour.

Pugwash Harbourfest - Waterfront Enhancement

Harbourfest built and maintains docks at Dinghy Beach, a popular swimming place for families and short-term mooring for visiting watercraft right in the middle of Pugwash. These docks are valued as an asset to the village, to the extent that when Harbourfest did not have the funding to repair them after a Hurricane Dorian, the community stepped up to quickly fundraise, making them available to use in that summer.

The beach volleyball court in Eaton Park offers a place for people to gather to play serious and friendly games and also has been known to double as a giant children's sandpit. HarbourFest have put up Knot Here Boards which encourage our visitors to test their skills tying nautical knots, as well as several Head in the Hole boards, that reflect different aspects of Pugwash's heritage.

WORKING TOGETHER TO FIND SOLUTIONS

"In almost forty years of fundraising, I have never experienced a more rewarding or gratifying response than we received from the Pugwash community for the new library campaign." (Liz Clarke, Co-Chair Fundraising Committee)

Pugwash Library - Community Fundraising

The new Pugwash Library has recently replaced the old library in the Train Station heritage building. The community has worked towards a more functional and accessible library since 2011, through various management and design stages, led by the dedicated efforts of many community volunteers. It is now a reality due to a partnership between the municipality, the village and a vigorous community fundraising campaign. Over \$590,000 was raised from 248 community donors as the Community's contribution to the new \$2.7million Pugwash Library. The Pugwash branch has a high rate of usage for a small village, serving residents and visitors from a large catchment area in Cumberland County.

Cumberland Trails - Volunteers Going Above and Beyond for the Community

Cumberland Trails Assn. is a volunteer umbrella organization that develops and maintains a vast network of trails, collaborates with ATV and snowmobile groups, organizations like the Trans Canada Trail and Friends of the Pugwash Estuary. In the last two years they have secured provincial and municipal grants, fundraised within the community to repair bridges, support trail infrastructure and organized volunteers of all ages

to get the work done. Local trail groups raised over \$240,000 to revitalize the old Pugwash Branch abandoned rail bed to link Pugwash to the TransCanada Trail. \$60,000 came directly from local friends and businesses. The work included many tons of gravel, fine granite, several culverts, beaver leavers, two new bridges, a trailhead and cabana plus signage. An all-season washroom will soon be added.

After Hurricane Fiona in 2022, over 300 hours were logged by countless local volunteers to clear our local trails!

Friends of the Pugwash Estuary/Pugwash Yacht Club - Meaningful Solutions

FOPE was approached by the Pugwash Yacht Club to support their proposal to expand the Yacht Club facility in the harbour. Initially, FOPE was reluctant to support an expansion that could be damaging to the environment. But when presented with a proposal that would allow environmental "off-sets" to repair environmental damage at another site, FOPE was able to support the Yacht Club initiative, promising to revitalize the local economy as well. FOPE is also working with the Yacht Club and the Boating Association to promote safe boating in the Estuary.

INCLUSION - SENIOR, YOUTH & NEWCOMER INVOLVEMENT

"Conversation Circles open a window on the world, giving both local residents and newcomers the opportunity to find common ground and share their stories." (Mary Purdy, Community Nurturer)

Conversation Circles - Welcoming & Supporting Newcomers to Pugwash

In the last three years, Pugwash, like many communities in Nova Scotia, has seen a marked increase in immigrants seeking to settle in the area. They have needed the support of many volunteers, formally and informally, from help with housing and furnishing to navigating the local government and banking forms. Our community has stepped forward with a weekly Conversation Circle offering English-language sessions, with child-minding volunteers. The goal is to help newcomers know they are not alone and give them support to feel part of our community, bringing their customs and traditions to enrich life experiences for everyone.

The PeaceGround in Eaton Park

The PeaceGround in Eaton Park was a collaborative heritage project between Communities in Bloom, the grade 8 and 10 visual arts students at Pugwash District High School, and the Village of Pugwash. The initiative culminated in a Peace March and Installation Ceremony on May 22, 2014. Hard and soft landscaping the area around the peace benches included a pathway made from local materials in the form of a peace sign, followed by the planting of native trees and shrubs and planters and information signage.

Art Infusion - Seniors Creating Together

East Cumberland Lodge (ECL) for long-term continuing care, regularly hosts music concerts and visual arts, with the intent to enrich the lives of their residents through community volunteer involvement. Under the guidance of recreational director,

Jill Blaikie, Louise Cloutier from ArtQuarters and a team of volunteers, led a series of five art workshops in the fall of 2018 and 2019, culminating with an evening party and art show to celebrate the work with friends and family. The art work decorates the hallways and cafeteria of the Lodge and is a source of pride for the residents and staff. One of the art works is proudly part of the Pugwash Open Air Gallery. ECL residents' photos and fun activities are frequently posted on the Things to Do in Pugwash Facebook page and give villagers another connection with residents.

Writing on Fire Art Jam! - Youth Cultural Retreats

Since 2013, *Writing on Fire*, a volunteer-run initiative, provided mentored art experiences for youth in grades 7-12 to explore their own voices, stretch their wings and challenge themselves. What started with writers-in-schools, one-day writing workshops and literary cafés, grew into an annual weekend retreat: *ARTJAM!* at Thinkers' Lodge in Pugwash, combining writing with other art forms like videography, podcasting and visual arts. *Writing on Fire* enabled hundreds of students to speak up, feel empowered and engage with others who love creating as much as they do. The *Writing on Fire Anthology of Youth Writing Unapologetic Hearts*, and a *Writing on Fire Documentary* were created in 2018. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5h5FJaWK-E&feature=youtu.be>)

Friends of the Pugwash Estuary - Engaging Nature-lovers of the Future

FOPE welcomes everyone who is interested in the past, present and future of the Pugwash Estuary to be a part of their organization. They have individuals on their Board from Brazil, USA and BC. FOPE is very pleased to include everyone's talents and skills in their projects and events. A series of guided hikes is planned for new immigrants to the Pugwash area.

FOPE has a long history of getting high-school students out on their trails for natural history education. One outing looked at the changes in land use along the Estuary and involved input from the indigenous community. A second "lumber lug" saw Grade 9 students "lug" lumber along the Peace Trail to build a bridge. FOPE has hired high-school and university students for research and trail building projects in the past. FOPE is very pleased to welcome the children from Maggie's Place for their Wilderness Day Camp; getting children interested and involved in nature at a young age builds support for nature in the future.

SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

"We wanted to bring awareness about climate change and renewable energy and show the community, even in a small village, what is possible." (Jennifer Houghtaling, Vice-Chair, Pugwash Farmers' Market)

Pugwash Farmers' Market - Energy & Zero Waste

The Pugwash Farmers' Market (PFM) strives to be a leader in the community for environmental best-practices, as well as giving back to the community. The Solar Panel project completed last year, provides clean energy to the Village Hall, Train Station, and Market. This has saved the Village \$1000's of dollars in energy costs since July 2022.

Zero Waste & Circular Economy Movement – We're In This Together –

Pugwash Farmers' Market (PFM) is committed to waste reduction by exploring ways to reduce packaging and waste, source reusable and compostable options, and sort waste in the appropriate containers or locations on site. As this initiative unfolds, this volunteer committee plans to hold sessions in the community to reduce Pugwash's carbon footprint. The market has created videos about recycling/repurposing/reusing/refusing that were delivered on Facebook and on the Market website. (see <https://pugwashfarmers-market.com/wellness-tent/>)

Friends of the Pugwash Estuary - Stewarding

FOPE was formed in 2004 to steward or sustain the environment of the Pugwash Estuary. They have partnered with the Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans' Community Aquatic Monitoring Program(CAMP) to collect data on water quality, fish species and abundance at several sites around the Estuary; with the Salmon Federation to explore the health of fish habitat in streams and culverts feeding into the Estuary and have carried out a plant survey and tidal monitoring of the salt marshes bordering Docherty Creek. They have also worked with Communities in Bloom to identify and plant native trees in Pugwash Village.

FOPE strives to minimize harm to the environment while providing public access that is safe and enjoyable. Their trails do not have a prepared surface except where foot traffic would harm the environment. A composting toilet at the Estuary House trailhead minimizes excursions off-trail that can damage sensitive vegetation. They are working to reduce our carbon foot-print to zero and encourage tree planting to sequester carbon and reduce green-house gases. (<http://www.pugwashestuary.com/>)

Pugwash Communities in Bloom - The Great Litter Cleanup & Urban Forestry

The Communities in Bloom (CIB) encourages adoptions of roads and areas by residents, businesses, and institutions, elementary and high schools, for an annual cleanup, with support from the municipality and the village commission. Residents sign up to clean up in the village and their neighbourhoods. In 2023 over 200 volunteers of all ages from 4 to 80 years old cleaned over 30 km of roadway.

CIB Tree Plantings is an on-going initiative involving identifying village trees, plantings to support succession and improved streetscape, collaborating with the village, the municipality, Dalhousie University, local horticulturalists and arborists and the Cyrus Eaton Elementary students.

CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY, TRADITIONS & CULTURAL HERITAGE

"A truly amazing community effort!" (Cynthia McCarthy, re the Pugwash Open Air Gallery)

Gathering of the Clans - Celebrating Our Scottish Heritage

Pugwash celebrates its Scottish heritage on Canada Day with the Gathering of the Clans with the help of over 100 volunteers. The day begins with piping bands, highland dancing, and a parade. It ends with evening entertainment and fireworks. Highland dancers from various provinces compete on the Pugwash Harbourfront Stage, the winner receiving the prestigious Bonnie Gael award. Heavyweight games, artisans and food vendors are enjoyed by residents and over

1000 visitors every year. Community groups volunteering to help make the festival happen benefit from the funds raised by admission fees. (<https://www.pugwashvillage.com/index.php/festivals-and-events/gathering-of-the-clans>)

Pugwash Open Air Gallery - Celebrating Our Artists

Pugwash Open Air Gallery is an initiative to strengthen our cultural and historic footprint while adding interest to the streetscape to attract visitors and cultivate pride in the village. It is a collaboration between CIB, the village, the elementary and high schools, Sunset Community, local businesses and artists, of all ages and abilities, to place art installations throughout the village on exterior walls of businesses and organizations.

CIB hosts a website that not only promotes the work of the participating artists but also the heritage of the village of Pugwash. (<https://pugwashart.com/pugwash-heritage-culture/>) This was only due to the businesses, artists and the village collaborating with CIB and the generous funding from a provincial grant, two Community Health Board grants and donations from residents.

North Cumberland Historical Society - Preserving Our Heritage

The North Cumberland Historical Society (NCHS) collects photos and records the histories of homes, barns, and outbuildings built before 1950 in Pugwash and surrounding areas. The 'Built Heritage Project' is an inventory of buildings in the area that are still standing, falling-down, or that previously existed in the areas served by the NCHS. Focus of the Project addresses one of the top requests the Historical Society receives. People want to know details of where their ancestors lived. Building on work done by John MacQuarrie, Peter Vale, and Harry Brown, the Society is looking to answer those questions. (<https://ncumbhistorical.wixsite.com/genealogyhistory>)

RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL ACTIVITY

"I think there is a lot of community spirit and pride within the curling club. It does make a real contribution to the community, creating a spirit of inclusion, ownership and equality."

(Betty Hodgson, member)

Northumberland Community Curling Club

The Northumberland Community Curling Club welcomes members from many North Shore communities. The club facility has been volunteer-driven from fundraising and construction to operation. The curling club also contributes to the community. Members from the Sunset Community curl weekly through the curling season. The Little Rocks Program for youth teaches curling to the elementary school kids after school during the winter. The elementary gym classes sometimes come to the club as well. High school students also have the opportunity to curl and compete in the provincial school athletic program. Curlers from Pugwash have won the provincial pennant at least twice.

These programs are only possible because club members volunteer to make them happen. The club building is also available to the community. Non-profit organizations including the Hospital Foundation, Pugwash Communities in Bloom, the Pugwash Farmers' Market and Friends of the Pugwash Estuary use the lounge as needed for meetings and presentations; and is used by fitness groups, yoga, tai chi, line dancing, all free of charge. The lounge and the ice surface (without ice in the summer) is available for rent by individuals and groups for functions such as parties, weddings, dinners and dances. The Home Coming Dance for HarbourFest is held at the curling club each year.

Northumberland Tennis & Pickleball Association

The Northumberland Tennis and Pickleball Association (NTPA) is partnering with the Sunset Adult Residential Centre, to create a new outdoor racquet facility on the Sunset grounds, through grants and community fundraising. The facility will feature two tennis courts and four pickleball courts, a parking lot, paved walkways, all being wheelchair accessible for both residents of Sunset and members of the public. This initiative will enhance the recreational opportunities, promote social healthy lifestyles, plus positively impact inclusion and diversity for the broader Pugwash community.

Friends of the Pugwash Estuary - Involvement in Nature

FOPE has partnered with the Health Board to support healthy walking challenges and maintain their hiking trails and boat launch "open to the public" for healthy activity and involvement in nature. The hiking trails are used every day and were a safe location for outdoor recreation during COVID. The summer and autumn paddling events, the Flotilla has seen increased participation every year. The Nature Conservancy Canada (NCC) has designated Pugwash as a "Destination Area" for visitors from across Canada as a result.

Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Mackerel & Striped Bass Fishing Tournament

The Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department organize an annual two-day competitive and social fishing event that involves many businesses and residents and draws large crowds to Eaton Park for the finale. This popular celebration acknowledges the heritage and economy of the area while providing fun for all ages.

"PUGWASH, a Small Community that Makes a Big Difference!"

LIST OF AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

VILLAGE OF PUGWASH RECOGNITIONS

- * 1995 Nobel Peace Prize - shared by Joseph Rotblat and the Pugwash Conferences of Science and World Affairs
- * 2012 - Kraft Canada Celebration Tour - for Community Spirit
- * National Communities in Bloom Awards:
 - 2014 - Five Blooms, Best in Nation (in population under 1000 category)
 - 2014 - Outstanding Achievement Award for the PeaceGround in Eaton Park, Youth Involvement
 - 2017 - Five Blooms Silver, Special Recognition and Outstanding Achievement Award, for Community Involvement for Our Community in Bloom Calendar
 - 2021 - Outstanding Achievement Award for Youth Involvement for the Pugwash Open Air Gallery
 - 2021 - Outstanding Achievement Award for Heritage Conservation for Northumberland Historical Society and the Pugwash Open Air Gallery
 - 2022 - Five Blooms, Best in Nation (in population under 1000 category)
 - 2022 - Outstanding Achievement Award for Community Involvement
- YMCA Peace Medallion recipient Pugwash Communities in Bloom and Pugwash District High School for The PeaceGround in Eaton Park project.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- 2011 RRFB Mobius Award presented to Maureen Woodlock for her efforts with waste management.
- Governor General's Sovereign Medal for Volunteerism Recipients: Teresa Kewachuk (Thinkers Lodge), Maureen Leahey (Pugwash Communities in Bloom), Norene Smiley (Pugwash Communities in Bloom)
- YMCA Peace Medallion recipient Dot Pal for tireless volunteer work with the Open Hamper Food Bank and the Community Garden were recognized as significant contributions to not only helping overcome food insecurity but to building capacity of the clients and volunteers.
- 2021 Provincial Volunteer Award recipient Greg Nix for supporting community and county groups and activities.
- * 2022 Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Medal presented to Greg Nix for contributions to community
- * 2022 - Queen's Jubilee Pin presented to Norene Smiley in recognition of her commitment to community support within Cumberland-Colchester counties.
- * 2023 - The Colin Stewart Conservation Award to Betty Hodgson, chair of the Friends of the Pugwash Estuary for her tireless efforts to bring awareness of conservation in the Pugwash and area by the Halifax Field Naturalists

LINKS TO ORGANIZATIONS & VILLAGE OF PUGWASH

- Village of Pugwash - <https://www.pugwashvillage.com/>
- Pugwash HarbourFest - <https://pugwashharbourfest.ca/>
- Pugwash Communities in Bloom/Open Air Gallery - <https://pugwashart.com/>
- Friends of the Pugwash Estuary - <http://www.pugwashestuary.com/>
- Northumberland Community Curling - <https://curlingpugwash.org/>
- North Cumberland Historical Society - <https://ncumbhistorical.wixsite.com/genealogyhistory>
- Cumberland Trails Assn. - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/933121780095660>



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Climate adaptive forestry practice:

Balancing Hurricane Cleanup with Ecological Values

Planting considerations: what are the most suitable species in our area? Are there ecological benefits from the hurricane? These and other questions will be our guest's themes! Come join us!

Speaker: Greg Watson
North Nova Forest Owners Co-operative
Private Woodlot Steward

Date: April 20th, 6:30pm

Location: Northumberland Community Curling Club Pugwash

Register in advance (optional): link in the post

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Borrow your litter picking tools and get some garbage bags

(Also available at KGB, 8868 Hwy 6, Thurs, Fri, Sat 10-5).

Get information on disposal of litter.

Enjoy refreshments, camaraderie with fellow pickers!



Thank You

TO THESE AND ALL THE OTHER VOLUNTEERS WHO CLEANED TO MAKE PUGWASH AND AREA MORE PRISTINE

- BERNADETE CARINI
- BOB NOGLER
- BONNIE BOND, BASIC SPIRIT
- CAROL MUNDLE
- CATHIE GLENN
- CEES
- CHRIS MULLALEY
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- DEBBIE STEWART
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- GILLIAN FORWARD
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- MAUREEN AND DOUGLAS LEAHEY
- MAUREEN WOODLOCK
- NANCY LITTLER
- PATSY COX
- PUGWASH DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
- REECE JAMIESON
- SALT MINE
- SARAH WITNEY
- STACIE FISHER
- SUSAN AND JOE ATKINSON
- SUSAN WEBSTER
- SUZANNE TOTTEN
- STEEVE (PORT HOWE)
- THERESA RUSHTON
- VIVIAN GODFREY

FOREST BATHING

The Forest is calling you!

Wednesday, May 10 th, 1pm



**Friends
of the
Pugwash Estuary**

April 22, 2018 2169 Crowley Rd. Pugwash, NS

Peace Trail Hike

Guided 4.79 km hike Meet at Estuary House 11am.

Kids - Storm the Estuary

Children's treasure seeking event on Estuary House Trail 12:30 pm

Open House

House tours and hot dogs for all 2-4 pm.

**Donations
Appreciated**

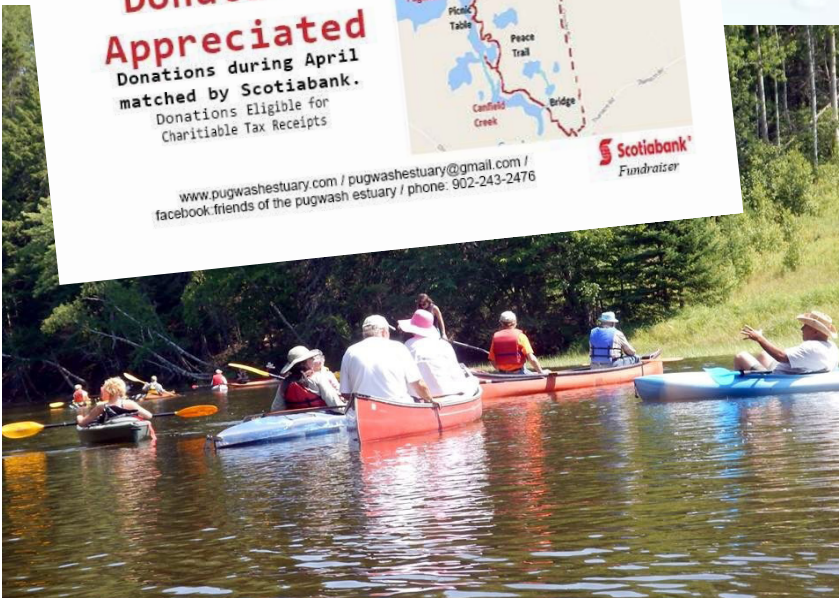
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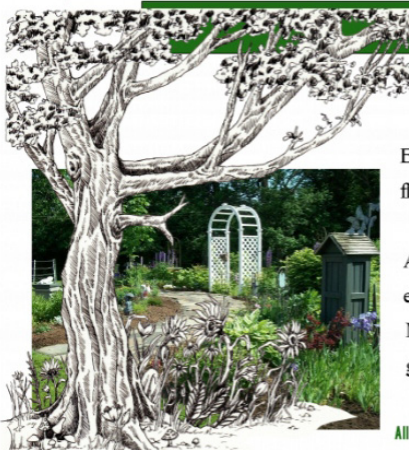




Open Gardens

Saturday, July 22, 1-4 pm

Rain date
July 23, 1-4pm



Enjoy beautiful
flower gardens

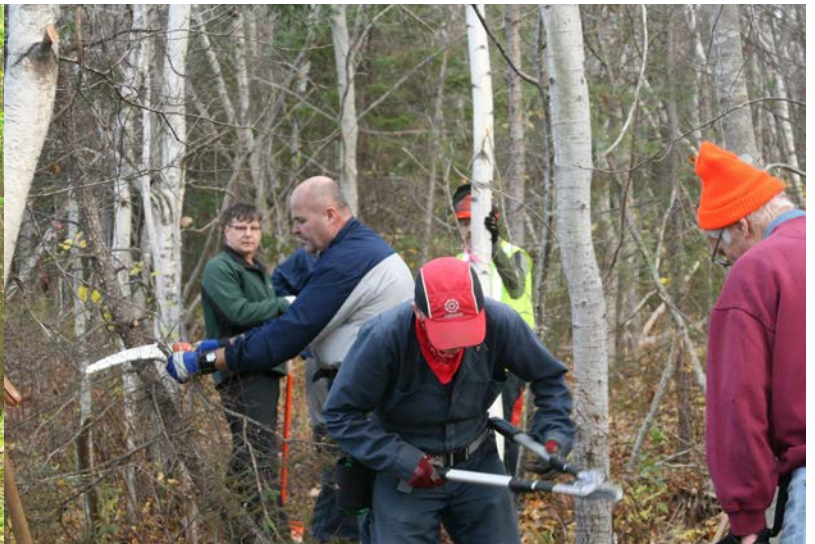
Ask questions of
experienced
North Shore
gardeners

All welcome! No charge.

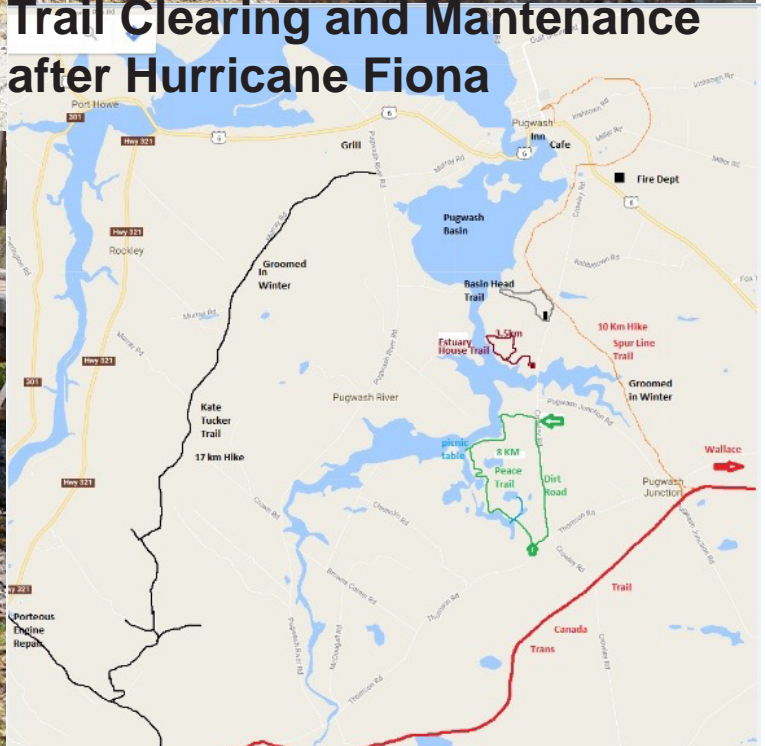
Harry Moore & Joe Gautier, 1959 Pugwash Road
(corner of Pugwash River Road & Murray)
Dennice & Stephen Leahey, 41 Sunrise Ridge
(laneway opposite 2240 Gulf Shore Rd)
Debbie Cameron, 569 Gulf Shore Road
Mary & Ron Maron, 14154 Route 6, Wallace

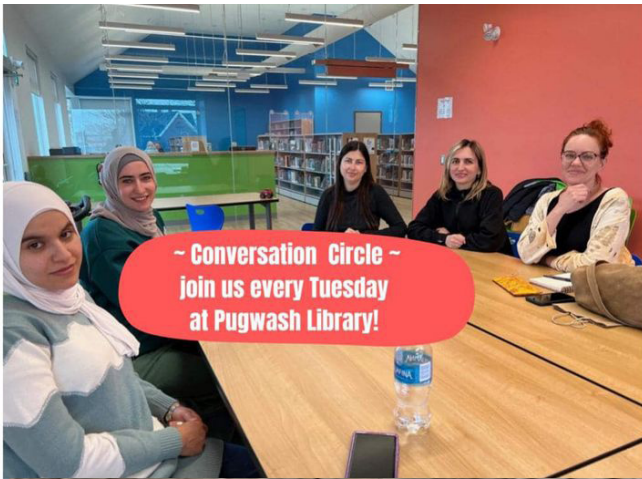






Trail Clearing and Maintenance after Hurricane Fiona





~ Conversation Circle ~
join us every Tuesday
at Pugwash Library!



ART JAM! 2018

presents

Art Jam! Mentors 2018

“Speak Out!”

**The Power
of Words**

**Teen Weekend
Retreat**

for

**Writing +
Filmmaking**

for Youth ages 13- 17

Fri. May 18 - Mon. May 21

Thinkers Lodge, Pugwash NS

Catherine Bussiere lives and works in Cumberland County, NS. She is a world traveler, photographer, videographer and filmmaker who has taught video and animation workshops with youth and grown ups and has hosted film camps and retreats. Her feature film, *Self Portrait in May*, was produced in 2016. She has produced many short docs, including *Bertholet*, *Saving Seeds* and *Writing on Fire: The Documentary*.
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LIGHT UP THE NIGHT!

Pugwash's 3rd Annual Festival of Light



The Festival of Light is a way we can celebrate the season while keeping safe in our own community. Communities in Bloom Winterscape volunteers have been busy putting up lights and wreaths and filling planters with seasonal greenery to get the ball rolling. The Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department has installed spectacular lights on the bridge and the Farmers' Market. The 2021 Buoy Tree is in the making! So join us! Help us Light Up the Night!

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE:

Decorate the exterior of your home or business with lights, installations and decorations. Judges will be viewing the village and area (South Pugwash, West Pugwash and the Gulf Shore) in the evenings of **December 13 to 18** looking for displays that bring a smile to their faces and and put a jingle in their hearts.

THERE IS NO NEED TO REGISTER BUT,

- if you have a favourite decorated house or business, **LET US KNOW**
- if you see someone that has made a special effort, **LET US KNOW**
- if you live off the beaten track, don't be missed, **LET US KNOW**

Winners and honourable mentions will be announced on **Saturday Dec 19** on the **Pugwash Communities in Bloom's Face Book page**. Prizes will be awarded.

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Pugwash Communities in Bloom presents **The Community Pride in Action Recognition Program 2022 Recipients**



Valerie Brown

*Community Caretaker
 "lending a helping hand in her
 neighbourhood"*



**Open Hamper
 Food Bank
 Volunteers**

*Community Nurturers
 "supporting families in
 need"*

Ruth Rushton

*Community Cheerleader
 "highlighting treasures from
 the past to raise spirits and
 celebrate our community"*



Sarah Witney

*Community Leader
 "actively working for the
 health & education of the
 community"*







HARBOURFEST PRESENTS

A Day in the Life of a FISHERMAN!

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Celebrating the Opening of the
2023 Lobster Fishing Season!

April 23rd at the PUGWASH CURLING CLUB 4-6 PM



Come and Enjoy a Warm Meal
Seafood Chowder and a Roll or BBQ Sausages
Cash Bar & Live Music from True Grit
Let's Celebrate our Local Fisherman!

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