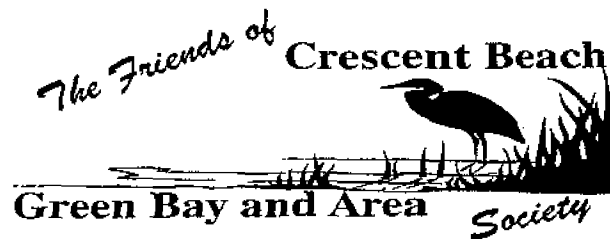


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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Another year has passed and beach amenities have been "put away" for the season: signs have been removed (to protect them from damage), the portable toilets are gone, and only the garbage drums remain, the recycling bins having been closed (winter servicing is difficult).

Here is a summary of our activities during the year, details of these projects are below.

During the year, *Friends* has accomplished much. Last winter's storm damage has been attended to and significant steps have been taken in dune protection. In addition to repair of the cribwork, wild roses and dune grasses have been planted to help protect the dunes from further erosion. There have also been two beach cleanups. In the area most severely damaged by last season's storms, additional rock was installed. A new interpretive sign has been installed to inform about beach and salt marsh bird life. All this work was funded by *Friends* and most of it carried out with the help of the local community.

Additional funds are now being sought. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for information on the sale of reproductions of the artwork by Don Pentz that is used in the interpretive signs and our famous T-shirts. We also want to jog your memory if

you haven't already renewed your membership!

Your Board has been active. In addition to the above, it has contacted the government to have the Crescent Beach roadway repaired and has kept a watch on the happenings at Sperry's Beach and at Cape LaHave. In June, we had a yard sale at the home of David and Alison Weagle - look for a repeat in 2006. A highlight at our Annual General Meeting in August was a presentation by Don Pentz. He gave an informative and entertaining talk on his work building the original boardwalk at Risser's Beach Park as well as the paintings of the fauna and flora on display in the park. Long-time Board member Doug Bell was presented with the Order of the Starfish for his invaluable work on Board matters. Pete West has left the Board and our thanks are extended to him for all his work over the years. Andra White has taken over the Membership responsibility from Burpee Meisner who remains a valued member of the Board. David Weagle is welcomed as a new Board member. Overall it has been a successful year - my thanks to all!

On behalf of the Board Members may I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and look forward to seeing you in 2006.

Bruce Raymond, Chairman
677-2768

Action Items

Dune Reinforcement

1. Wild Roses planted

The 115 roses planted in spring have generally taken well - most flowered and bore hips.

2. Dune Grasses

300 *Spartina pectinata* (Grass) plants were planted in September.

Both of these items are intended to stabilize the sand and also, hopefully when the plantings have grown, discourage people from walking over the dunes.

Thanks go to Lise Bell, her company Labelle Landscaping, and the students of Petite Riviere School for this valuable work!

3. Armour Rock installed

Armour rock has been installed behind the dunes at Crescent Beach for a distance of 300 feet and a height of 4 feet. This was done in the most vulnerable area and consequently the location of most sand erosion. The armour rock should help prevent further erosion and help the build-up of dunes in that area. The Society was fortunate to receive funding for this project from Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and the Atlantic Canada Opportunity Agency (ACOA).

4. Walkways over the Dunes

The walkways which we had constructed last fall have partially washed out and we will have them rebuilt in the spring of 2006.

Area Cleanups

1. Annual Beach Sweep 2005

Friends yearly Beach Sweep was held on June 4, before our summer visitors arrive and was, as usual, a success - thanks to community members - young and not-so-young

2. TD Canada Trust Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup.

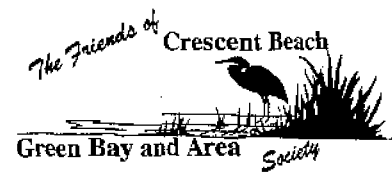
This a national program with over 600 shorelines "cleaned-up" coast to coast. This September, two of our members organized cleanups at the Crescent Beach area and Cape La Have Island.

Jim Sewell handled the beach area, with the help of 18 grade 5 and 6 students, some staff and parents from Petite Riviere School. Over 100 pounds of garbage was removed from the beach, the road and the salt marsh.

Anne Greer organized two trips to Cape La Have Island. The first was with *Friends* members, during which 10 bags of garbage were collected - mostly from the water, not left by campers (this trip also included being marooned on the island for three hours due to a low tide!). The second trip was less eventful, but equally successful - aided by students from the Waldorf School in Blockhouse

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Thanks to Pharmasave

For a good number of years PHARMASAVE has been supplying us with our "doggie poo" bags. We are indebted to them for this service. They are very accommodating. We hope that all dog owners who walk the beach will use the "doggie bags" and deposit them in the barrels at each end of the beach.

Our Daily Beach Cleaners !!!!

During the summer months Nita Eisenhower, our master beach cleaner, has been joined by Kiki Nichols. We thank them both for the great job they do on a daily basis.

Interpretive Panels

Both signs we commissioned have been completed and placed at Crescent Beach.

The first panel, located at the entrance to Crescent Beach, includes beautiful artwork by local artist Don Pentz RCA, and contains an explanation about the formation of the beach, a very fragile tombolo. *Friends* hope that the information will educate the public and encourage people to stay off the dunes and preserve them for years to come. The Society was fortunate to receive funding for this project from Tourism Nova Scotia and ACOA.

The second sign, illustrating a number of birds to be found in the area, was erected in June on Crescent Beach Road towards the east end of the beach. The panel is based on two panoramic paintings from Don Pentz, one

showing the Beach and the other a view of the Salt Marsh. Fifteen paintings of the birds that frequent these areas are added to the display, with an explanatory text.

Limited quantities of reproductions of two of these paintings are being offered for sale - see below for details.

Nova Scotia Nature Trust

In 1994 a group of dedicated Nova Scotians came together with a vision of preserving the wild spaces and native species of Nova Scotia. To accomplish their vision, these steadfast conservation enthusiasts created the Nova Scotia Nature Trust, a non government Community-based conservation charity.

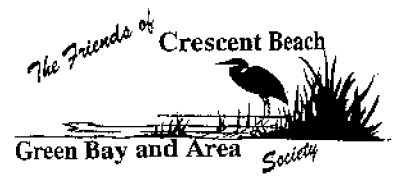
The Nature Trust is the province's leading private and conservation organization. Its mission is to protect Nova Scotia's special places by working with private landowners to conserve important natural areas, from old growth forests and endangered species habitat, to pristine coastal islands and lakeshores. It has a solid track record in saving and managing places Nova Scotians love. Over 2600 acres of outstanding conservation lands have been protected, forever, by the Nature Trust. The organization has strong grass-roots support with hundreds of volunteers across the province.

The Nature Trust is working hard to preserve our natural legacy—for future generations. Friends of Crescent Beach, Green Bay and Area Society maintains institutional membership in the Nature Trust. For more information contact them at:

nature@nsnt.ca

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Membership

How many members realise how important your memberships are to our Society? When it comes to fund-raising, or our various maintenance projects, each and every membership is very valuable. When we indicate we represent over 300 families, our sponsors and supporters take notice!

Although most members live locally, many also come from the rest of Nova Scotia, other provinces and other countries.

Thank you all so much for your continued support - there are many things which would be left undone were it not for your membership dues.

Currently, there are quite a few members with outstanding dues for 2005-2006. Membership is only \$5.00 per family. Some *Friends* have paid in advance for a year or more, while others have added a donation. We give tax receipts for donations of \$10.00 or more.

To renew, or become a first-time member, please mail your contribution to:

**Friends of Crescent Beach, Green
Bay & Area**

**Box 1A1, Petite Riviere, NS, B0J 2P0
Attention - Andra White at 688-1505**

Sperry's Beach Report

The Sperry's Beach issue has been on-going for the past ten years, but the Sperry's Beach Committee (John Bell, Tom

Daly, Phil Carter, Laila Glanville, Anne Greer), is continuing to work to "protect the public interest".

Following a meeting between members of the committee and the Department of Natural Resources on August 17th, it appears that the community's legal position does not match the Department's legal position. Therefore, the Department is asking an independent legal party to look at both positions.

The committee is continuing to meet with their legal counsel and looks forward to a resolution very soon.

Friends on the Web!

www.crescentbeach.ca

Visit our web site to keep up with what's going on with Friends. Photos of the area - historical as well as current ... Minutes of the meetings over the past three years ... Don Pentz paintings ... Upcoming events ... Contact information for board members ... Plus anything that we think would be of interest to our members.

Not sure who to contact?

email: info@crescentbeach.ca

we'll contact the right person for you!

Fund-raising

1. Paintings.

Local artist Don Pentz has produced for us three beautiful landscape paintings and fifteen paintings of birds that form the backgrounds of the Interpretive Panels at Crescent Beach. He has given us permission to reproduce these and sell them as fund-raisers for *Friends*. To maintain their 'exclusiveness', only limited quantities will be produced.

This year, *Friends* is offering two of his pictures for sale: "The Dunes" and "The Marsh" which you can view on our website:

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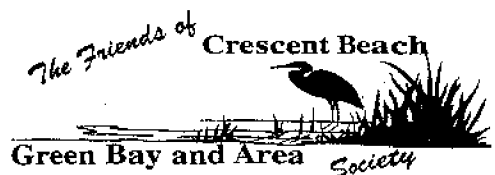
Please see the next page for more details

2. T-Shirts.

A limited number of our world-famous teal-blue or burgundy T-shirts are still available! With our famous Heron logo on them, they cost \$15.00 and are available in all sizes, from Small to Adult XL. Remember, these are tax free!

To order pictures, use the order form attached, or, for either pictures or T-shirts, contact Jim Sewell, 688-1739, (email jim.sewell@ns.sympatico.ca)

Fund-raising for 'Friends'



Local artist Don Pentz, RCA, has painted three beautiful landscapes and fifteen individual birds that have been used in the Interpretive Signs at Crescent Beach. He has given us permission to reproduce these and this year we are offering two: 'The Dunes' and 'The Marsh'. You can preview these pictures on our website: www.crescentbeach.ca

We are offering two qualities of prints: 1. Museum quality rag paper, archival UV resistant inks, and 2. High quality poster, on high quality paper with protective matte laminate.

Quantity	Print	Quality	Size	Price per	Total
	The Dunes	Museum	28" x 22.5"	\$150	
	The Dunes	Poster	28" x 22.5"	\$85	
	The Marsh	Museum	28" x 16.5"	\$125	
	The Marsh	Poster	28" x 16.5"	\$70	

Sub Total	
Shipping (\$12 each if outside NS, \$6 each if in NS)	
Total	

Please make checks payable to Friends of Crescent Beach

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Telephone _____ Email _____

Mail to: Friends of Crescent Beach, Green Bay & Area Society (Friends)
PO Box 1A1, Petite Riviere, NS B0J 2P0

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