

Membership Newsletter Spring, 2005

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

2005 Annual General Meeting

Our AGM this year will be held in the Petite Riviere Fire Hall on Wednesday, August 17, at 7.30 p.m. The Annual Meeting of the *Friends* is a time to review the past year's activities and plan for the coming year to address the problems associated with the winds and weathers on the ever changing Crescent Beach.

Beach work is a never ending task and volunteers are always needed. We want to keep Crescent Beach, Green Bay and Area the envy of all shoreline and ocean lovers. Please come to our Annual Meeting and give us your moral, physical and financial assistance.

The winter of 2004/2005 has been particularly difficult at Crescent Beach. The cribwork and the dune were damaged by unusually severe winter storms. The walkways we built through the dunes saw some of the armour rock we installed undermined and some of the recently completed crib repairs arranged by *Friends* had to be repeated. The repairs were done by a contractor at our expense using, in part, materials donated by Bowaters for the previous work. See below for what it cost and how we paid for it.

The success of the *Friends of Crescent Beach, Green Bay and Area Society* depends on the continuing interest and actions by the

It was clear that the cribwork helped to protect the dune from the ocean's onslaught: damage to the dune was clearly less where the cribwork wasn't damaged. Areas where dune grass had established also saw less damage.

Big "thank you"s go to two outside groups for their volunteer work in our efforts to protect and restore the dune. A team from Canada World Youth cleared away truckloads of debris left by Hurricane Juan. Also, at a number of locations along the top of the dune, students from Petite Riviere School, under the guidance of Lise Bell of LaBelle Landscaping and Design, planted 115 wild rose bushes provided by *Friends*. Once grown, the roses will do double duty: their roots will help to hold the sand in place and their bushes will help to deter damaging pedestrian traffic. So far, watering has not been a problem, thanks to all the rain we have had recently.

Other areas of interest. *Friends* continues to watch the situation at Sperry's Beach. Some of our members are actively supporting the work of this investigating committee, although *Friends* is not taking an active part. Similarly, we have now seen DNR's installation of a new boardwalk over the salt marsh at Risser's Park. This is a direct result of the petition we organized last year to protest against its planned elimination.

members. Our thanks go to Board members and to all of you who actively participate in our programs. With this in mind, please remember



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the Annual General Meeting on August 17th, 2005 where you can hear further of, and hopefully contribute to, our many activities.

Bruce Raymond, Chairman

Action Items

Annual Beach Sweep 2005

Our annual big clean-up of Crescent Beach, "The Beach Sweep", will be held from 10 AM to noon on Saturday June 4.

Please take a couple of hours to come help us do a final sweep of the dunes before the summer visitors arrive. Last year we collected 18 bags of regular garbage, 4 bags of recyclable material and a small truck-load of Juan's driftwood!!

This year, much of the large debris from the storms has been cleaned up but there is still plenty of "small stuff" to be removed. Refreshments will be served following the sweep.

Any questions? Call Jean Fraser McHarg at 543-2140

We are once again indebted to Pharmasave for donating the "doggie poo" bags that are placed at each beach entrance.

Thanks also again to Nita Eisenhauer, who continues to walk the beach daily. Because of her efforts there is little refuse on it.

Yard Sale

Here's a great way to spend Saturday morning on June 18 - first enjoy your breakfast

Walkways over the Dunes

For access to the beach from the newly defined roadway parking spaces, we have constructed two walkways to permit passing over the dunes without damaging the desirable vegetation. These are designed for minimum maintenance and to protect the dune from washing through in case of major storms.

Contact: Eric Rafuse 674-2312

Interpretive Panels

One of the two signs we commissioned has been completed and placed at the entrance to Crescent Beach.

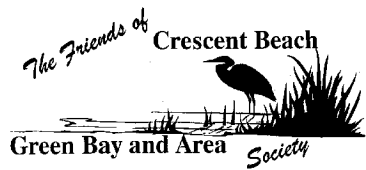
This panel, which includes beautiful artwork by local artist Don Pentz, RCA contains an explanation about the formation of the beach, a very fragile tombolo. *Friends* hope that the information will educate the public and encourage people to stay off the dunes and preserve them for years to come. The 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 will be erected in early June. 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 will be added to the display, with an explanatory text.

Contact: Jim Sewell 688-1739

at Petite Riviere Fire Hall (8:00 - 11:00 AM) and then come to our

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An opportunity to help *Friends* replenish its bank account!

Where/When: Saturday June 18, on the property of David and Allison Weagle, 5077 Hwy 331, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. - **Please No Early Birds!**

Rain Date: June 25.

The Weagles have kindly offered the use of their driveway for our first ever Yard Sale. You can rent a space for \$10.00 and sell your own goods, or donate suitable items for *Friends* to sell.

If you want to rent a space or donate some items, please contact:

Andra White at 688-1505.

If you have donations to make and require "pick up" Andra will be able to help you as well. Please note we cannot supply tables.

Lunenburg County Historical Society Oral History Project

Being undertaken by the Lunenburg County Historical Society, this project has been made possible by a grant of \$3,950.00 from the Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage. The grant has made it possible to purchase a computer, software, recording machine, as well as, a cam-corder to be used in recording our stories being told by residents of the La Have River Valley plus information

Where has the money to complete these projects come from?

Community Buy a Log campaign (393 x \$20.00 as of March 08, 05)	\$7860.00
Corporate Donations	3000.00
In-kind	3322.00
Municipality of the District of Lunenburg	6322.00
Hurricane Juan Relief Fund	1,000.00
	12,570.00

on Acadian and Mi'kmaq Cultures. If anyone reading this can contribute by volunteering to conduct interviews or knows someone who can offer information pertinent to our oral history project, please contact:

Mary Meagher at (902) 688-2154.

It is only with the help of volunteers that this project will be a success

Summary of Crescent Beach Projects completed as of April 26th 2005

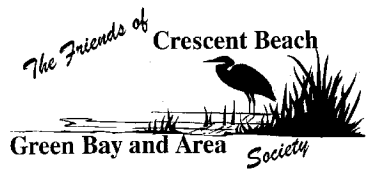
In the past five years we have worked very hard to raise money and arrange for a number of restoration projects to take place along the dunes. Here is a summary to the end of April.

Recycling units	\$1,646.66
Scientific Study	3,450.00
Crib Repair 2003	17,906.88
Crib Repair 2004	15,426.72
Donor Sign (Ian McCrea donation)	125.00
Donors Book	62.50
Roadside Protection of Dunes (282 posts)	20,074.17
Two Interpretive Panels	10,803.15
Walkways around armour rock	3,000.00
Rugosa rose bush planting	1,626.75

Nova Scotia Government contributions	11,456.00
In-kind	12,156.00
Atlantic Canada Opportunity Agency	23,612.00
	27,866.00

Total: \$79,230.00

Before Summer arrives we expect that we will spend another \$15,000 in order to complete the repairs to the Crib work and the walkways.



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Fund-raising

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 a fund-raiser 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:

www.crescentbeach.ca

1. Museum Quality Print, rag paper, archival UV resistant inks:

- a) The Dunes, finished size 28" x 22.5"
\$150.00
- b) The Marsh, finished size 28" x 16.5"
\$125.00

To offer these prices, *Friends* must order a minimum quantity of 10.

Membership

Our records indicate that we have 560 members represented by 292 families. While most live locally, many also come from the rest of Nova Scotia, other provinces and other countries.

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

2. High Quality Poster, printed on high quality paper with protective matte laminate:

- a) The Dunes, finished size 28" x 22.5"
\$85.00
- b) The Marsh, finished size 28" x 16.5"
\$70.00

To offer these prices, *Friends* must order a minimum quantity of 25.

\$12.00 shipping and handling outside the province or \$6.00 inside Nova Scotia - **no tax!**

T-Shirts. A limited number of our world-famous teal-blue T-shirts still available! With our famous Heron logo on them, they cost \$15.00 and are available in all sizes, from Child's 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)

we indicate we have 560 members, our sponsors and supporters take notice!

For example, ACOA granted us \$40,000 over a three year period. While we are required to match this amount, we probably would not have obtained such a sum without being able to boast about our large membership. Another example is the boardwalk at Risser's Beach - this was replaced, as



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opposed to being removed. Again our large membership helped bring this about.

Our fiscal year ends on May 31, and as usual, some memberships will be due for renewal by then.

Membership is only \$5.00 per family. Some *Friends* have paid for a year or more in advance, 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 pay at the AGM on August 17, or by mail to:

Friends of Crescent Beach, Green Bay & Area

Box 1A1, Petite Riviere, NS, B0J 2P0

Questions? Please call me:

Eric Rafuse, 688-1674

Acting Membership Chairman

Coastal Coalition of Nova Scotia

Friends has joined the recently formed Coastal Coalition and contributed a small amount of money to support the Coalition's "Changing Tides" Workshop held last November. Proceedings of this conference are available on request.

The Coastal Coalition is dedicated to preservation, restoration and sustainable use of the physical, biological and cultural heritage of Nova Scotia's coastal ecosystems.

Friends Contact for Coastal Coalition :

Anne Greer 688-1857

greerwhite@ns.sympatico.ca

Friends on the Web!

www.crescentbeach.ca

Visit our web site to keep up with what's going on with *Friends*. Find interesting photos of the area -- both historical as well as current ... Minutes of the board meetings over the past three years ... Don Pentz

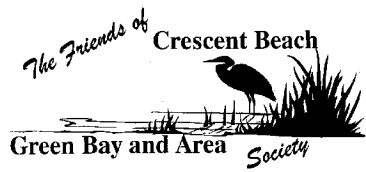
Anna McCarron, Program Coordinator, is gaining support through a series of roundtable meetings held throughout the Province to build membership and get a better sense of what is happening. Issues the Coalition considers important include: public coastline access from land and water; aquaculture regulations; a coastal policy determined through a public process; opening the Beaches Act for review; municipal support of zoning and public planning for coastal issues; and resource/environmental protection.

The group has produced a Statement of Provincial Interest. In collaboration with the Rural Communities Impacting Policy Project and the Ecology Action Centre, a team is being established to work with an intern who will research coastal policy issues on the South Shore this summer. A group of presenters from Coastal Coalition have made presentations to all three government Caucuses and to the Minister of Natural Resources, to raise awareness of the need to develop an integrated coastal management planning strategy for the province. For further information check out the website: **www.ccns.chebucto.org**

paintings ... Notices of 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.

Contact: Gordon Prince
gordon@crescentbeach.ca



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**DON'T FORGET!! ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING.**

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17, 7.30 PM
PETITE RIVIERE FIRE HALL**

2005 - 2006 Directors

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