

# Margaree Salmon Museum Newsletter Spring 2021

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## Message from the MSM Board President

Greetings,

As Winter fades and Spring arrives in Margaree, it brings a sense of change and possibility. Likewise at our Museum, where Board members are busy with plans; the intention is to open to visitors for the 2021 season.

Despite last season's closure, we are pleased with our accomplishments during a difficult time.

The museum roof was replaced and repairs made to the building exterior. We are ever grateful to the **Margaree Salmon Association, Wild Salmon Unlimited and the Municipality of the County of Inverness** for their financial support to this project.

A membership drive last August raised our numbers to sixty strong and added \$1500.00 to our coffers.

Our museum community was saddened to lose one of our longtime supporters, Bill Jollymore, in May of 2020. We plan to recognize his many contribu-



*"At this time our intention is to open the Museum for the 2021 season. We will fine tune this decision as the Spring unfolds and we know more." - Anita Coady*

tions in a special display to be launched later this year.

Operating for 56 years, the Museum has received many gifts – not only rods and flies but photos, books, and paintings to the extent that storage has become a concern. John Hart and his committee are presently working on design and construction of a storage area on the second floor.

Community outreach is an

important consideration and the Board is seeking ways to connect with community groups in Margaree to perpetuate the history of its people and conserve the natural resources of the Margaree watershed.

Our museum has a proud past and a bright future. Come join us!

Anita Coady

## Museum Receives Resource Funding from DOF

Thanks to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), our Museum will have new equipment to enrich the visitor experience this coming season.

Topping the list is a 60 gallon aquarium and chiller unit for live fish specimens. As well, two 32 inch wall-mounted

monitors, a dvd player, three headphone sets, and an electronic microscope are included in the delivery.

The project was initiated by Past President Del Muise last Fall.

Over the last few months, John Hart and the Building Committee, including Jamie Vallis,

Director of the Margaree Hatchery, have been in close contact with staff at DFO in Moncton to ensure the safe arrival of these resources in Margaree.

All items will be installed and ready to greet our visitors for the 2021 season!



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### Short Castings

- \* Introducing our new MSM logo
- \* Digital interviews recorded for archival records
- \* New website to be launched
- \* Grounds enhancements on site this Spring
- \* Interior work scheduled for storage area on second floor
- \* Possible Summer programming scheduled as restrictions ease

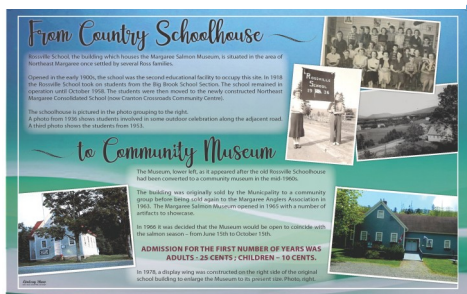
## Watch for the Launch of our New MSM Website

The MSM Board began work on a new website last Fall. With funding support received through a federal grant to provide emergency support for museums, the project was undertaken by website designer, Rene Babin.

The website promises to raise our online profile, to assist in learning more about our collections and to encourage actual visits to our museum.

Stay tuned!

## MSM Grounds ... Garden, Picnic Tables and New Info Panels



**One of the two information panels to be placed on the grounds. This one recognizes the original building as a country schoolhouse for the Rossville area.**

When the snow clears, watch for sunny daffodil bulbs marking the arrival of Spring in our new perennial garden to the left of the MSM.

Begun last June, amid the early days of the pandemic, the MSM garden should continue to provide colour and beauty throughout the Summer and Fall. Our thanks to our volunteer gardeners who have shared their plants as well as time and skills with us.

Spring will also see our two, newly-built picnic tables, situated on our grounds and ready for use. We happen to know that a local book club met for a socially-distanced gathering there last Fall and we would welcome them back anytime! All others too.

2021 will mark the first appearance of two information panels that celebrate the story of the beginnings of the Margaree Salmon Museum. We are appreciative of local graphic designer, Lindsay Shaw, for her help with these info panels. Check them out!



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## Digital Interviews with Fishers - Completed

This past Fall, an oral history project, part of a new program of research being conducted by the Museum, was carried out with the help of a Canada Summer Jobs grant. Interviews were conducted by Laura Schneeberger, a recent graduate of Mount Allison University who grew up in the Big Intervale area of Margaree.

The new popularity of Zoom for remote interviews allowed the recording of audio and video versions of nearly a dozen long-time fishers from their homes.

All interviews, which averaged an hour or so in length, will be archived in their original formats at the Museum and will be available for future consultation and research. Look for a fuller report on this project and plans for its continuation on our new website.

According to Past President Del Muise who, together with Anita Coady, supervised the project, there is the potential to add to the interview collection as another opportunity presents itself.



## Remembering Bill Jollymore

By P.J. Wall

He was one of us, a Cape Bretoner; Sydney born, with itchy feet in 1934. That malady led him from high school to his first venture, a child soldier in the Canadian Army where he served our country for fourteen years. His connection to Margaree was the river where, as a child, he camped on its banks with his family and fished for salmon and trout. Those early experiences fomented a rewarding career in the sporting goods industry both in Canada and the United States. No matter where he lived, though, Margaree and the museum were never far from his thoughts; he, and his wife Lori, returned often.

During his long career Bill travelled widely to fish and swap stories with many interesting individuals. It was while fishing in Washington state that he encountered his future friend, fly-fishing and tying fanatic Harry Lemire, a world-renowned practitioner of tied-in-hand classic flies. Lemire passed away in 2012 and left a priceless collection of trout and salmon classics that Bill was instrumental in obtaining for the Margaree Salmon Museum. They now sit in their own display case, funded by the Jollymores, on the main floor of the museum.

Unfortunately, Bill Jollymore: benefactor, conservationist, raconteur, and friend passed away on May 15, 2020. His friend Craig Schuhmann, editor of Flyfishing and Tying Journal, remembered him as a fixture of NW United States angling. Here, in Margaree, we remember him as a benevolent character who, in his latter years could be found, either at the museum or with Lori, fishing the pool he loved: Ward's Rock. Rest well Bill...



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