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## Photo Contest a Success

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### Save the Date!

*Crapaud Exhibition*

**Date: Saturday, July 28**

**Location:**

**Crapaud Agriplex**

*Come visit SSWA's booth while you browse the grounds and participate in the activities!*

### 2011 SSWA Board of Directors:

Ralph Dawson, Augustine Cove

Martha Howatt, Augustine Cove

Peter Bower, Westmoreland

Dina Blot, Westmoreland

Barb Clement, Tryon River

Myles Lord, Tryon River

Harry Smith, DeSable

The South Shore Watershed Association (SSWA) held its first annual Photo Contest this past winter. Over 75 photographs were submitted to the group from four of the five constituent areas. There was a wide variety of photos, ranging from stunning landscapes to glimpses of days gone by to heart-warming shots of wildlife.

Three winners were selected from each watershed group:

#### Augustine Cove-Cape Traverse:

First: Elayne Lord

Second: Tori Butler

Third: Ron Arvidson

#### Tryon:

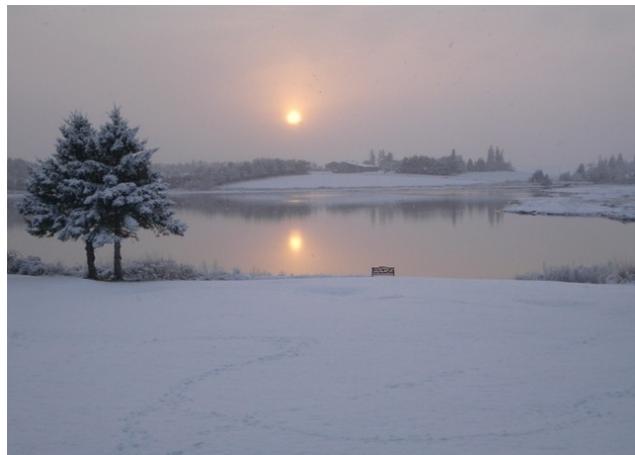
First: John Allen

Second: Donna Butler

Third: Rachel Allen

#### Westmoreland:

First: Sabine Neusch



Tryon Watershed and SSWA Grand Prize Winner

Photo: John Allen

Second: Dina Blot

Third: Mary Matters

#### DeSable:

First: Sabine Neusch

Second: Judy Dunsford

Third: Sabine Neusch

The AGM attendees voted from among the first place photographs to choose

SSWA's Grand Prize winner. John Allen's beautiful and serene photo of the Tryon river was selected. His picture will be showcased on the government website to represent SSWA in 2012. Congratulations John!

Thanks to all who participated. We look forward to seeing your work in 2013!

## Fish Kills Are a Serious Matter

After a long cold winter, summer is finally here. With the warm weather comes a number of sights that make Islanders smile and rejoice in the season: green grass, blue skies and the smell of barbeque. However, with summer also comes the inevitable announcements of fish kills across the Island. It is important to know how to handle a fish kill, should you ever find dead fish within your waterways.

- If you or someone within your watershed group finds dead fish, please follow these steps to ensure both your safety and an efficient response from the Government of Prince Edward Island:
- 1) Do NOT enter the stream to collect fish unless authorized by a government official;
  - 2) If you or a staff member of the watershed group is in the water when dead fish are spotted, promptly exit the waterway;
  - 3) Immediately report the fish kill by calling 1-800-565-1633 (Coast Guard); and
  - 4) Notify your local watershed group coordinator or board member.
- These steps will help the government determine the cause of the fish kill. If you would like further information, please contact [sswa@sswa.ca](mailto:sswa@sswa.ca) or 368-5000.

## Annual General Meeting



*Pater Bower and Guest Speaker, Elmer MacDonald*

Approximately 20 people attended SSWA's first Annual General Meeting, held on Thursday, April 26 at the Crapaud Community Hall.

Chairman Peter Bower introduced keynote speaker Elmer MacDonald, who spoke on a variety of environmental issues from both

global and local perspectives. Kelley Arnold summarized the activities that the group will be undergoing in 2012 in all constituent watershed areas.

Treasurer Harry Smith recapped 2011's fiscal statement, and proceeded to present the amended by-laws for

a vote. The amendments were unanimously voted yes by the public.

The voting for the SSWA photo contest took place throughout the evening, and the Grand Prize winner was announced at the end of the meeting.

Thanks to all who attended!

## DeSable River Enhancement and Activity Management (DREAM)

DREAM's flagship project for 2012 is the restoration of Linden Hill Pond, previously excavated in 2008. This area has the potential for a multitude of recreational purposes, and with the approved permit in hand, the pond will be deepened in July, 2012. It is the wishes of the community to see this area developed into a basic park; this will be a significant step towards achieving this goal. Stream restoration will continue along DREAM's watercourses; areas previously restored will be revisited for maintenance. Also don't forget the CAMP program is underway! If anyone is interested in planting trees or having trees planted on their property, please contact Cindy Newson at 658-2387 or Kellie Lockhart at myles.kellie@gmail.com. DREAM is seeking one more board member; call Cindy!

**SSWA is seeking one more Board member from the DeSable area. Please contact SSWA if you're interested!**

## Tryon River Watershed Cooperative

The summer crew revisited the work sites at the Tryon Estuary to build up the structures constructed to collect silt. These sites collected an enormous amount of silt last year, and continuation of this project will assure further sediment will be removed from the system. Craig's pond will be excavated to remove excess silt, and Tryon was represented at Merry Pop-Ins Day Care during the Canada Day celebrations. Stream enhancement and fish shade platform construction will also take place throughout the summer. Watch for Kellie Lockhart's (SSWA Watershed Manager and Tryon resident) presentation at the Summer Islander Lecture Series on August 7 at Bites Café, where she will discuss "PEI Rivers as a Natural Resource".

**Ideas for projects, activities or events? Have an issue in your watershed? Email us!**

## Augustine Cove-Cape Traverse Watershed Group

Augustine Cove-Cape Traverse (AC-CT) watershed group has been very active in its area, and is looking forward to some larger scale projects as the summer continues. Extensive cleanups have been conducted around Webster's Pond and adjacent waterway, and wetland work has been occurring within Augustine Cove itself. Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal will be repairing a culvert at Webster's Pond to promote fish passage upstream. Nesting boxes and benches have also been constructed by hard-working and enthusiastic volunteers. Please contact Ralph Dawson or Martha Howatt if you are interested in becoming a member of AC-CT or would like to help out with any activities in the area.

### Want to Become a Member of SSWA?

Please make \$10 cheque payable to South Shore Watershed Association (SSWA):

PO Box 123

Crapaud, PE C0A 1J0

Include Your Name, Phone Number, Address, Postal Code and email (optional).

Let us know if you have interest in having plantings on your property.

## Westmoreland River Watershed Group

WRWG has jumped into the summer season! Volunteers and seasonal staff have been busy planting trees and performing stream enhancement within the Westmoreland watershed boundary. An initial river assessment is underway, designed to identify areas of concern and/or interest in the east branch and tributaries. Obtaining landowner permission for stream and buffer zone activities is an ongoing process; if you are a landowner along the Westmoreland river or Victoria estuary, WRWG is very approachable, and would love the opportunity to discuss their present and future projects. Please contact Dina Blot at [dinablott@bellaliant.net](mailto:dinablott@bellaliant.net).

### SSWA Hires On Crew for 2012 Summer Season

SSWA is proud to have hired on its second annual team for the 2012 summer season. Brandon Kingman, Melissa MacDonald, and Logan Inman will work on a wide variety of projects aimed at restoring, beautifying and enhancing the South Shore watershed. SSWA would

also like to welcome back Tyler Bernard aboard; Tyler is a Watershed Technician employed by the Province of Prince Edward Island to assist SSWA!

Visit the crew's blog at

<http://southshorewatershedsummerblog.wordpress.com>