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WELCOME

The Chamber is pleased to announce Ina Marsh as our new Office Manager. Ina is a graduate of College of the North Atlantic Business Administration (Human Resources) Program. She also has eleven years experience in the Management Field. Ina will be a great asset to the Chamber, and we wish her much success.

13th Anniversary Christmas Ornament

The Clareville Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to showcase the talent of local artist Odell Archibald in the 2011 Newfoundland and Labrador Christmas Ornament Project. Odell's design, "Outport Carolers" is based on the centuries old tradition of caroling, which is still popular today in outports and rural areas of Newfoundland.

Odell grew up in the small town of Stephenville Crossing. She is very passionate about her work drawing inspiration and ideas from her familiar surroundings, personal memories, and love of the outport community life style.

The "Outport Carolers" print for the 2011 Christmas Ornament Project will be unveiled at the Chamber's Annual General Meeting and Business Excellence Awards on February 24, 2011.

The Clareville Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the

**2011 Annual General Meeting
Business Excellence Awards Banquet
And
Unveiling of the
2011 Christmas Ornament Print**

**February 24, 2011 at St. Jude Hotel
Meet and Greet at 6 p.m.
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.**

Cost: \$30.00 per person

For further information, please call 466-5800
or email info@clarevilleareachamber.net

**The Clareville Area
Chamber of Commerce
is pleased to welcome our
most recent members:**

Essential Coding Inc.

The Lakeshore at Thorburn

**Lakefield Landscaping
Limited**

The Clarenville Area Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting and Business Excellence Awards Banquet

The Fourth Annual General Meeting and Business Excellence Awards will be held on February 24, 2011. The Chamber is pleased to announce Solar Winds Energy, Don Cherry's Sports Grill, Cromwell House, and Craig's Locksmithing & Autoglass as nominations for the 2010 "Small Business of the Year Award" with Newfoundland Power and Clarenville Area Consumers Co-op nominated for the 2010 "Business of the Year Award." These awards are designed to recognize businesses from the local sector that demonstrate a continued passion for excellence and promote the advancement of responsible business leadership within the Clarenville area.

The Chamber is proud to announce Ralph Mercer as this year's "Business Hall of Fame" inductee. The "Business Hall of Fame" recognizes individuals from the Clarenville area business community who have made or continue to make considerable contributions, and have gone that "extra mile" to promote a positive community environment and to enhance the economy of the Clarenville area.

Chamber's Christmas Dinner

The Chamber hosted its Fifth Annual Christmas Dinner on December 8, 2010 at St. Jude Hotel. Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner followed by entertainment from "The Late Bloomers." Congratulations to Debbie Long of Steers Insurance the lucky winner of a "Making Memories" framed print which was donated by the Chamber.

General Membership Luncheons

Throughout the year the Chamber hosts General Membership Luncheons which are well attended by representatives from local businesses and feature a variety of guest speakers. On September 15, 2010 the Chamber welcomed Brad Aldrich. Brad is the Chief Operating Officer of Harvest Operations Corporation/North Atlantic Refinery.

The November 23 luncheon was attended by Doriann Coombs as guest speaker. Doriann is Manager of Trade and Export Development with the provincial Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development. The Chamber held its first Membership Luncheon of 2011 on January 27 and was pleased to feature Douglas Barill, Economic Development Officer for the Clarenville Area as the speaker.

The Craft and Home Trade Show

The Clarenville Area Chamber of Commerce held its 6th Annual Craft and Home Trade Show on November 27 & 28, 2010 at the Clarenville Middle School. The event provided businesses and



organizations with the opportunity to showcase their products and services and to network with others. This year's

show featured an exceptional assortment of exhibitors, entertainment by Terry Rielly, visits with Mickey and Minnie, live and silent auctions hosted by the Rotary Club of Clarenville, VOCM Mad Dash for the Cash, and many prizes. The Chamber would like to



congratulate Alison King owner of The Grapevine which was chosen as "Best Booth" by our show visitors. Also, the Chamber would like to thank Event Planner, Sharon Shortall, and the many volunteers who contributed to the success of this year's Craft and Home Trade Show.

Graduate Employment Program

Sharon Shortall, an Office Administration (Executive) graduate of College of the North Atlantic, is currently completing a one-year Graduate Employment program with the Chamber. The program enables Sharon to apply office administration knowledge acquired through school and receive valuable work experience.