

CBC PENSIONERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION....NL REGION

PUBLISHED AUTHORS

The people of Newfoundland and Labrador are always staunchly proud of the accomplishments of their own people who achieve high levels of success in their chosen profession in many parts of the world. This article is our way of singing the praises of our very own CBC NL Association Pensioners who are published authors. There is a very good reason to applaud their work since no less than 34 books have been written by 11 members of our regional association which is a very impressive achievement indeed and there's more on the way.

Three of these authors are deceased: Frank Kennedy, Paul O'Neill and Art Rockwood. Like Frank, Paul and Art, who were active members of our NL association, the other eight authors are actively involved.

The 34 books cover diverse topics from the history of St. John's, memories of growing up in the capital city, memories of work experiences all around the province, a journey that brings awareness of the trials and struggles of surviving in coastal Labrador and about the history of Aboriginal life in Labrador.

There is trivia, anything you could possibly want to know about Newfoundland and Labrador and just about everything else. You can read about our rich marine background with stories of numerous marine shipwrecks and meet people who lived and worked by the sea. There are books describing life in our province and stories that include comedy, tragedy and politics. There is poetry, religion and a bit of everything for everybody. Check them out as they make for a great read.

Lillian Bouzane



Born in St. Patrick's, Newfoundland, some will know the general area as Little Bay, Notre Dame Bay, near Springdale. Her parents moved to Bishops Falls where Lillian attended Sacred Heart School. She graduated from there and moved into St. John's where she attended Memorial University. She later travelled to Quebec where she graduated from Laval University. Lillian has two Academic degrees to her credit.

Moving back to Newfoundland, she taught school at St. Joseph's school in Grand Falls-Windsor and also taught school in Labrador City.

Moving back to St. John's, her career included time working as an Administrator with the provincial government and in administration with the Newfoundland Teachers Association as well as in Human Resources with the CBC.

After retiring from the CBC she embarked on another career as a published author. She has won numerous awards for her writing. She is a novelist, short story writer and poet with four published books:

"In the Hands of the Living God"

"Point Blank" which she co-authored with Grace Butt

"Back to Back" which she co-authored with Harold Paddock

"Women and the Law in Newfoundland"

Anne Budgell



Anne grew up as an Air Force “brat”, living on many military bases across Canada. In 1966 she moved back home to Labrador with her parents. Anne worked as a radio and television producer, reporter and host at the CBC before retiring in 2007.

She developed an interest in Labrador history from her parents who were both born in Labrador.

To share her passion for the history of Labrador, Anne researched extensively and has written two books to bring awareness to the way life was in Labrador long ago.

“Dear Everybody: A woman’s journey from Park Avenue to a Labrador Trapline”

“We All Expected to Die: Spanish Influenza in Labrador”

Frank Kennedy (1921-2008)



Frank was a well-known cameraman in St. John’s. Born in St. John’s on Christmas Day, he was 87 years old when he died. Frank always had a passion for photography and turned it into an exciting career when he joined the staff of “The Daily News”, a local St. John’s Newspaper.

He was most famous for his “April Fools Day” photos, which fooled just about everybody. These photos appeared on the Front Page of the Daily News.

He moved to the CBC where he worked for 22 years as a television cameraman and continued his love of photography after his retirement.

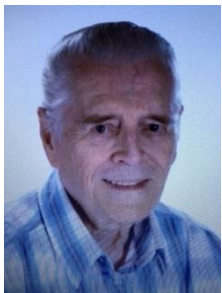
At the age of 80, Frank bought his first computer and decided to write about growing up in St. John’s and about his working years.

Frank wrote the following:

“A Corner Boy Remembers”

“Flashes from the Past”

Paul O’Neill (1928-2013)



Paul was a writer, actor, community activist and teacher. Born in St. John’s, he attended St. Bonaventure’s College and the National Academy of Theatre Arts in New York. After an extended career as a professional actor in the United States and England, he returned home to Newfoundland where he joined the CBC as a Producer and Executive Producer of Performance Programming in radio and

television. Paul became interested in Newfoundland history and was responsible for numerous books on NL history, our colourful characters and our unique folklore.

He was the recipient of numerous awards, a member of the Order of Canada, received a lifetime achievement award from the CBC and awarded a Doctor of Laws from Memorial University. These are his published books.

“Breakers”

“Legends of the Lost Tribe”

“The Oldest City”

“Spindrift and Morning Light”

“A Sound of Seagulls”

Dave Quinton



Dave was born in St. John’s and educated at St. Michael’s School. He later attended Memorial University where he studied Biology. After graduating from M.U.N. Dave went on to study at Acadia University and at the University of New Brunswick.

He eventually went to work with the NL Government in the Wildlife Division. This is probably where he got his passion for the outdoors and the environment.

Dave later joined the staff at CBC Television. He was a familiar face in most Newfoundland and Labrador homes as he hosted “Land and Sea”, a popular TV show on the air since 1964. This program has certainly stood the test of time as it still runs today, albeit with a new host.

“Land and Sea” showcases the province’s beauty, history, culture, and hospitality. Dave hosted this TV program until 1993 and then continued on as a freelance writer, producer and director. He has over 500 television programs, videos and documentaries to his credit.

After retiring from the corporation, Dave decided to write about his experiences during his interesting career. He wrote the following books that give you an insight into what you didn’t see and experience on the television program.

“Land and Sea - My 30 years”

“The Grand Tour”

Azzo Rezori



Azzo moved to Canada from a small Franconian Village in Northern Bavaria in 1971 arriving at Mirabel Airport in Montreal. As a young boy he thought of

becoming a priest, but as he grew he didn't follow that route and instead decided to study Zoology. He enrolled as a graduate student at McMaster University.

He said listening to so many different languages, especially in cities like Toronto, he felt that he was now in a place of Ethnic Communities. Ethnically, he said, being half German, less than half Austrian and the rest Italian, he fit right in.

As he studied, he soon realized that he wanted to concentrate on a career in journalism.

He went to work with the CBC and spent 29 years as a reporter in St. John's on the television program, "Here and Now".

Following his retirement, Azzo decided he would put his career stories to pen in this book:

"Ben Tucker's Truck and Other Stories"

Art Rockwood (1946-2002)



Art was born in Whitbourne, NL and later his family moved to Gander where Art spent most of his young life.

Art had a passion for trivia in music, TV Shows, movies and people. He had a gift for remembering just about everything about everything.

He graduated from Gander Academy and moved to St. John's to study at Memorial University.

He became increasingly interested in Radio Broadcasting and joined the CBC in 1966 where he started his career as a radio host in Marystown, NL, eventually moving to St. John's in 1979.

He started his "Trivia Show" on CBC radio in St. John's which was a popular feature on "Radio Noon".

He put pen to paper and wrote and published three books.

"The Bathroom Book"

"Newfoundland Trivia"

"Newfoundland Trivia the Sequel"

Marie Wadden



Marie, a born Newfoundlander, worked at the CBC for more than two decades as a Producer and as a TV Reporter both in Newfoundland and Quebec.

Marie is a researcher, writer and editor.

Educated at Memorial University she earned degrees in History, and a degree in journalism at the University of Western Ontario.

Marie was also an instructor at Memorial University. She has received numerous awards for her work.

The two publications to her credit are:

“Nitassinan, the Innu Struggle to Reclaim their Homeland”

“Where the Pavement Ends: the Aboriginal Recovery Movement & the Urgent Need for Reconciliation”

Bob Wakeham



Born in Gander, Bob has been a journalist for almost 45 years, and has won numerous awards and accolades.

He started his career working with “The Evening Telegram” a NL newspaper. From there he moved onto the CBC as an interviewer and commentator on CBC Radio. He later became Executive Producer of the suppertime news program, “Here and Now”.

Retiring from the CBC in 2005, he decided to concentrate on writing.

He is a contributor of articles to “The Telegram” on politics, comedy, and just about everything that’s going on in our fair province.

Bob’s books are:

“For the Moment. A memoir of Survival” (A memoir of his survival from cancer)

“I Remain, Your Loving Son: Intimate Stories of Beaumont Hamel”

Jim Wellman



Jim was born in Port Anson, NL, a fishing and logging community on the provinces northeast coast. Son of a schooner captain, he didn’t stray far from his fishing roots.

He chose a career in journalism and joined the CBC where he was host of CBC Radio’s Fisheries Broadcast for 15 years.

He retired from the CBC in 1997 and started a new career, becoming a magazine editor and well-known author. He continues to write today and sometimes edits the work of other writers.

In his ten books, yes ten books, Jim concentrated on what he describes as his Marine Connections.

“The Broadcast”

“Challengers of the Sea”

“The Deadly Sea: Life and Death on the Atlantic”

“Final Voyages- Trouble at Sea”

“Final Voyages – Volume II”

“Final Voyages – Volume III”

“Trouble at Sea”

“Sea Folk”

“Lighthouse People”

“The Call of the Ocean”

Karl Wells



Karl was born and educated in St. John's. He is a writer, TV host, personal chef and food critic.

Graduating from High School he had his sights set on Fine Arts, but since that program was not available at Memorial University he decided to study English, graduating with a B.A. and a B.Ed. His studies brought him into theatrical areas and theatre production. He got a job in the Educational Television Centre and worked in TV production.

In 1974 he procured a summer job with CBC and after graduation from MUN in 1975 he moved to the CBC in a permanent position working as the local weatherman on the supper hour show “Here and Now” and worked in a variety of other positions at CBC TV.

Karl worked for the Corporation for 31 years.

Retiring from the CBC, Karl continued on in Media where he produced and hosted a Cooking Program called “One Chef, One Critic” for Rogers TV.

He decided to put pen to paper and write about his experiences in this rewarding career. He has been published in several Canadian Newspapers with his restaurant critiques.

His passion for food and cooking was in his genes as his Father was a grocer, his brother a professional chef and his grandfather was also a chef.

Karl is a judge with Canadian Culinary Championships, an accredited personal chef and recipient of several awards for his writing, production and cooking careers.

With his vast experience in hand Karl wrote:

“Cooking with One Chef, One Critic”

Looking Ahead

Book writing among our association's members continues as Marie Wadden prepares to have another one published in the coming months. The new book is titled “Wordsworth's Nephew” the story of a famously-connected 19th century missionary on the Labrador Coast.

Jim Wellman's next book will be published later this year. This one will deal with tragedies at sea involving small fishing boats and how families are affected when the body of a loved one is not found.

Other members of our NL Pensioners Association have contributed articles to newspapers and magazines and have had books published privately which are available only in a limited edition. Kudos to all of you. Follow your passion.