



This year's Christmas card, with the only mobile parking meter in Rose Blanche, is symbolic of time running out and how it behooves us to feed the meter of life.

Rose Blanche and RoseSea B&B march to a very different tempo and no more so than this past summer. I missed meeting many guests in late July and August as it was important that I be in Ontario with my husband, Norman, during his heart surgery and recovery. When I returned to RoseSea, Lorna was overflowing about the wonderful guests that I missed and SOME of the happenings. I suspect, by the comments in the guest book that our Lorna won the hearts of many. Time and life does throw us some unanticipated curves, and your understanding was appreciated and special.

This was our fourth full year of business and of course we appreciate those guests who return every year, and look forward to the yearly chin wag catch-up. Then there are those guests who come when they can, to slow down from very busy work lives

and to get their priorities back in perspective. Awareness requires learning to keep yourself company too, and Rose Blanche supplies that environment. To those who visited for the first time, we extend our thanks and hope you will share your memories of being here in this authentic place.

We now have many summer people who have bought homes in Rose Blanche. Their unique passions are adding a diverse energy to the community. And what they receive in return is the realization that a slower pace and being in the present moment keeps the parking meter from expiring unexpectedly.

2016 promises to be a busy and creative one for the community and for our business. August 6 to 13 is *Come Home Year* in Rose Blanche. See <http://www.roseblanchelighthouse.ca/RBCHY.asp> for a schedule of *Come Home Year* events. I am sure that many will CHECK OUT AT THE END OF THE WEEK BUT NEVER REALLY LEAVE. To celebrate this occasion, a 2017 photo calendar of Rose Blanche communities will be on sale. Many photos are by Kathy Savoury. Proceeds will stay in the community.

An aim of mine is to have CODALONG Park completed in the new property beside Madolyn's Studio. My big challenge (because I lack engineering knowledge) is to erect a proposed designed sculpture of three large question marks. The first question being: will the cod return? The second: will Rose Blanche survive? And the third big question is: Why are the governments trying to kill our Southwest Coast of Newfoundland? During *Come Home Year* there will be a Sculpture Contest and individuals or teams are invited to enter. See [roseblanche.ca](http://roseblanche.ca) for details about the sense of fun in giving back to the community.

Another important happening is the restoration of the church in the nearby abandoned outport of Petites. It is reportedly the oldest Methodist church in North America, and its craftsmanship and memories are worth preserving. In September 2015, John and Julia Breckenridge orchestrated a temporary repair of the church's caved-in roof, and they are working towards turning the building into a heritage trust (see [facebook.com/petiteschurch/](https://facebook.com/petiteschurch/)). It is hoped that we can include a zany event during *Come Home Year* to help raise money towards its restoration.

Workshops are tentatively slated for late May, September and October: 1. Rug Hooking with Molly Made. 2. Hands on Geology of the Southwest Coast of Newfoundland with Julia Breckenridge. See [roseblanche.ca](http://roseblanche.ca) for more details.

We wish you all a **Merry Christmas**. MAY this time be filled with memories. YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR SMALL BUSINESS BY BEING OUR GUESTS HAS BEEN WONDERFUL TO RECEIVE.

Lynne Sawford and Norman Gentner