

Resettlement

During the 1960's, the provincial government introduced a relocation program in an attempt to create viable economic growth centres. This forced many families to relocate from islands they called home for generations.

In total, 119 communities were relocated. The government did provide compensation, which averaged \$462 a person. This was quite a significant amount of money, at a time when the average fisherman made \$600 a year.

Malcolm Rogers floated his family home into Dover from Silverfox Island, with his children looking on from this very spot. This mural has been completed to commemorate this historical event.



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Seaside Harvest

Each spring, with the arrival of the typical “Capelin weather” of rain, drizzle and fog, these little silver fish arrive on our shores. This becomes a community event with men, women, and children alike using cast nets and dip nets, along with their bare hands to catch the capelin.

Considered a Newfoundland delicacy, these little fish are delicious cooked in a variety of ways including smoked, dried, fried or roasted over an open fire.

This mural has been completed to commemorate this historical event, and is situated where these little fish roll ashore each spring.



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Haulin' Wood

As much of a necessity as a winter pastime, people would travel into the woods to cut firewood which would fuel their homes through the long winter.

No trip would be complete without a traditional "Mug-up" in the woods. This consisted of a camp fire with a warm cup of tea, and roasted capelin.

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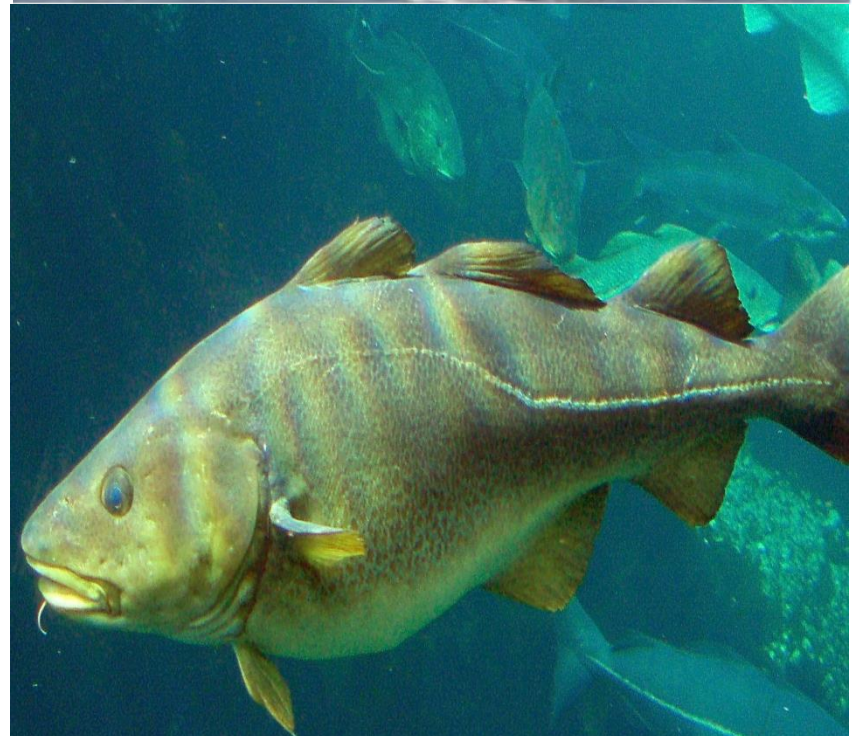
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Longliners

With fishing being the main source of income for many individuals in our community, we wanted to dedicate this mural to the many fishermen who have called Dover their “home port”.

The Northern Cod was the main species fished until a moratorium was imposed in 1992. Diversification of the species caught, has allowed our local fishing industry to continue to today.

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Christmas Seal

Tuberculosis remained prevalent in Newfoundland, long after it was under control in mainland Canada. The provincial government purchased this floating hospital to service the many isolated communities along our shore, in an attempt to control this infectious disease.

School children would line the wharf at the arrival of the boat, waiting for their chest x-rays and vaccinations which became known as “Scratches”.

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Come Home Year

Our community has been called by many names in the past including Wellington and Shoal Bay before Dover was finally chosen in 1971. Regardless of the name this will always be called "Home".

As a snapshot of events since being settled, this mural was created to celebrate the 40th anniversary of incorporation.

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Days Gone By

Many of the residents of Dover relocated here from communities that are no longer occupied. As a snapshot of a changing way of life, it's still common to see laundry drying on the clothes line.

Hot summer days were often spent swimming at Saltwater Pond, and there was nothing more enjoyable than a cool drink at the local store, or a friendly neighbour's house afterwards.

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A. Frank Willis

Voted as Newfoundland's "Entertainer of the Year", we are proud of our local boy. Frank travelled all over Canada from coast to coast entertaining audiences with his own brand of music.

Known as "The One Man Band", he pulled out all the stops playing a different instrument with each of his hands and feet simultaneously.

This mural has been completed to commemorate this remarkable man, and to pay tribute to his lasting legacy.



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Salvation Army

A treasured part of our community, people have lined the pews of this church for over 100 years.

A church played many roles, ie: A meeting place, community centre, and a place of peace. It's where we would meet with our family and friends.

Many have fond stories of their parents wearing their "Sunday best" in preparation for a church service. It was common place to see mothers wearing the traditional bonnet.

This mural has been completed to capture this historical event.



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The Old School

Many people were taught their lessons, next to the warmth of a potbelly stove, in this one room school. Each student had to bring wood with them to help fuel the fire to keep the school warm.

Each student studied reading, writing and arithmetic on a slate board.

The childhood friendships formed in this building, lasted a lifetime. This mural has been created to commemorate our old school.



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