



Jeremy Rhyno chose the welding program at NSCC because he was looking for something interesting to do after high school—especially something that would pay well. “People shouldn’t be afraid to do it,” he says. (Hanlon)



Cars used to be just a hobby for Gary Lenihan. Now he is an apprentice mechanic at Scotia Tire. The hardest part of his job is working on tires, he says. “It’s just repetitive.” (Hanlon)



Richard Daniel’s love of theatre and film prompted him to join the family business: Daniel’s Tailor Shop. A workday could see him reapplying rogue buttons or remodelling outdated suits and dresses. “Seeing the reaction on [a customer’s] face” is his favourite part of the job.” (Kirk)

# CRAFTING A CAREER

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Nova Scotia’s government expects a shortage of tradespeople over the next decade.

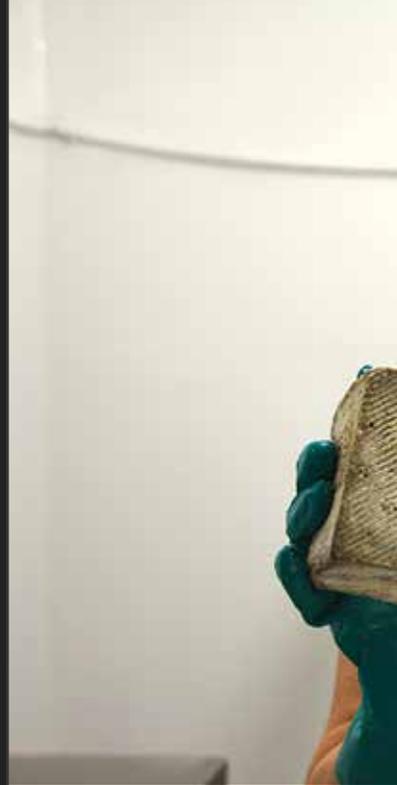
Although infused with an artistry all their own, trades are often seen as “grunt work.”

*The Commoner* dedicates this week’s photo essay to the variety of trades found throughout the city and the passionate people behind them.

Nova Scotia is home to apprenticeship programs encompassing 66 different trades.



Bryton Bourdage started cutting meat at Drive Storehouse. There is no appreciation from one grocer to another. “It’s good



Lyndell Findlay started making cheese for herself, “What will my next career be?” “The process of cheesemaking is ver



Bruce Babcock has been a goldsmith for his favourite metal is 18 carat yellow gold. He offers this advice: “Always think quality



at in a grocery store six years ago. Now he is head butcher at Highland Antiques in Nova Scotia so he learned "all over the place," migrating and knowledge to have," he says. "It's good honest hard work." (Hanlon)



Brian Tebay, a master craftsman at NovaScotian Crystal, attaches a stem to the bowl of a burgundy glass. Next, another "gather" of molten crystal will become the base. Brian, along with his brother and father, worked at Waterford Crystal in Ireland before coming to Canada. (Kirk)



18 months ago. After retiring from her career in the UN she asked "What's next?" Now she has her own factory, called Blue Harbour Cheese. "It's very calm and meditative," she says. (Hanlon)



Geoffroy Chevallier is a pastry chef, trained in France. His passion is fueled by the chance to "always do something new." At his café Le French Fix, his colourful French macarons sell as many as few hundred on a busy day. (Kirk)



for 18 years, working at a downtown jeweller and his own home studio. His passion is "I love the look of it, I love the feel of it," he says. To budding jewelers he says, "If you're building junk, then you will never be successful." (Hanlon)



Dimitri Christeas began working at Quinpool Shoe Repair when his father, then the owner, needed help in the shop. Christeas fixes a variety of items, from high heeled boots, to belts, to boxing gloves. Dimitri recalls a strange request: a bride once asking him to dye her wedding dress. (Kirk)