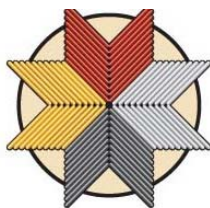


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JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year

Welcome to the Glooscap Heritage Centre

The Glooscap Heritage Centre opened to the public May 1st, 2006 and is located on the outskirts of Truro at the Millbrook First Nation, Exit 13A at the Truro Power Centre. The Glooscap Heritage Centre is comprised of the Glooscap Statue, complete with interpretive panels; a number of mobile, climate and light controlled display cases to house Mi'kmaq artifacts; a series of wall displays; and a major multimedia display in the 75 seat theatre that will be the highlight of the visitor experience at the Glooscap Heritage Centre.

In January, at a glance....

Well Folks, we're saying goodbye to 2009 and give our thanks as it was a year of positive growth for us at GHC. This year, we are excited to announce a number of new groups and programming and hope that everyone will find an interest to keep the cultural juices flowing. Initiated in October 2009, each Wednesday, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Glooscap Heritage Centre is proud to offer a Mi'kmaq Language Course taught by long time educator Patsy Paul-Martin, Coordinator of First Nation Cultural Services with the Chignecto Regional School Board. A new course is scheduled to begin on January 20th, so should you have any enquiries, please contact Gordie Pictou at 843 3339 or by email at gordon@glooscapheritagecentre.com

Also in January....

GHC is very pleased to offer two new workshops, both free of charge. Every Monday night will be **Regalia Drop In Group** and every Wednesday will be the **Youth Drumming Group**, headed by our own Joe Sylliboy. For more information, please see inside pages.....

Also, check out our newest link on our webpage called **"TEACHER'S RESOURCES"** in which informative links, sites, articles, tours and much much more is available to enhance the learning experience

Check it out at our official website.....

www.glooscapheritagecentre.com

December Highlights at Glooscap Heritage Centre



Staff and friends of GHC helped to decorate our tree which was very graciously donated by Doug and Andrea MacAdam of Jolly Tree Farm and delivered by Jim Johnson and Stephen Johnson. GHC wishes to thank you all for your generosity.

Want to have a meeting in a unique, central and affordable location? Glooscap Heritage Centre may be the ideal solution for your event needs. Call us or email for further details, or visit our website www.glooscapheritagecentre.com

New programming in January 2010 at the Glooscap Heritage Centre

The staff at theGHC are excited to introduce many new programs we hope will be well attended by Millbrook, Truro and surrounding communities.

Youth Drumming Group Every Wednesday from 4-5pm

Begins Jan.20th
Free for ages 12-19

Last September, Todd Labrador came and made a large drum for the Glooscap Heritage Centre. Joe Sylliboy was asked to be the drum keeper and is starting a Youth Drumming Group for anyone aged 12-19 to participate in.

Joe is a member of “A Tribe Called Mi’kmaq” and has been drumming for most of his life. He is excited to offer the opportunity for youth to come and try drumming. Participation is free and practice will be every Wednesday from 4-5pm at the GHC. No registration required. Call Joe for more information 843-3493.

Regalia Drop-in Group every Monday from 3-4:30pm

Begins Jan.25th
Free for all ages.
Bring your own supplies.

Whatever project you’re working on, bring it to the GHC and work with others. Don’t know how to make something? Come and let the group help you to learn. All are welcome! No registration required.

6 Week Mi’kmaq Language Class

Patsy Paul-Martin is back and new students are welcome. Registration is required and price will vary based on the size of the class \$140 (15-19 students) - \$100 (26-30 students). To reserve your spot, you must pre-register and pay a non-refundable deposit of \$70. For more information contact Gord 843-3493.



Glooscap Heritage Centre Youth Drum Group

Submitted by Joe Sylliboy

Are you or anybody you know interested in learning Traditional Mi'kmaq songs? Along with the new style of Powwow singing and drumming throughout North America?

The Glooscap Heritage Centre will be starting off a brand new youth drum group for the community of Millbrook. The initial goal with launching a new drum group for the youth is to primarily get children throughout the reserve involved in an activity that positively reflects their culture and heritage.

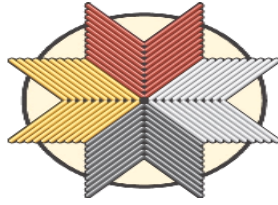
The youth drum group will be directed by Joe Sylliboy, who is a current member of the Millbrook community based drum group "A Tribe Called Mi'kmaq". The group will be directed to the male youth of the community ages 12 – 19. Joe will be able to demonstrate and teach specific variations of songs, both traditional and contemporary and share his knowledge about Powwow's and the Drum.

The Glooscap Heritage Centre will be hosting 1 hour practices from 4:00-5:00pm every Wednesday starting January 20th.

Although the drum circle is open to everyone, we do ask all participants to bring a positive attitude and to be clean and sober. Welalin!



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Along the rocky shores of Blomidon and on its massive brow may still be found the sparkling, purple amethyst. Today the amethyst is prized in rings, bracelets and other forms of jewellery and it is the birthstone for all persons born in the month of February.

Legend tells us that the geological processes, which gave us our other valuable jewels, did not form this stone. Glooscap placed the amethyst on Blomidon for his own personal use. Those who fell in favour with the Legendary Warrior were often rewarded by a piece of his stone. Sometimes, when in the mood, Glooscap would transform Grandmother, Noogumee, into a beautiful young maiden and shower her with beads of amethyst.

When Glooscap was ready to leave his people, the Mi'kmaw, he placed a great amethyst on the very top of Cape Blomidon and on it he put a magic spell. Anyone who dared to remove the stone would find terrible misfortune forever in his path.

For a long time the stone remained casting its brilliant glaze over all the land like a great light. Then it was removed and carried across the sea to France. It found its way into the possession of the ruling family who put it among their Crown Jewels. The purple stone brought great tragedy to this Royal family. In fact, since then the people of France have never had a King and Royal Family.

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Glooscap Heritage Centre Introduces On-Line Campus Institute

Glooscap Heritage Society's Dream is in the process of realizing an On-line Institute of Learning. Focused on education, the institute would help promote Cultural sensitivity and awareness of the value in cultural differences. Recent steps have been made through GHC's development of e-Learning courses promoting cultural sensitivity. The addition of the content library from Equi-pass will also mean that while GHS clients and First Nation communities learn about the importance of the Mi'kmaq Nation, they will have access to everything from Microsoft Office Skills Training to Soft Skills Courses!

Now that the institute is becoming a reality, many other programs will be offered to our communities and Nova Scotians in general including Professional development seminars; Computer literacy initiatives; Administrative and service skills training; and Leadership and Governance guidance. These programs will ensure that the GHC supports the development of strong, vibrant communities in our region. As well, this content will be offered as a best practice model to First Nations communities throughout Atlantic Canada and beyond.

A future goal of the GHC is on Language Preservation. Language is central to culture and heritage for all First Nation communities, including the Mi'kmaq. A great deal of our language was lost when our children were forced into the Residential Schools; now, the situation is worsening because Mi'kmaq communities are losing their Elders. Elders possess the traditional knowledge & language that bind a nation together; without them, there is a danger that language will not be preserved. Elders also have knowledge of significant customs and traditions including Spiritual teachings, traditional medicines, Traditional customs, music and dance.

GHC is already working to conserve the knowledge of the Elders by actively promoting language programs in the community. With the addition of this online learning portal, other tools have become available to the program. We are hopeful that we can leverage the digital literacy courseware in such a way that modern technology can be employed to help capture the knowledge of the Elders and communities; this will include language preservation strategies.

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Workshop Instructors Needed

**The Glooscap Heritage Centre is creating our
2010 Cultural Programme.**

Workshop instructors needed for 4-8 week courses of the following:

- **BasketMaking**
- **Leatherworking**
- **Drum making**
- **Beading**
- **Quillwork**
- **Traditional Medicines**
- **Guided Interpretive Hikes**

GHC is also interested in hosting the following groups:

- **A Youth Drumming Group (leader Joe Syliboy)**
- **A Drop-In RegaliaMaking Group**
- **A Drop In Conversational Mi'kmaw language group (open to all who would like to practice their Mi'kmaw or help others to learn)**
- **Summer Storytelling Night (community members take turns telling legends or other tales)**

If you would like to be an instructor or if you would like to participate in one of the groups, please contact Gordie:

Please Contact Gordon Pictou

Phone: (902) 843-3493

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POSITION: Catering Assistant
LOCATION: Glooscap Heritage Centre (GHC)
START DATE: February 01, 2010
REMUNERATION: Will be based on skills and experience.
WORK HOURS: When catering service is scheduled and part time on a call in basis. (The GHC offers catering services from early mornings to late evenings & weekends)

Position Scope: The Glooscap Heritage Centre's Catering Assistant will assist the Visitor Services & Retail Manager & staff in providing a professional, friendly and efficient service to the centre's customers. The Catering Assistant will provide advice and assistance, maintain product and undertake cleaning duties whilst ensuring compliance to company policies and Health Canada guidelines thus ensuring the smooth operation of the Glooscap Heritage Centre (GHC). The Catering Assistant will report to GHC's Visitor Services & Retail Manager.

Typical duties include:

- To provide a friendly, informative and efficient service to customers, understanding their needs and requirements, working to exceed these wherever possible
- To demonstrate a positive, enthusiastic, committed and flexible attitude towards customers and other team members, recognizing the importance and benefits of effective team working
- Deliver customer service in line with GHC policies, Confidentiality and discretion and an awareness of the GHS non-disclosure policy
- To ensure that appropriate Health and Safety and hygiene procedures are followed.
- Undertake and achieve company funded industry recognized Food Hygiene qualification if not currently held
- To prepare food for side dishes such as the cutting and arrangement of sweet breads, cheese, vegetable and fruit trays.
- To setup and put away tables & chairs for events & catering service and to assist with routine cleaning of the kitchen and all utensils and equipment To carry out general duties such as washing up. As required.
- To carry out temperature control checks, as required.

.This list of responsibilities is not exhaustive and the employee will be required to perform duties outside of this as operationally required and at the discretion of their Manager.

Qualifications:

- Must be willing to provide an up to date criminal record check
- Must be computer proficient and know how to use Excel, Word and Outlook
- A drivers licence and personal vehicle is a definite must.
- Literary skills such as the ability to create business correspondence and develop business forms are a requirement.
- Excellent communication skills, problem solving skills, interpersonal skills, leadership skills and having experience working in a team atmosphere is required.
- Good interpersonal and customer facing skills, able to empathize, maintain professionalism, display patience and politeness within a sometimes pressurized environment is a requirement
- Must have good attention to detail skills and the ability to recognize the benefits of effective service
- A good level of physical fitness is required and ability to undertake manual work
- Flexibility, enthusiasm and an outgoing personality is a must.
- Previous experience of working in a catering environment is a definite asset
- Working knowledge of relevant Health & Safety legislation is an asset
- Food Handlers course is a definite asset

Application Deadline is January 15, 2010. Interested parties should call Sharon Touchie, General Manager, at 843 -3496 or email at sharon@centralnovascotia.com

**Calendar of Monthly Tours and Theatre Bookings
for the
Glooscap Heritage Centre
JANUARY 2010**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! 2010	2
3	4 Welcome Back EVERYONE!!!!	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 GHC Boardroom 10:00 -4:30	12 GHC Boardroom 10:00-4:30	13 GHC Boardroom 10:00 – 4:30	14 GHC Boardroom 10:00 – 4:30 Theatre 8:30-7:00	15 GHC Boardroom 10:00 – 4:30 Theatre 8:30 -7:00	16
17	18	19	20 New! New! Youth Drumming Group 4:00- 5:00 Free to join Mi'kmaq Language Workshop 6:30- 8:30 pm	21 Theatre 1:00 - 4:30	22	23
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Please Contact the Glooscap Heritage Centre for more information

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Email: info@glooscapheritagecentre.com Website: www.glooscapheritagecentre.com

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