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Heritage Centre

& Mi'kmaq Museum
MAY 2011 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Glooscap Heritage Centre April Highlights

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 ancient 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 May, at a glance....

Well, with our summer students settled in, we're ready to begin our busiest summer season yet! **Garrett Gloade** is ready to spearhead Phase II of the *Food and Medicine Forest Garden* project, complete with water features, picnic areas, teepee and trails.... We are thrilled to once again offer a **Traditional Mi'kmaq Medicine** course with **Dorene Bernard** of Indian Brook FN. This course fills up very fast, so we suggest that if you're interested, to sign up asap! And just a quick apology, our planned leather purse workshop was cancelled due to supplier issues, but we will announce a new date when we're ready. We'd like to remind everyone that our computer training is back at the Annex on Wednesday nights, from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. It's free, so do take advantage of certification on many software applications.

And finally, just a reminder that we begin our summer hours on May 16th. **Monday to Friday, 8:30 - 6:30 and on the weekends, 8:30 - 4:30**. Our guided museum tours are still available at most times and don't forget to visit our Gift Shop! Should you have any enquiries, please contact Gord Pictou at (902) 843 3493 or by email at gordon@glooscapheritagecentre.com



Patsy Paul Martin writes on the Earth Day Wall in Mi'kmaq

Our second annual Earth Day on April 21st was busy and very well attended! Hundreds of kids from schools around the province took part in talks, demonstrations and crafts, all *Honouring the Mother*. See story and pics inside! It's that time of year again, and we have six absolutely wonderful summer students joining us for the summer season, as well as two new employees joining us full time. And we are thrilled to announce that the work is completed at the Annex and we are ready to roll! The former Capricorn restaurant is now a theatre/ slash/ convention center, ready to fulfill all meeting/gathering and comprehensive catering needs and is also ready to promote Aboriginal Fine Arts in Mi'kma'ki.

Also, our NEWLY REVAMPED WEBSITE is now launched. There are many exciting and creative links to be found, including our **"TEACHER'S RESOURCES"** in which informative links, sites, articles, tours and much much more is available to enhance the learning experience

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

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

www.glooscapheritagecentre.com

EARTH DAY 2011, Making A Positive Change

How much power does a single child hold to make big difference in the world, to create a sustainable future for their generation, and to make a fair and fulfilling life for themselves, their communities and people in other countries? The answer is always:

MORE THAN THEY REALIZE!

This year at the GHC Earth Day Celebration, our special guests, booths, and speakers all relayed a message of hope and shared simple ideas for making a difference. There are 6 billion people on this planet. If we all make small changes and understand the costs that some products don't include in their prices, I believe the shift in demand for energy, minerals, water and fossil fuels would decrease substantially.

Imagine 6 billion people in the world using just one minute less of fossil fuels to heat their home, power their vehicles, heat water, transport their food, or air condition their living space. We are talking about a huge savings. If we apply the same principle to water and paper usage, new fibre demand and our insatiable need to cover everything that is ever produced in plastic at some point, we quickly realize that individual decisions are far more powerful than government led ones. The power we have as consumers is no small choice and the main challenge ahead is for people to sacrifice small amounts of comfort (long showers, bottled water, degrees on the thermostat, less new stuff).

I would like to take the time to thank all the many volunteers, speakers and staff that made this years' celebration so great.

A big thank-you to volunteers **Roger Pothier** and **Veronica Sherwood** who put together some great activities to teach about water, **Lindiwe MacDonald** who spent time teaching students about Ecological Footprints, **Juliana Barnard** and **Viollette Barnard** for promoting the work of the Living Earth Council and sharing ideas for a sustainable world, **Isaiah Bray** from Southdale School in Dartmouth and **Jaime Curry** for their help in photographing the event, helping with the Earth Day tree, and cleaning. All of your contributions were greatly appreciated and made a big difference.

Thank-you.



I would also like to thank our presenters who all delivered great information in both an interesting and entertaining manner. **Deborah Searle** and **Lowden (Moby the Robot)** from the RRFB, **Andrea Woolover** from Just Us Coffee, **Alister Marshall**, our keynote speaker from Potlotek, **Dorene Bernard** talking about traditional medicines, **Maritza Lolasco** for the "how far did your breakfast travel?" display, **Rhonda Claes** for the Earth Day Tree, **Pam Hill** and **David Touchie** for the Earth Day Art Wall, and all the wonderful contestants that competed in our "Who wants to be an Envirochampionaire?" competition.

Thank-you.



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I would also like to thank *High Tide Society* members and friends **Jordan Denny** and **John Bernard** and *A Tribe Called Mi'kmaq* members **Joe Sylliboy**, **Garrett Gloade** and **Kyle MacDonald** for offering their time and their voices to our Earth Day event. Countless students mentioned the singing and drumming as the highlight of the day for them.

Thank-you. ♥

I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of **Kirk Jordan** of Cinema Politica for organizing the screening of *Gasland*, **Graham Hutchinson** for the great discussion about the impact Hydro Fracking has had on other communities and could have here in Nova Scotia, and Council of Canadians member **Angela Giles** for all the information she brought about the issue as well.

Thank-you. ♥

One last set of thank-yous for all the teachers who organized to bring their students and all the students for their great participation and cooperation.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!! ♥



Gord plays "who wants to be an envirochampionaire"



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Images from the day.....



Maritza with the "how far did your breakfast travel?"



Rhonda and Juliana survey the Earth Day Tree area



Deborah and AJ from RRFB. Thanks for your participation!



Jaime Curry was a welcome help in the Centre/Annex!



A crowd listens to TK talk by Dorene Bernard



Thanks to volunteer Lindiwe MacDonald!



Gord & Patsy at the opening blessing.



Volunteer Isaiah Bray. Thanks Zaya!



Ella Paul looking fab!



TK expert Dorene Bernard gave the blessing and smudge



crowd listens to speaker.....



School participants write on the Earth Day Wall



The final product...our Earth Day Tree!

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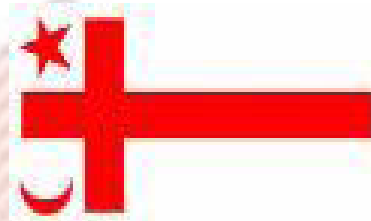


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GHC/CNTA WELCOMES OUR SUMMER STUDENTS!!



Hello! My name is Jeff Wilmot, and I have lived in Millbrook all my life. My family means everything to me; they inspire me to be the best I can be. I chose to work at GHC for my summer student co-op placement because I want to learn more about our culture.



Hi! My name is Sharon Thistle, originally from Conne River FN in Newfoundland. I chose GHC to do my co-op work term because I wanted to learn more about my heritage and also to teach people and learn about Native ways. I'm so proud to get this position and I hope that both GHC and I have a meaningful and busy summer!



Hi! My name is Heather Stevens. I am originally from Vermont and I moved here when I was fourteen. I have no children, but I do have four "Fur Kids". I chose to do my co-op work placement here at GHC to give myself the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience my culture. With this I hope to teach the youth about our culture and heritage the way I would have loved to have had the opportunity when I was young.



K'we! My name is Valerie Francis and I'm originally from Sandy Point, Shelburne, NS. I moved to Indian Brook at an early age. After a move to USA, I realised I am a true Nova Scotian and returned. I picked GHC for my co-op summer placement because it is ten minutes from my home here in Millbrook and because it is my heritage and all things concerning who I aspire to be.

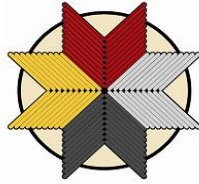
Hi! I'm Patricia MacAulay. I'm from Enfield and am currently living in Milford. I have a BA in Religious Studies, Chemistry and Japanese Studies from Mount Allison, and I'm going to the University of Toronto for a Master of Museum Studies. (My miniature rose bush makes the trek with me) I'm really excited to be working here because I love Nova Scotia's history, and this is a chance to both learn and share more about that history - past, present and future.



Hi, I'm Diandra Rizcallah, and I have just completed my second year at Mount Saint Vincent University. As a student pursuing a Bachelor of Public Relations through Co-operative Education, I am very excited to be working with Central Nova Tourist Association to undertake my first co-op experience as a Public Relations Coordinator. My goal for the next four months is to grasp a basic understanding of the workplace environment in which I'm working, to further develop my Public Relations skills, and to take everything that I learn and apply it to my schooling in the next couple of years!



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Glooscap Theatre Training Program Call for Participants

May 9th – 29th, 2011

A training program for emerging artists has been identified by the Glooscap Heritage Centre and will be interviewed and trained by the Two Planks and a Passion Theatre/Ross Creek Centre staff.

The training program is approximately 21 days and takes place at the Ross Creek Centre for the Arts.

Participants can be of any age.

Participants will live, eat and study at the centre, but may occasionally travel to Halifax for sessions and to see professional theatre performed by others. Transport for these sessions will be provided by Ross Creek.

Participants will study 5-6 days a week on a varying schedule, the experience will be intensive and challenging.

The training program will be aimed at a variety of levels of experience, including no experience at all, but participants will be screened for their raw potential and personal interest. The program will concentrate on performance and technical production.

Participants must, except in the case of illness or family emergency, participate in the entire program without exception. This is a vital aspect of learning about the discipline of professional theatre.

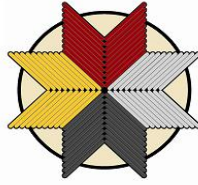
Participants would be responsible for transportation to and from the Ross Creek Centre for the Arts..

Participants understand that an \$800.00 honoraria will be paid only upon completion of the program. There is no monetary compensation or travel expenses paid to participants by the Glooscap Heritage Centre; however there may be funding available to you by your First Nations Band Office.

Participants will be asked to sign the Ross Creek Centre's code of conduct and adhere to it at all times. Those participants who do not adhere to the code of conduct will be asked to leave the program.

Participants will share their work at the end of the program in a presentation at the centre on the last day of activities.

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Traditional Mi'kmaq Medicine
5 Week Course
May 28th – June 25, 2011
(Every Saturday 10am -1pm)
Alternate from Classroom to Fieldwork
Cost \$125

Instructor Dorene Bernard

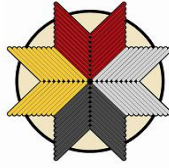
To Register:
Phone: 1-902-843-3496
Email: info@glooscapheritagecentre.com
Website: www.glooscapheritagecentre.com



Wild lily of the valley
Black Chokeberry



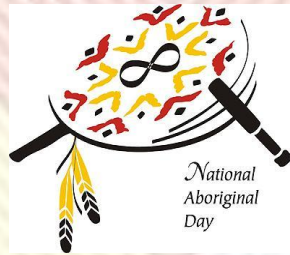
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Come Celebrate National Aboriginal Day at the Glooscap Heritage Centre and Mi'kmaq Museum

June 21st, 2011



11:30AM- 5:00PM



Kluskap Outreach Program, April 2011



I was invited to speak to the grade 7 classes at Truro JHS on April 13 for the afternoon. I would like to say what a great group of students they were. They participated freely and actively listened for all two hours of my presentation.

I told a legend, shared a bunch of hands-on items, discussed changes in technology, changes in the Indian Act, (in particular the Residential School system and the moving of Membertou from Old Kings Rd). The White Paper and Red Paper, getting the vote, having our Treaty Rights protected in the Constitution seems like a long time ago to Junior High Students but it isn't and it is shocking to many to hear all of the struggles their parents and grandparents generations of Mi'kmaw men and women fought through to provide the level of comfort, security and opportunity that Mi'kmaw children have today. There is still plenty of work left for our younger Mi'kmaw generations to pick up but I think after my presentation they could better appreciate how many gains have been made.

Thank-you to Karla O'Leary and all the other staff at Truro Junior for making me welcome and organizing the event. I had a wonderful time!

Sincerely, Gordon Pictou



I was invited to speak at the Youth Leaders Forum for the Centre of Diversity in Halifax at the World Trade and Convention Centre on April 5th. I was honoured to be selected as one of 5 guest panelists to speak on behalf of myself and other First Nation Youth and share my stories and perspective on everyday issues youth may face growing up.

The discussion was broken down into 3 sections with an introduction, an example of how each of us faced diversity and how we chose to make the decisions we made to want to make a positive difference. With over 180 students and over 30 teachers from different schools all across Nova Scotia, the feedback and questions were amazing and greatly appreciated! I had the pleasure of meeting four of the other panelists and hearing their stories which was great. I would also like to thank Matt Ritchie for making this experience possible and choosing to make me one of the five panelists to speak for all of the students and teachers!

Sincerely, Joseph Sylliboy



FREE COMPUTER LAB AND ONLINE CERTIFICATION !

The Glooscap Learning Annex is pleased to offer our new computer lab at the Annex for those who wish to drop in and take advantage of our newest programming

On Wednesday evenings at the Annex, between 4:30 and 7:30 pm, everyone is welcome to sign up for **FREE** online learning courses, including Microsoft Office 2007, Word, Excel, Power Point, Access, Outlook, as well as courses that will give you a certificate! There are also a variety of fantastic business and soft skill courses to learn. An earlier version of Office is also available. For further information, or to register, please call Pam/Denice at (902) 843 3496, toll free at 1 800 895 1177 or by email pam@glooscapheritagecentre.com or Denice at eaglelearning@glooscapheritagecentre.com

We at Glooscap Heritage Centre offer two methods by which you can upgrade your computer skills.

The Glooscap Learning Annex is open every Wednesday from 4:30 to 7:30 for anyone wishing to drop in and use our computer lab. Pam Hill or Denice Stephens are available to answer questions and assist you with the courses and courseware.

Or, you can upgrade your skills from the comfort of your own home. Contact Pam/Denice at the GHC for a username and password.



Glooscap Heritage Centre News



The Glooscap Heritage Centre is now on facebook, twitter, youtube and flickr! We're using these websites to help keep you informed about what's going on here at the centre.

Join our facebook fan page, Glooscap Heritage Centre, to keep updated on upcoming events and workshops. Here, you can also browse through our albums and videos. We are also on twitter, so be sure to follow us. Our username is GlooscapCentre. Regular tweets will keep you posted on what we are up to. And don't forget to check out youtube and flickr to find photos and videos posted by us, GlooscapCentre! All is accessible by visiting www.glooscapheritagecentre.com

Youth Drumming Group Every Tuesday from 4:30-6pm

In September 2009, Todd Labrador came and made a large drum for the Glooscap Heritage Centre. Joe Sylliboy was asked to be the drum keeper and has started a Youth Drumming Group for anyone aged 12-19 to participate in. Although he has a full group now, he is still taking names for another group to start in the new year. No registration required. Call Joe for more information 843-3493.

Book Launch- Kekina'masuti Nemitekemk Nkutey Mijua'jijk *Through Children's Eyes: An L'nu Resource for Exploring the Visual Arts*

The Glooscap Heritage Centre in partnership with the Art Gallery of NS, First Nations Inuit Health, and Nova Scotia's On-Reserve Headstart programs have created a new resource book to give ideas of how to combine art making opportunities with cultural learning and sharing specifically for Pre-school children. The book is called "

Kekina'masuti Nemitekemk Nkutey Mijua'jijk - Through Children's Eyes: An L'nu Resource for Exploring the Visual Arts." We would like to welcome everyone, especially Headstart staff, students and parents, to attend the official launch of the book on **June 4th, 2011 from 1:30 - 3:00**. There will be an art exhibit displaying the original works created by Headstart students from across Nova Scotia and light refreshments.

Hope to see you there!

Calendar of Monthly Tours and Theatre Bookings

Glooscap Heritage Centre MAY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Saltscapes Expo	2	3 Tour 55 people 10:30-12:30	4 Tour 24 people 1-4pm <i>Eagle on-line learning @ the Annex 4:30-7:30</i>	5 Tour 40 people 10:30-12:00	6 Outreach- Gord @ CCRSB Heritage Fair 9-12	7
8	9 Tour 21 people 10- 2pm	10 Tour 55 people 10:30- 12:30 Theatre 2:00-4:30 Three Shores AGM	11 Theatre 1:00-3:30 <i>Eagle on-line learning @ the Annex 4:30-7:30</i>	12 Board Room 9-11	13 Tour 90 people 10:00- 1:00	14
15	16 Summer hours begin 8:30-6:30 Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30 weekend	17 Annex 30 people 8:30-4:30 Boardroom 12-4 Outreach- Joe @ Cole Harbour HS 9-12	18 Tour 10 people 1-3pm INTERPRETERS DINNER!	19	20	21
22	23 VICTORIA DAY Theatre 8:30-4:30	24 Annex 30 people 8:30-4:30 Outreach- Gord @ INAC Amherst 1-4:30pm	25 Annex 30 people 8:30-4:30 Outreach- Gord @ INAC Debert 9:30-1pm <i>Eagle on-line learning @ the Annex 4:30-7:30</i>	26 Tour 64 people 10:30- 12:30	27 Tour 47 people 12:30- 2:30 Big Drum and hand drum demo 4 -5:30 Joe and Garrett	28 Tour 44 people 9:30 Traditional Medicine Course with Dorene Bernard 10-1pm theatre
29 Annex 2-4:30 18 people	30 Theatre 8:30-4:30 Annex 8:30-4:30 18 people	31 Annex 8:30-4:30 18 people				

Please Contact the Glooscap Heritage Centre for more information

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