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& Mi'kmaq Museum
OCTOBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

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 October, at a glance....

We at Glooscap Heritage Centre are saying a fond farewell to summer and would like to advise that our winter hours will be in effect starting **October 18th, Monday to Friday, 8:30 - 4:30**. Our guided museum tours are still available at most times. Our Gift Shop has also newly acquired a lot of new books, music and gift items to satisfy any taste, and all very affordable, so drop by for a visit! This month, in honour of **Mi'kmaq History Month and Treaty Day**, we are hosting our **2nd Annual Mi'kmaq Heritage Month Educator's Conference....**call Gord for more details!

GHC is hosting its' second **Phraselator Elders Roundtable** on October 22nd, to plan for further development of our language project. And just a reminder to everyone that we are still looking for any photos or memorabilia for our **Mi'kmaq Vets Wall of Honour** in which we plan to unveil on Remembrance Day, November 11th, 2010. Should anyone have any pics or momentos, please contact your Veteran in your community or Gord/Rhonda at the Centre. And finally, we at GHC want to wish everyone a **Happy Thanksgiving and a safe Hallowe'en!**

Should you have any enquiries, please contact Gordie Pictou at (903) 843 3493 or by email at gordon@glooscapheritagecentre.com

September Highlights



Veteran Vinnie Toney from Indian Brook

On September 10, 2010, Veterans from across Nova Scotia attended the final **Mi'kmaq Veterans Wall of Honour** Roundtable. They approved the main story board and planned the Grand Unveiling on November 11th. See wrap up story inside..... Also, our garden corporate sponsor, **Home Depot/Evergreen**, sent a fine bunch of folks to help us wrap up our planting for the year. Welalin! As well, the final garden event took place on September 25, where prolific Mi'kmaq Artist **Teresa Marshall** helped invent and create permanent artwork for the garden, and offered help to other aspiring artists and **Doreen Bernard**, local Mi'kmaq medicine woman, led a tour of the garden. GHC would like to deliver our profoundest thanks to **Teresa Marshall** for her gracious donation of two artwork pieces to our garden....story and interview next month..

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

HOME DEPOT CREW MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR GARDEN!!



On September 15th, the wonderful folks of Home Depot in Bayers Lake in Halifax drove up to GHC to dig dig dig and plant plant.....

Glooscap Heritage Centre would like to send out our sincerest thanks to the following people:

- ♥ Megan Stephens
- ♥ Peter Kerswell
- ♥ Jen Carpenter
- ♥ Josh Skaarup
- ♥ Steven Mason
- ♥ Karen George
- ♥ Martha Langille



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And of course, to our Garden Doula Jayme Melrose, and apprentices Garret Gloade and Vance Martin.

The Home Depot crew were thanked by our Executive Director, Joyce Mingo at lunch, and were also given a tour by our Senior Heritage Interpreter Gordon Pictou.

OUR HEARTFELT ♥♥♥☺☺ THANKS TO EVERYONE!!!

The Home Depot-Evergreen Rebuilding Nature Grant Program is a partnership between the Home Depot Canada and Evergreen, a national environmental organization that makes cities more livable through community naturalization projects. Since 2005, Evergreen has distributed \$411,000 in grants to 89 community organizations across Canada through this partnership.

“Sustainable urban greening is achieved primarily through deeply committed community groups across Canada”, said Geoff Cape, Executive Director, Evergreen. “The Rebuilding Nature program is an effective way to ensure these groups receive the funding and support they require to make their projects possible”.

“We are proud to provide funding and volunteer support to help communities across Canada complete their urban greening projects through our long standing grant program with Evergreen”, said Gino DiGiacchino, Chair, The Home Depot Canada Foundation.



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MI'KMAQ VETERANS WALL OF HONOUR UPDATE

On September 10, 2010, Veterans from various Reserves in Nova Scotia and RCMP representatives attended the last of three Roundtable meetings to finalise all details of their exhibit and to plan the Gala Unveiling on November 11, 2010.

Our special guest this time around was Department of Veterans Affairs Lorraine Gailey, Regional Director of Communications and Acting Regional Director *Canada Remembers*.

Lorraine gave a wonderful talk about programmes and services offered by Veterans Affairs, and a question and answer period afterwards.

Next, the exhibit animator, Mark Bishoff of Photowerks (www.photowerks.ca), showed the Vets the final mock up of the storyboard, as well as examples of how he is able to repair old photos so that the Veterans will be recognizable.

Finally, the Vets spent the remaining time planning their Gala Unveiling and guest list.

We at Glooscap Heritage Centre would like to extend our most sincere thanks to our guest speaker, Lorraine Gailey, Mark Bishoff and of course, our Roundtable Vets, for whom this exhibit owes so much. Welalin



Lorraine Gailey, Veterans Affairs



Thanks to Deb Maloney, RCMP



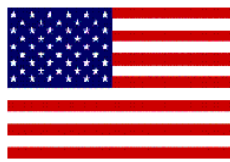
Don't let our Veterans and their memories be lost in time.



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The Glooscap Heritage Centre & Mi'kmaq Museum is building a permanent exhibit to honor all Mi'kmaq War and RCMP Veterans. We need your help to ensure that every single Veteran is remembered. Please submit any names, stories, memorabilia or artifacts that you wish to be included in this exhibit. Please contact Rhonda at 1-800-895-1177 or at rhonda@glooscapheritagecentre.com

On September 10th, Veterans from all Reserves in Nova Scotia attended the final Roundtable discussion to decide on the content of their permanent exhibit.

Should anyone wish to add stories, photographs or mementos of their family members, please contact the Roundtable Representatives in your community listed below.

EXHIBIT OPENS NOVEMBER 11, 2010

Membertou – Stephen Christmas
Pictou Landing – Albert Denny, Frank Denny Sr.
Wagmatcook – Felix Smith (RCMP)
Indian Brook – Louie Morris, Vinnie Toney
Millbrook – Bennett Martin, Michael Stephens, William Googoo (**Wagmatcook**)
Paq'tnkek – Kerry Prosper, Robert Pictou
Waycobah – Cecil Condo, Raymond Knockwood
Chapel Island – James Marshall

Eskasoni – Abraham Doucette
Cambridge – Lawrence Toney
RCMP – Ron Knockwood

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Press Release: All Media

2nd Annual Mi'kmaq Heritage Month Educator's Conference at the **Glooscap Heritage Centre**, Oct. 7 and 8, 2010.

Open to all teachers of any grade or subject and all educators' in any capacity.

Focus of the conference is to provide educators with resources, information, and experience that will diminish barriers to incorporating Mi'kmaw perspective in the classroom.

65 Treaty Trail, Millbrook, NS B2N 1W6

Cost: \$115

Additional Information on our website:

glooscapheritagecentre.com

Contact person: Gordon Pictou, Program Director,
Email: Gordon@glooscapheritagecentre.com or Tel:(902) 843-3493 or 890-8825.

Glooscap Heritage Centre and CCRSB Offer Unique Learning Opportunity for Nova Scotia's Teachers

The Glooscap Heritage Centre (GHC) and Patsy Paul-Martin (Coordinator of First Nations Cultural Services) with the Chignecto Central Regional School Board have combined forces to host this year's Mi'kmaq Heritage Month Educator's Conference. In previous year's Mrs. Paul-Martin had organized a cultural day for CCRSB teachers and last year The GHC organized a conference open to all teachers. "Patsy and I organized similar events last year with the same goal in mind. We want to give teachers a chance to get a strong foundation of knowledge about Mi'kmaq history and culture so they can include Mi'kmaq perspective more regularly in their classrooms. It made a lot of sense for us to combine our talents and pool our resources this year so that we could offer even more to participants," said Gordon Pictou, Program Director at the Glooscap Heritage Centre. Last year both events were just one day but this year they were able to make it a two day event.

Mrs. Paul-Martin is looking forward to what she and Pictou have organized for this year; "these workshop sessions are geared for the Educators who wish to explore Mi'kmaq Heritage to the fullest. They will have the opportunity to learn about the Sante Mawiomi (Grand Council) from the Grand Keptin, Andrew Denny of the Mi'kmaq Nation. Each participant is guaranteed to enhance their five sensory perceptions through the various presentations by tasting the traditional foods, smelling the sweet grass through smudging ceremonies, touching the handmade crafts, hearing the sacred drumming and seeing the beautiful shawl dancers."

Last year's conference turned out to be a bit of a marathon because the response from speakers who wanted to be a part of the conference was so strong. "I was ecstatic and packed the day full of amazing speakers," said Pictou. "We went twelve hours straight last year! I realized afterwards I might have been overly ambitious. Teachers had a great time but it was a long day. We decided we couldn't do what we wanted in less time so we added a day."

The two-day conference integrates music, food, ceremonies, speakers, a nature walk, lesson planning and dancing. Teachers are encouraged to participate in all of it at whatever level is comfortable to them. "In a relatively short time Patsy and I wanted to give teachers as broad a range of experience as we could so that when they go back to their classrooms they will have memories to share with their students not just knowledge," Pictou said. "Sharing a memory is way more interesting and engaging than reading about what something is. I am confident that when teachers return to their classrooms they will be excited to share with their students what they have learned while they are here. If we are really successful the conference will have taken away any barriers that may have prevented these teachers from approaching topics in the past."

The conference will be held at the Glooscap Heritage Centre October 7th and 8th.



Glooscap Heritage Centre Outreach Updates for SEPTEMBER 2010

Kluskap Outreach Program



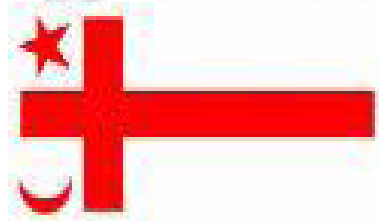
I spent a sunny September afternoon with Armbrae Academy's Canadian History 11 class in Halifax. It was a small class and we had the chance to talk about a lot of different things from early Mi'kmaq tools to Residential School. The students were all very welcoming and I appreciated their interest and questions.

We spent a little bit of time talking about migration theories. It is part of the Canadian History 11 curriculum and in the textbook it is always positioned at the beginning of the book. I understand why it is in there but I also worry that the texts do not emphasize the point about how long Mi'kmaq people have lived here. 13 600 years is an incredibly long time! I don't mind talking about migration in the proper context because at some point all people likely originated from Africa scientifically speaking, but I was glad to have the opportunity to point out how long Mi'kmaq ancestors had been living in our traditional territories. They have been here three times as long as the pyramids have stood in Egypt, before agriculture and animal husbandry had been learned, and 27 times longer than Europeans have been living here. If we truly recognize and understand the long and fluid relationship the Mi'kmaq have to this place students can appreciate how deeply Mi'kmaq culture is connected spiritually to this land. The Mi'kmaq culture has grown from a deep rooted appreciation for the ecological systems and cycles in the Maritimes through many changes in climate, fauna, and flora. *By Gordon Pictou*

The Glooscap Heritage Centre shares great pride in helping others outside of the Community to have the opportunity to learn about Mi'kmaq culture and heritage. The Girl Guides hosted their 100th annual celebration located at the Central School in Bible Hill on September 25th, and had invited one of our Senior Interpreter's from our centre, Joseph Sylliboy. Joseph and his family Josee Bourgeois and Kaqtukwewji'j took part and demonstrated a little bit of dancing and sharing knowledge of our artifacts and traditions. Joe was very pleased with the outcome and the opportunity to share what he knows about Mi'kmaq culture to the younger generations involved with girl guides.



Senior Heritage Interpreter, Joe Sylliboy



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The Kluskap Outreach Program is a flexible alternative for bringing some of the experiences of visiting the GHC to your group, school or organization. For more information on what this program offers call us or visit our website.

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Lenore Zann, (MLA Truro-Bible Hill) to open constituency office in Millbrook



Glooscap Heritage Centre and Mi'kmaq Museum is happy to congratulate MLA Lenore Zann as she opens her second office in Millbrook at the Band Council Office.

Ms. Zann will be officially opening her office on Thursday October 21, 2010, at 1:00pm. Ms. Zann will be hosting a ribbon cutting, as well as a traditional smudging ceremony, and cake to celebrate!



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. Daily 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

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 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.

Mi'kmaq Language Course 6 weeks starting on Nov 2 With Patsy Paul Martin

Call Gordon Pictou at 843 3493 for more details or email him at gordon@glooscapheritagecentre.com

Hand Drum Workshop
October 12, 19 6-9pm
With Teresa Marshall
Call Gordon Pictou at 843 3493 for
more details or email him at
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Glooscap Heritage Centre Introduces On-Line Campus Institute

Glooscap Heritage Society has realized an On-line Institute of Learning. Focused on education, the institute helps promote Cultural sensitivity and awareness of the value in cultural differences. The addition of the content library from **info source** means 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!

Contact GHC if you would like a user name and password to take advantage of some free on line professional skills development training.

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.

FREE COMPUTER LAB AND ONLINE CERTIFICATION !

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

Beginning on September 24th, 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) There is also a variety of fantastic business and soft skill courses available as well. An earlier version of Office is also available.

For further information, or to register, please call Pam at (902) 843 3496 or by email at pam@glooscapheritagecentre.com

Calendar of Monthly Tours and Theatre Bookings Glooscap Heritage Centre OCTOBER 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 Treaty Day !! Tour 8:30 46 ppl Health Canada Theatre 9-4 | 2 Tour 8:30 46 ppl |
| 3 | 4 Tour 3:00 – 4:00 46 ppl | 5 Tour 3:00 – 4:00 46 ppl Film Night TBA Youth Drum Group 4:30-6 | 6 Tour 8:30 46 ppl | 7 2 nd Annual October Heritage Month Conference Print making 6 – 9 | 8 2 nd Annual Oct. Heritage Month Con. 5pm-Interpretive Garden tour | 9 Tour 3:00 – 4:00 46 ppl |
| 10 Tour 3:00 – 4:00 46 ppl | 11 HAPPY THANKSGIVING Tour 8:30 46 ppl Tour 2:30 30 ppl Tour 3:00-4:00 46 ppl | 12 Theatre 10-3 Drum Workshop 6-9 pm Youth Drum Group 4:30-6 | 13 Tour 8:30 46 ppl Tour 3:00 – 4:00 46 ppl | 14 | 15 Tour 3:00 – 4:00 46 ppl | 16 Tour 3:00 – 4:00 46 ppl |
| 17 | 18 Start of Winter Hours 8:30 -4:30 Monday to Friday | 19 Tour 11:00 – 1:30 34 ppl Drum Workshop 6-9 pm | 20 | 21 | 22 Phraselator Roundtable Theatre 9-4 | 23 Tour 3:00 – 4:00 46 ppl |
| 24/31 Have a safe Halloween | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Tour 11:00 – 1:30 34 ppl | 30 |

Please Contact the Glooscap Heritage Centre for more information

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