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& Mi'kmaw Museum October 2011 Newsletter

Welcome to the Glooscap Heritage Centre **September Highlights**

The Glooscap Heritage Centre opened to the public May 1st, 2006 and is located in Millbrook First Nation, Exit 13A 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.

October, at a glance....

- * October 1, 1:00 Viewing of the film "Unfinished Business:Treaties Between the First Nations 2010"
- * Our annual Educator's Conference is this month, from October 6th to 7th.
- * Round Dance Celebration Oct 15, 7pm (see page 6 for details)

Lots of workshops this month!

- Beading workshop Oct 5th 6:00-9:00, \$20
- Traditional hand drum workshop with Joe Sylliboy on October 11th and 18th, from 6:30 to 9pm, register ASAP! Cost is \$100.
- Rattle-making October 17th & 24th, 6:00-8:30 Cost is \$50

Come on out and learn a new craft! Register early to guarantee a spot. 843-3493

We'd like to remind everyone that our *Eagle On-Line* computer training is now at the Annex Mondays to Fridays from 9am to 4pm. It's free, so do come and take advantage of certification on many software applications. Should you have any enquiries, please contact Denice Stevens at (902) 843-3493 or David Touchie (902) 843 3496 at david@eaglelearning.com

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

It was a very busy month at the GHC especially with our summer students returning to their studies at the NSCC. Gordon, Joe, Garrett and Denice. welcomed a total of 26 bus tours, several other group tours and two groups of travel writers that wished to experience Mi'kmaw culture and gain a better understanding of what we offer at the Centre. The bus tours averaged 45 people per bus and they also kept Kathy and Maritza busy in the store.



The Rick Hanson Relay passed through Millbrook and we were honored to have medal carrier Sonny Davis stop by the Centre to have his picture taken with the statue of Glooscap. Davis is a paralympian. He was presented

with a gift of sage to take on his journey.

We managed to fit in time for a staff get together at Rafter's Ridge Cottages. There were a few sore bodies after a fantastic ride on some of the highest tides this year. Thanks to Heather Smith and her staff for their hospitality.

Check it out at our official website....

Don't forget about our "TEACHER'S RESOURCES" page on our website, which includes informative links, sites, articles, tours and much, much more available to enhance classroom learning experiences, with or without an accompanying school tour of the site.

And finally, just a reminder that we begin our winter hours

October 17 Monday to Friday, 8:30 - 4:30.

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Hand Drum Workshop

Joe Sylliboy will be hosting a hand drum making workshop, **Oct 11, 2011.**

6:00 - 9:00pm.

If you choose to paint your hand drum we will be offering a 2nd day the following week, **Oct 18th, 2011. 6:00 - 9:00pm**

➤ **Cost: \$100 pre-registration is required.**

For more details contact Joe Sylliboy at the Glooscap Heritage Centre.

➤ **Ph: (902) 843-3493 E-mail: Joe@glooscapheritagecentre.com**



Rattle Making Workshop

Come and learn how to assemble your own rattle! Dorene Bernard will be instructing a rattle making workshop, as well as sharing songs and teachings with the rattle.

October 17th and the following week, **October 24th, 2011**

Time: 6:00 - 8:30pm

➤ **Cost: \$50 registration is required.** To ➤ register please call **(902) 843-3493**



Christmas Beaded Ornament Workshop

Where: Glooscap Learning Annex

(Building directly besides GHC)

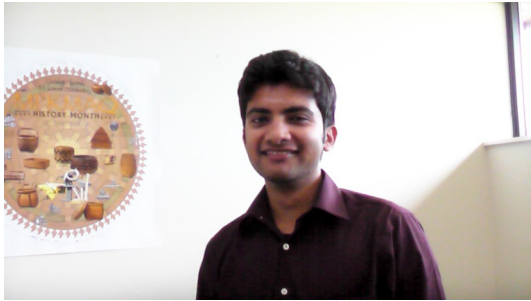
When: October 5th, 2011 - 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Come and learn how to hand bead a Christmas bulb, Native style, with your host & instructor, Pam Hill.

Cost : \$20 (all supplies are included in the cost.)

For more information, please call or email Pamela Hill :

Ph: (902) 843-3496 Email: pam@glooscapheritagecentre.com



The Glooscap Heritage Centre Taking Part in The New Embrace Truro Festival

The Town of Truro Affirmative Action Committee is hosting a new multi-cultural event Oct. 1, beginning with entertainment and activities in the downtown area. during the afternoon and culminating with an evening performance of DRUM. Earlier in the day, the public is invited to enjoy Oktoberfest at the Truro Farmers' Market between 8am and 1 pm and then head over to the Civic Block (at the corner of Prince and Young Street) for live multi-cultural entertainment, exhibits, demonstrations and activities from 12 noon to 3:00 pm. All afternoon events are free of charge. There will also be a story time with tales from other countries at the Truro Library at 1:30 pm Heritage Interpreter, Denice Stevens, from the Glooscap Heritage Centre will be on hand to demonstrate beading and answer questions about the Centre.

Welcome to **Sharique Khan**, a Dalhousie Coop Student who joined our team on September 12th as a Public Relations Coordinator. He is enrolled in the Bachelor of Commerce Program. He has a high level of proficiency in computer software including Sage Accounting, Excel, Access, Word, Power Point, Adobe Photoshop and website design. We look forward to learning from him and having him as part of our team.

Councillor Raymond Tynes said Truro has worked hard to embrace and welcome diversity through its affirmative action work.

“We want everyone to come out and celebrate with us.”



Congratulations to staff member **Jim Johnson** whom his peers voted to receive the Staff Appreciation Award for the summer.

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What is IC3?

IC3 is training that focuses on basic computer courses and allows the learner to develop and enhance the participant's computer knowledge and skills. IC3 certification is recognized in seventeen countries and is of immense value to business and industry when hiring personal. The training consists of: Test Preparation - Computing Fundamentals / Test Preparation - Key Applications / Test Preparation.

Upon completion of the IC3 programs, a certification exam can be written, monitored by our own IC3 trained professional, and when passed the student is awarded the IC3 certification credential.

These courses are tailored to prepare students as they go forward in their professional life. In addition we provide professional and business skills, to our learners, through our complete library of courses.

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Mi'kmaq History Month

Since its inception in 1993 Mi'kmaq History Month has been a time for Nova Scotians to learn more about their Mi'kmaw neighbours. October is full of events large and small that will present the opportunity to learn about Mi'kmaw history and participate in Mi'kmaw culture. Every year Mi'kmaq History Month kicks off with the Cultural Showcase (7:30 - 12am at the Prince George Hotel in Halifax) and then Treaty Day (11:45am Oct. 3 this year at the Grand Parade Square in Halifax). I thought this year I would give a little background about the significance of having the month and celebrating Treaty Day.



Why Celebrate Treaty Day?

The Mi'kmaq and their ancestors have lived here for over 12,000 years. Prior to the arrival of Europeans the Mi'kmaq had three distinct levels of government (and still do today), they were part of a large trade network, and had many Treaties with other First Nations throughout New England and the Atlantic region. The Mi'kmaq traded with both the French and the British but eventually would ally themselves with the French. France signed the Treaty of Paris in 1760 after having lost Louisburg in 1758 and Montreal in 1760. The Treaty of Paris was between all major European powers at the time and in the Peace Agreement France gave up all of its holdings in North America to the British and would never again try to regain them.

Prior to 1760 the British had only managed a few settlements in NS. They sought peace with the Mi'kmaq and other First Nations in North America in order to establish new settlement and commerce. The Treaty making process involved gift giving, signing, and speech making about what one could expect from the other. Since 1985 Treaty Day follows the same protocol and happens at the beginning of each October. The ceremony honours the renewed validity of the 1752 Treaty between the Mi'kmaq and the British Crown and is an important part of showing good faith in future dealings between all levels of government. The signing of the Treaty and the celebration that accompanies it is a powerful gesture that renews a commitment to work together.

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The Treaty of 1752 between the Mi'kmaq and the British Crown is part of a covenant chain of Treaties affirming mutual benefits and consideration of one another. At this time the Mi'kmaq numbers still exceeded those of British and French settlers combined. As such the Mi'kmaq entered into all of the Treaties from a position of power. In other words, the British were not acting out of generosity or charity in making these agreements and the acceptance of these offerings of Peace from the British by the Mi'kmaq certainly was not an acceptance of defeat by either side; both parties benefited from the terms agreed to. Over time British expansion and access to global trade marginalized the Mi'kmaq. As colonial power grew their treatment of the Mi'kmaq and Britain's adherence to the Treaties deteriorated.

Canadian politicians created the Indian Act which came into law in 1876. It would be amended countless times but generally until 1951 for the most part to segregate Canada's Native peoples from their culture, rights, freedoms, and resources. By 1920 the Mi'kmaq were seen as a problem by federal and provincial members of legislature. Through their perseverance the Mi'kmaq and other First Nations were not letting go of their culture or their lands quickly enough. The Minister of Indian Affairs at the time, Duncan Campbell Scott, decided that he would accelerate the process by making attending faith based schools mandatory for all of Canada's First Nation children. The goal was to assimilate the children into Christianity and "Canadian values." If successful, Duncan Campbell Scott boasted, there would be no need for a Department of Indian Affairs anymore.

The Residential School era lasted from 1930 to 1967 in Mi'kma'ki but its detrimental effects survive to this day in every Mi'kmaw community. For generations it was actually illegal for the Mi'kmaq to practice their culture. As children they went to school to learn contempt for their traditions and cultural legacy. I am young enough to be saved the experience of my parent's and grand-parent's generations. What courage and resolve they had to have had to fight that uphill battle for us to be where we are today. They struggled to build strong communities, have equal rights under the law for themselves and their children and to preserve their cultural legacy. Treaty Day is in part a celebration of them too and of belonging to a community that is committed to fairness.

Treaty Day is a time for Nova Scotians to reflect on the journey that led us to where we are today. It is also a time to look forward to where we would like to go. I encourage everyone from all cultures to participate in Treaty Day events in their region. Let us celebrate our commitment to living together in a respectful way, to working towards common goals and sharing a bright future with each other.

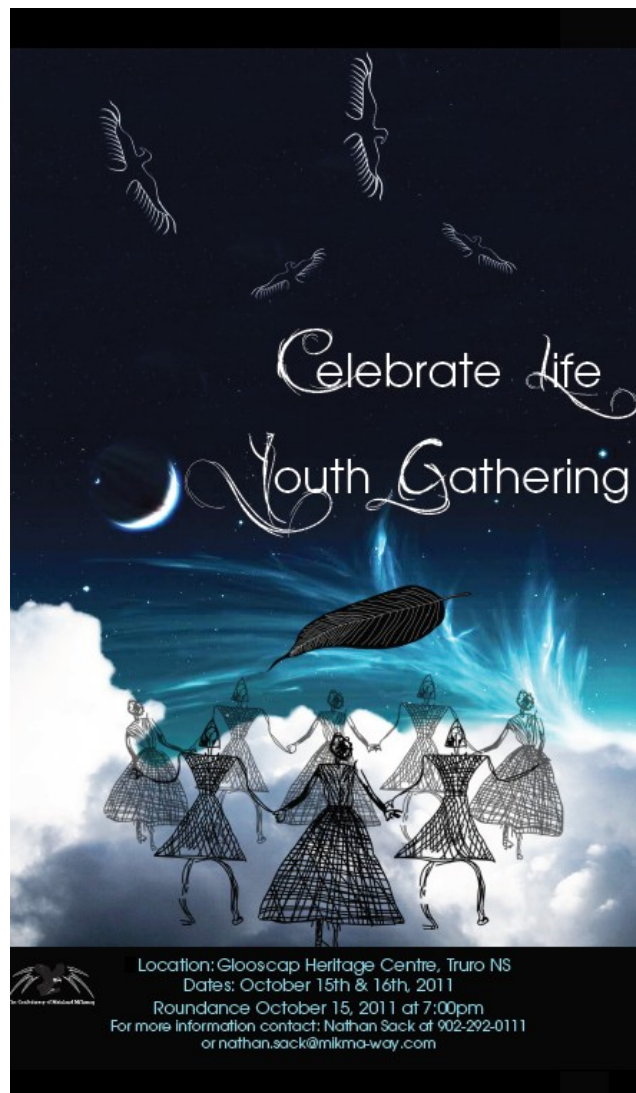
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The Glooscap Heritage Centre

is pleased to be a sponsor for



Although the Youth Gathering is by registration only, **everyone** is invited to the Round Dance Celebration Saturday evening October 15 at 7pm at the Glooscap Annex. This is the first celebration of its kind in Eastern Canada and is hosted by Blaire Buffalo. Do not miss this exciting cultural experience.

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Shop Talk

We are very excited that *Alan Syliboy* has decided to start marketing T-shirts again and are even more pleased that we have them in the store. obviously the public is too as they are selling like hotcakes. I can see them being on a lot of Christmas lists this year so don't be disappointed.

Shop early for best selection !



We are always looking for new product and merchandise and welcome all First Nation's artists and crafts people to contact us if they are interested in having their



work considered for the store. This month we are pleased to have acquired the art work of Chipewyan Dene artist *John Rombough*. John was born in the remote community of Sioux Lookout in Northern Ontario, Canada. At the age of three, John was adopted by Carol and Lyall Rombough, a Prince Edward Island couple. He attributes his early interest in drawing and painting to being raised in their giving and artistic environment. As a young adult John began the search for his birth parents. He discovered his biological father, Alfred Catholique, living in the community of Łut-selk'e on the shores of Great Slave Lake.

Warmly welcomed by all the Catholique family, John decided to move to the community in order to rediscover his cultural identity. John Rombough's painting style has since changed to reflect the harmony of the Dene peoples and the natural world. His distinctive modern aboriginal designs also encompass his own personal visions and strong connection with nature.

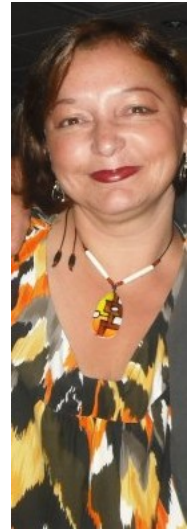
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Mi'kmaw Language Course

Join Patsy Paul-Martin for a six week introductory Mi'kmaw language course. Classes will be held at the Glooscap Heritage Centre on Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:30 starting November 2. Cost is \$160—Register now to reserve your spot. Some bursaries may be available for Millbrook Band Members.



Patsy Paul-Martin

Mi'kmaw words of the Month

Language is a key component to holding on to our history and culture. It's vital because most of our lessons and teachings are through oral traditions. We have many ways to learn through songs, stories, and legends!

We will be featuring a few Mi'kmaw words and phrases each month to help you get started.

Pjila'si – [jil – ah – si] *Welcome*

Weleyi – [wel – ee – ay] *I am fine*

Taluisin? – [dal – oo – ee – sin] *What is your name?*

Teluisi – [del – oo – ee – si] *My name is...*

Katu kil? – [ga – do gil] *What about you?*

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Meetings, weddings, parties and more.....at the Glooscap Annex



Think about the Glooscap Annex when you are planning your next function. Recently it has been the site of a beautiful wedding reception and coming up on October 15 it will be the site of the first Round Dance Celebration on the East Coast. We have just added a stage, new lighting and sound system as well as room darkening capabilities. We also have bar facilities if required. This year we are accepting bookings for company and family Christmas parties.

Call Kathy at 843-3493 to discuss all your meeting and catering needs.





October Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 Treaty Day Movie Viewing 1:30pm Bus Tour @ 9:40am Truro Embrace Festival
2	3 Bus Tour @ 9:40 am Bus Tour @2:45 pm	4 Annex Booking 12- 4:30 35ppl Theatre booking 9-4:30pm	5 Bus Tour @ 9:40am Annex Booking 8:30-4:30 Beaded Christmas ornament workshop 6-9	6 Mi'kmaq Heri- tage Month Educa- tors Conference Annex Booking 8:30-4:30	7 Bus Tour @ 9:40am Mi'kmaq Heritage Month Educators Conference Annex Booking 8:30-12	8
9 Bus Tour @ 8:40am	10 Thanksgiving Open 8:30-4:30 Group Tour 1pm	11 Bus Tour @ 9:40am Hand drum workshop 6:30 – 9pm	12 Annex Booking	13 Bus Tour @ 9:40am	14 Start of winter hours Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30	15 Bus Tour @ 9:40am Annex Booking 8:30-9:30 Celebrate Life Youth Gathering and Round Dance Celebration
16 Annex Booking 8:30-4:30	17 Bus Tour @ 9:40am Rattle Making Class with Dorene 6:30 – 9pm	18 Hand drum workshop 6:30 – 9pm	19 Boardroom Booking 1:00-4:00	20	21	22 Annex Booking 9:00-12:30
23	24 School Tour 77 ppl 11:00-1:30 Rattle Making Class with Dorene 6:30 – 9pm	25	26	27	28 Annex booking 8:30-4:30	29
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Please Contact the Glooscap Heritage Centre for more information

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