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Heritage Centre

& Mi'kmaq Museum
JUNE 2010 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Glooscap Heritage Centre May 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 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 June, at a glance....

We at Glooscap Heritage Centre would like to advise that our summer hours are now running guided tours from 8:30 to 4:30, seven days a week. **Teresa Marshall** returns again this month to teach anyone who wants to learn how to make your own designs in printmaking on Thursday June 10, from 6 -9 pm. Everyone is welcome. Cost is \$35. Also in June, we are hosting our signature event, **National Aboriginal Day**, on June 21st, from noon to 7pm. This year promises to be our most ambitious day yet as we have planned an action filled day with dancers, and especially a hoop dancer, three drum groups, lots of kids activities including Mr. J's magic show and a hand drum competition, as well as door prizes and food and craft vendors. **Dorene Bernard** continues to teach her five week Traditional Medicine course, and will start another in the fall. See more inside.....

Finally, we at GHC would like to extend our warmest regards to ***A Tribe Called Mi'kmaq*** and their participation in the Powwow Idol competition, where they placed a close second place. Great job guys, and congrats to Chippewa Travellers!

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



Phil Fontaine, Chief Lawrence Paul, GHC Chair Lloyd Johnson

On May 18 and 19th, The **Indigenous Leadership Development Institute** held their meetings at GHC to help plan further employment development and training for Aboriginal folks in the area. Former AFN National Chief Phil Fontaine was one of the delegates (as well as our own Chief Paul and Lloyd Johnson), and stated that our facility was a "pleasure to visit"...

Our youth drumming group, **High Tide Society**, played their first two gigs at Tatamagouche Creamery Square and Sheet Harbour High School this month. Congrats go out to the young men as they performed beautifully and made us proud!

Finally, on May 28th, we welcomed back our **Mi'kmaq Vets** for the second roundtable meeting to establish a permanent *Wall of Honour Exhibit*. The Vets worked extremely hard and finalised all graphics and text for the main storyboard. See more info on inside pages..... Also, our **NEWLY REVAMPED WEBSITE** is now launched. There are many exciting and creative links to be found, including our **"TEACHER'S RESOURCES"** in 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

National Aboriginal Day 2010
Monday, June 21st
12 – 7 pm

The Glooscap Heritage Centre welcomes everyone to celebrate National Aboriginal Day with us. Our staff has worked all year to organize a fantastic day for the whole family to learn, share, and celebrate Mi'kmaq culture. The opening ceremony begins at noon and the entertainment will last all day. It will be a great opportunity for schools to have one last memorable field trip before summer vacation begins!

Michael Denny will be our MC, Joel Denny and his family will sing and dance traditional Mi'kmaq styles, Internationally acclaimed powwow idol finalists "A Tribe Called Mi'kmaq" will be joined by High Tide Society singers (GHC's youth drum group) and dancers in many style categories will show their best moves. Kids can catch Mr. J's magic act at 1:15 and participate in the candy round dance at 2:20. Kids can also enter our colouring contest and have their face painted for free.

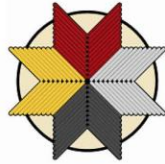
We will crown our first hand-drum competition winner this year. If you can sing we have a 100 reasons why you should do it here! There will also be a bbq going all afternoon. East Coast Music Award nominated "Lonecloud" will take the stage at 5:30pm.

The GHC will be the place to be Monday, June 21st

Admission is FREE and fun a guarantee!



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

**June 21st,
2010**



**12:00pm -
7:00pm**

Special Guests

- * A Tribe Called Mi'kmaq
- * High Tide Society
- * Powwow Dancers
- * Joel Denny and Family
- * Magician—Mr. J
- * Mike Cheney
- * Lonecloud
- * MC Michael Denny

**1 person
Hand Drum
Competition!
Cash Prizes!
1st. \$100.00
2nd. \$50.00
3rd. \$25.00**



For more information visit our website
www.glooscapheritagecentre.com or call (902) 843-3493.

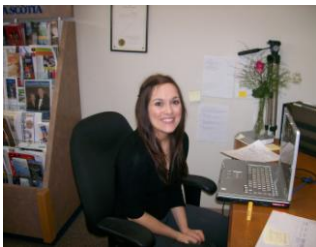
Admission Is Free!

Donations Are Greatly Appreciated!

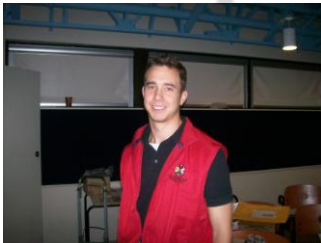
GHC/CNTA SUMMER STUDENTS



Kathleen MacKinnon just graduated from Mount Allison, with a double major in History and Art History. Kathleen is presently researching and compiling our archival records for GHC. Kathleen plans to go to Fleming College in Ontario to pursue curatorship and museum management studies in the fall. Welcome Kathleen!!!!



Kristie Petipas is heading into her third year at Mount Saint Vincent to complete a Public Relations Degree. Kristie is presently completing her co-op placement with CNTA as a Public Relations Coordinator. Welcome Kristie!



Alex Martin is returning to Mount Allison in the fall to complete a history major and English Minor. Alex is not only working as a Heritage Interpreter, but has generously agreed to help Kathleen complete an artifact description list. Welcome Alex!



Debbie Cruickshank is on a work placement programme with CNTA, which ends on Friday 11th June. The great news is that Debbie will be leaving GHC for her new job, supervisor of Truro Welcome Centre which begins on Monday 14th of June! Congratulations Debbie, and good luck on the new job from all of us here at GHC/CNTA!

GHC/CNTA RETURNING STUDENTS



Stephanie George returns from Saint Francis Xavier in her final year of her Education Degree. Stephanie is with CNTA, once again working as a Marketing Assistant. We at GHC/CNTA are thrilled to see her back and hope she has a lot of fun with us this year. Welcome Back Stephanie!



Judy Googoo is returning again, taking a summer break from her Human Services studies. Judy is our Mi'kmaq crafts demonstrator and Heritage Interpreter. Welcome Back again Judy, great to see you!



Ashley Childs returns to CNTA again this summer as a VIC Counsellor! Ashley is currently enrolled at Dalhousie University where she is studying Management Sustainability. Welcome back Ashley, great to see you again as well!!!



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 August 13th, 2010, Veterans from all Reserves in Nova Scotia will be attending the second Roundtable discussion to decide on the content of their permanent exhibit.

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

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



Upcoming Events at the GHC

Printmaking Workshop with Teresa Marshall
Thursday June 10, 6:00pm to 9:00 pm

Cost - \$35.00



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 Thursday from 4-5pm

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 fall. No registration required. Call Joe for more information 843-3493.

Regalia Drop-in Group every Saturday at noon - 2:00pm

We're almost in Powwow Season now, so the Regalia Drop in Group is there for anyone who has some last minute adjustments. Should anyone require some advice on their projects, just give us a call and we'll do our best to give you a hand!

OUR REVAMPED WEBSITE....The Glooscap Heritage Centre is pleased to announce a new effective strategic communication website and on-line cultural and skills development learning campus. The web address is still www.glooscapheritagecentre.com

This initiative will further the centre's goals and objectives which include becoming the pre-eminent Aboriginal tourism counseling and orientation facility in Atlantic Canada. To explore, seek opportunities and work in partnership with other organizations that expand the educations and learning opportunities for people of aboriginal cultures in Canada.

Workshop Instructors Still Needed.....

Workshop instructors still needed for 4-8 week courses for basketmaking, leatherworking, drum making, beading, quillwork, Traditional Medicines and Guided Interpretive Hikes. GHC is also still interested in hosting a Drop In Conversational Mi'kmaw language group (open to all who would like to practice their Mi'kmaw or help others to learn) and a 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 Pictou: Phone:(902)843-3493 Email gordon@glooscapheritagecentre.com

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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!

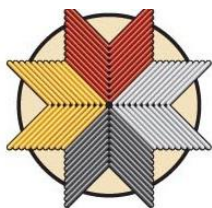
Contact GHC if you would like a user name and password to take advantage of some free on line professional skills development training.

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.



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GHC and Creamery Square Partner to Present a Cultural Day Saturday, June 26, 2010

By Gordon Pictou, Programme Director, GHC

The Creamery Square Heritage Centre in Tatamagouche will be hosting a cultural day with help from GHC Interpreters. All are welcome to attend. It will get under way at 9:30am and end at 3pm. There will be live music, Mi'kmaq storytelling, craft demonstrations and a historical presentation about Mi'kmaq experience in the region.

The event coincides with Celebrate Canada week and the 400th anniversary of the baptism of Chief Membertou at Port Royal which marks a significant moment in the relationship between the French, the Mi'kmaq and the Vatican. The Creamery Square Heritage Centre features artifacts and historical information about Mi'kmaq and Acadian life in the Tatamagouche area. The cultural day is to honour and celebrate this long and fruitful relationship and give everyone in the community to learn more about the history of their community.

Hope to see you there!



THE GLOOSCAP HERITAGE CENTRE
PRESENTS:

Forest Garden Work Party

FRIDAY, JUNE 11TH FROM 9-4 PM

IT'S A WORK PARTY TO FORM THE GROUND FOR OUR
FIRST LOCAL FOOD & MEDICINE FOREST GARDEN!
SO BRING YOUR FRIENDS, GLOVES, FOOD, RAKES,
SHOVELS & GUITARS!

HELP PLANT SOME TREES,
MAKE SOME BEAUTY
& LEARN HOW TO TURN A LAWN BACK INTO THE
FOREST WE LOVE!



COME BY ANYTIME, FOR ANY
LENGTH OF TIME!

...AND MAY THE FOREST BE WITH YOU

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**Glooscap Heritage Centre Traditional Medicines Course
With Dorene Bernard, Mi'kmaq Herbalist
At the Glooscap Heritage Centre and Mi'kmaq Museum
May 16, 23, 29, 30 and June 13, 2010**

May 16, 2010 - 10:00 am to noon
Introduction to herbal medicines and Sacred Medicines

May 23, 2010 - 10:00 am to 1:00pm
Medicine Walk and Plant Identification

May 29, 2010 - 10:00 am to noon
Ethical Wildcrafting and Plant Meditation

May 30, 2010 - 10:00 am to 1:00pm
Harvesting, storing and preparing plants
Making an Infused Oil

June 13, 2010 - 10:00 am to noon
Review and Thanksgiving
Closing

\$150.00 for five week course



Glooscap Heritage Centre to host a 5 week traditional medicines course

The GHC is excited to offer this opportunity to learn about traditional medicines. Dorene Bernard is a Mi'kmaq herbalist from Indian Brook First Nation near Shubenacadie and she will be instructing the course. Dorene has been working with communities in traditional healing for a long time now and has been asked by people all over Mi'kma'ki to share her knowledge with them. Dorene does not charge for medicine, the medicine workshop fee is to cover the cost of instruction.

The course will have both a classroom and field component. May 16th, 29th, and June 13th the class will be at the GHC from 10-12pm and on May 23rd and May 30th the class will meet in areas close to Truro to identify plants from 10am to 1pm. Each class will have a different theme. The course will start with a general introduction to herbal medicines and how to use and treat medicinal plants. The next week, everyone will be outside to learn to identify different plants. Class 3 focuses on "ethical wildcrafting." The last outdoor class will teach about making infused oils. The very last day will be review and closing discussions.

Mi'kmaq people have passed down through the generations extensive knowledge about plants and their healing properties but medicine alone is not enough to ensure health. A person is not just a physical body. Our health depends on a healthy mind, emotional self and spiritual presence as well. You can cure a sick body with herbs but if you don't change what is causing the sickness you will never be healthy. Dorene will provide an introductory level course to understanding traditional medicine and healing. If you would like to join her please register for the course by calling Gord at 843-3493 or email Gordon@glooscapheritagecentre.com The cost for the 5 week course is \$150.



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

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2 Offsite Presentation Creamery Square Gordon	3 Youth Drumming Group 4:00- 5:00 Tour 12:30 – 2:00 50 students	4 Tour 10:30 – 1:00 33 students	5 Regalia Drop in Group 12-2 Storytelling in rear courtyard 2pm
6	7	8 Offsite Presentation Ecology Action Centre- Gordon	9 Tour 3:00 – 4:00 46 ppl	10 Tour 12:30 – 2:00 84 students Youth Drumming Group 4:00- 5:00 Print Making with Teresa Marshall 6-9	11 Tour 9:45 –11:00 50 students Tour 3:00 – 4:00 46 ppl	12 Regalia Drop in Group 12-2
13 Tour 3:00 – 4:00 46 ppl Traditional Medicine Workshop 10-12	14 Tour 9:30 –12:00 45 students	15 Tour 3:00 – 4:00 46 ppl	16 Tour 1:30 –3:30 45 students	17 Tour 3:00 – 4:00 46 ppl Tour 10:30 –12:00 29 students Youth Drumming Group 4:00- 5:00	18 Tour 9:30 –11:00 21 students	19 Regalia Drop in Group 12-2 Tour 3:00 – 4:00 46 ppl Storytelling in rear courtyard 2pm
20	21 NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY CELEBRATION Noon- 7pm drummers, dancers, flutes food, kid's activities	22	23 Tour 3:00 – 4:00 46 ppl	24	25 Tour 3:00 – 4:00 46 ppl	26 Regalia Drop in Group 12-2 Offsite Presentation Creamery Square drummers and dancers Gordon
27	28	29 Tour 3:00 – 4:00 46 ppl	30			

Please Contact the Glooscap Heritage Centre for more information

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