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GLOOSCAP
Heritage Centre

& Mi'kmaq Museum
JUNE 2011 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 June, at a glance....

Well, our prime signature event is coming up.... Our **National Aboriginal Day gala celebration** is on **June 21st, from 11:30 to 5:00pm**. We guarantee there will be something for everyone – traditional dancers, drummers and singers, magic show and face painting for kids, barbeque and lots of wonderful prizes! We're sponsoring a hand drum competition again this year, and invited all the biggest and best performers, so don't miss it!... We'd like to remind everyone that our **Eagle On-Line** computer training is now at the Annex on Wednesdays, from 9am to 4pm. It's free, so do come and take advantage of certification on many software applications. Also, GHC is proud to sponsor the art book entitled **"Kekina'masuti Nemitekemk Nkutey Mijua'jijk - Through Children's Eyes: An L'nu Resource for Exploring the Visual Arts**. The exhibit opens on June 4th, opening ceremonies from 1:30 to 3pm, everyone welcome! And finally, just a reminder that we began our summer hours on May 16th. **Monday to Friday, 8:30 - 6:30 and on the weekends, 8:30 – 4:30**, with tours available for most times.

Should you have any enquiries, please contact Gord Pictou at (902) 843 3493 or by email at gordon@glooscapheritagecentre.com

May Highlights



Freshly graduated Nationally Certified Heritage Interpreters Gord Pictou, Pam Hill, Denise Stephens and Joe Sylliboy

GHC is thrilled to announce that we cleaned up at this year's 16th annual Recognition of Excellence Certification Dinner sponsored by Nova Scotia Tourism. Four of the six graduating Heritage Interpreters were ours, and GHC was recognised for the third time as a **2011 Property Recognition Recipient**, recognising our commitment to excellence. See story inside. And finally, the Annex is ready to roll, and we have hired an **Artistic Producer, Tammy Morris-Williams**, to make the Glooscap Annex into a premier destination spot to further Aboriginal Fine Arts in Mi'kma'ki. Welcome aboard Tammy!

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

MILLBROOK: The Glooscap Heritage Centre will be bursting at the seams with activity when Aboriginal Day celebrations are held June 21.

Celebrated across the country in honour of Aboriginal peoples, June 21 was chosen in significance to the summer solstice and is a way to celebrate the rich, diverse culture they have. This marks the sixth annual Aboriginal Days event at the Glooscap Heritage Centre since it opened in 2006.

“Our first year, we wanted to make a pretty big splash,” said Devin Trefry, marketing co-ordinator for the Central Nova Tourism Association. “Once we set that standard, it’s now about maintaining it and filling the day with high quality events that showcase the heritage of the Mi’kmaw people in Atlantic Canada.”

Joe Sylliboy has been tasked with creating the schedule of events. In doing so, he’s using the knowledge he’s acquired growing up to come up with a day that’s entertaining for people of all ages. “I’ve been going to a lot of events like this much of my life,” said the co-ordinator of the Aboriginal Days event at the Glooscap Heritage Centre. “Because of that, I’m happy to say I’ve developed a good network of people who are able to contribute in a way that impacts what we’re doing here.”

Opening ceremonies begin at 11:30 a.m., with an official smudging ceremony. From there, a multitude of activities and performances take over. It includes traditional drumming, songs and even a little competition.

“Joel Denny and family will be returning this year and they do traditional Mi’kmaq songs and dances,” said Sylliboy. “They do a really nice performance. We’re also going to feature a hand drum competition where entrants will be judged on their performances.”

The participants are coming from New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. This new addition to the schedule of events will produce three winners who will be judged on specific criteria.

“The judges will be given scorecards and they will have three key things to look for,” said Sylliboy. “The first is the singing and whether the clarity of their singing and hitting the proper notes. The second, of course, is the drumming. People who hand drum know different variations of beats, so we will be looking for consistency throughout the performance. The third key item is creativity. Some will have their own songs or beats when it comes to drumming, so that can earn points as well.”

Mister J will be on hand to keep children entertained and smiling. To tie in with the event, his act will be related to Glooscap legends. To date, approximately six school classes will be attending the event.

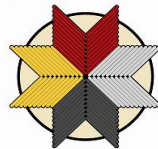
In celebration of Aboriginal Day, the Glooscap Heritage Centre will have free admission and because of the different events taking place, standard tours will not be offered. However, visitors are more than welcome to walk through the facility, admire the 40-foot statue of Glooscap or visit the gift shop.

“We’re hoping the weather will cooperate, which means some of our performances could be held outside,” Sylliboy continued. “We’re also going to have craft and food vendors and a barbecue. It will all tie into National Aboriginal Day and our culture.”

The celebrations draw to a close at 5 p.m. Anyone looking for more information can visit www.glooscapheritagecentre.com or call 843-3493.



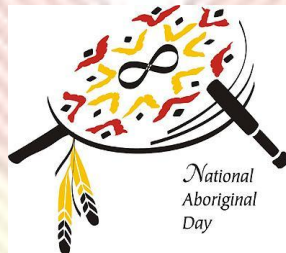
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Come Celebrate National Aboriginal Day at the Glooscap Heritage Centre and Mi'kmaq Museum

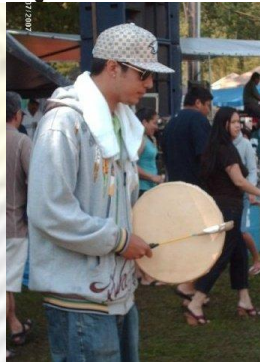
June 21st, 2011



11:30AM – 5:00PM

Special Guests
1 person hand drum

Competition
***MC Michael Denny**
***Sunrise Scouts**
***High Tide Society**
***Stoney Bear Singers**
***Powwow Dancers**
***Joel Denny and Family**
***Magician—Mr. J**



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

Admission Is Free!

Donations Are Greatly Appreciated!

**One man hand drum
competition**

**Great Prizes!
3 Top Prizes!**

**Nova Scotia's Certified Tourism Professionals 2010-2011
16th Annual Recognition of Excellence Certification Dinner
Cunard Centre, May 18, 2011**

GHC really cleaned up this year with these national awards for excellence. The evening was designed to recognise excellence in the tourism industry. This event was sponsored by the Nova Scotia Tourism Human Resource Council, Canadian Tourism Human Resource Council, *emerit* and Nova Scotia Department of Economic & Rural Development & Tourism. The Centre received its' third award for excellence and four of the six nationally certified Heritage Interpreters were ours! Huge kudos go to Denice Stephens, Pam Hill, Joe Sylliboy and Gord Pictou. You guys are awesome!



Denice Stephens, Pam Hill, Joe Sylliboy, Gordon Pictou



Executive Director Joyce Mingo accepts award from Minister Paris



Denice Stephens accepted her certificate..happy girl!!



Our newest graduates! Congrats on an accomplishment well earned!

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Cunard Centre, May 18, 2011



top row..Kathy Fisher, Pam Hill, Rhonda Claes, Denice Stephens, bottom row, Joe Sylliboy, Joyce Mingo, Sharon Touchie , Gord Picton



Joe and Joyce



Gord and Denice

Glooscap Theatre Programme begins.....

By Tammy Morris - Williams, Glooscap Heritage Centre Artistic Producer



Waterlogged fingers waved as four aboriginal artists gathered at the Ross Creek Centre for the Arts for mentorship, development, and training in theatre skills. Foggy, rainy, soggy weather could not dampen the spirits of the participants as they lived at the Ross Creek Centre for three weeks. The communal living experience fostered creative thinking and

enabled the participants to fully concentrate on their goals while there.



Performance Artists George Paul, Lyndsey Gloade, Isaac Solomon, and Tammy Morris-Williams participated in a three week program designed to introduce new skills to theatre beginners and to further develop and mentor current skills to cultivate a group of artist who would participate with the Glooscap Heritage Centre's new Native Theatre. Training was provided by Ken Schwartz, Artistic Director of Two Planks and a Passion theatre, and The Ross Creek Centre for the Arts.



Participants from L-R - Isaac Solomon, Lyndsey Gloade, Tammy Morris-Williams, George Paul

The three weeks passed quickly for participants as they learned to work with the silent mask (seen below), analyze scripts for themes, and to learn to develop and endow characters with particular traits, amongst other skills. Also developed



during the time at Ross Creek were: personal skills such as boundaries, tolerance, team work, individual self-guidance; and traditional Mi'kmaq stories and legends. The physically demanding rehearsal and training process surprised some participants, exhausting people by the end of the day.

Silent masks for body language training

However, the fantastic care provided by Ross Creek Centre for the Arts staff helped alleviate the cares and worries that participants may have had being away from home, away from children, and any specific needs were met happily.

The actors performed an original piece on their final day at Ross Creek. Taking two days to write, develop, and rehearse a ten minute play about Glooscap and Malsum, the participants received great feedback and were encouraged to further develop the piece to include more detail, suggesting that this may be one of the first pieces performed at the new theatre in Truro, when productions commence in January 2012.

Glooscap Heritage Centre's Native Theatre is under current development. The addition of Tammy Morris-Williams (Indian Brook) to the staff of Glooscap Heritage Centre, to helm the new theatre with the mentorship of Ross Creek's Ken Schwartz will bring together best practices in business, theatre, and marketing. Taking part in the three week course enabled Tammy to reacquaint herself with the theatre world after taking time off to work on her business development skills. With over 20 years of theatre experience as both a performer and technician, Tammy hopes the new theatre company will reflect the diversity of traditional and contemporary Native experiences through theatre of the highest quality.



Lyndsey, Isaac, and George preparing for the final day's performance

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ATTENTION: GHC SUPPORTERS AND DONORS

We have been advised by Nova Scotia Museum that they are legal owners and will continue to be legal owners of traditional Mi'kmaq artefacts and textiles.

GHC has been in an ongoing process to establish our Centre as a recognized community museum. In order to qualify, we have been advised by Nova Scotia Museum that provincial criteria to qualify is ownership of artefacts. The Mi'kmaq artefacts are owned by the NSM and they have denied our request for repatriation. Therefore, we are asking our supporters, Band Councils, individuals and Mi'kmaq Community Members to consider donating any artefacts, antiques, heirlooms etc, that they would like to be preserved to be part of an exciting display of the Mi'kmaq culture.

We can provide assurance that all donations will be housed in a state of the art facility, and your donation will be honoured on our donation wall. Tax receipts will be issued on request.

From the Board of Directors, Management and Staff of GHC,
Wela'lin and thank you!



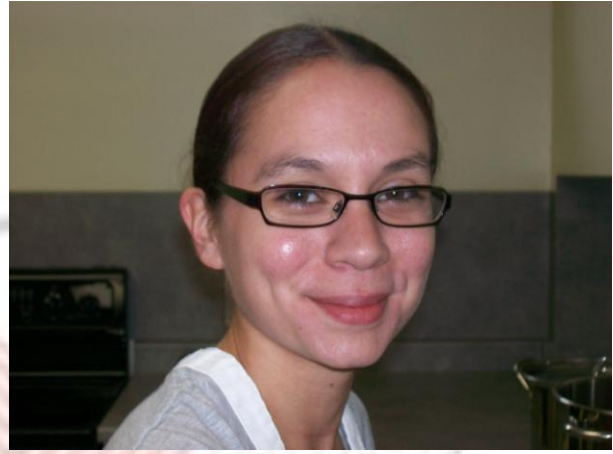
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NEW STAFF NEW STAFF NEW STAFF NEW STAFF



Tammy Morris Williams



Lyndsey Gloade

GHC is thrilled to welcome our newest staff members! Tammy has been hired as the Artistic Producer for our Glooscap Aboriginal Theatre and Lyndsey has been hired as her intern/assistant for the summer. On behalf of everyone here at GHC/CNTA, we would like to extend our warmest wishes and welcome to the team.

Central Nova Tourist Association

Marketing Nova Scotia's Fundy and Northumberland Shores

Central Nova Tourist Association (CNTA) has recently transitioned from being a membership based organization to an organization that now serves all tourism stakeholders in the Central Nova region.

CNTA looks forward to forging new partnerships and working with existing partners to continue to grow tourism in the region.


FUNDY SHORE
www.fundyshore.com


NORTHUMBERLAND SHORE
www.northumberlandshore.com

For New Marketing Opportunities Call
Central Nova Tourist Association
(902) 893-8782 or 1-800-895-1177
or Visit Tourismcentral.ca

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

From Monday to Friday at the Annex, between 9:00 - 4:00 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

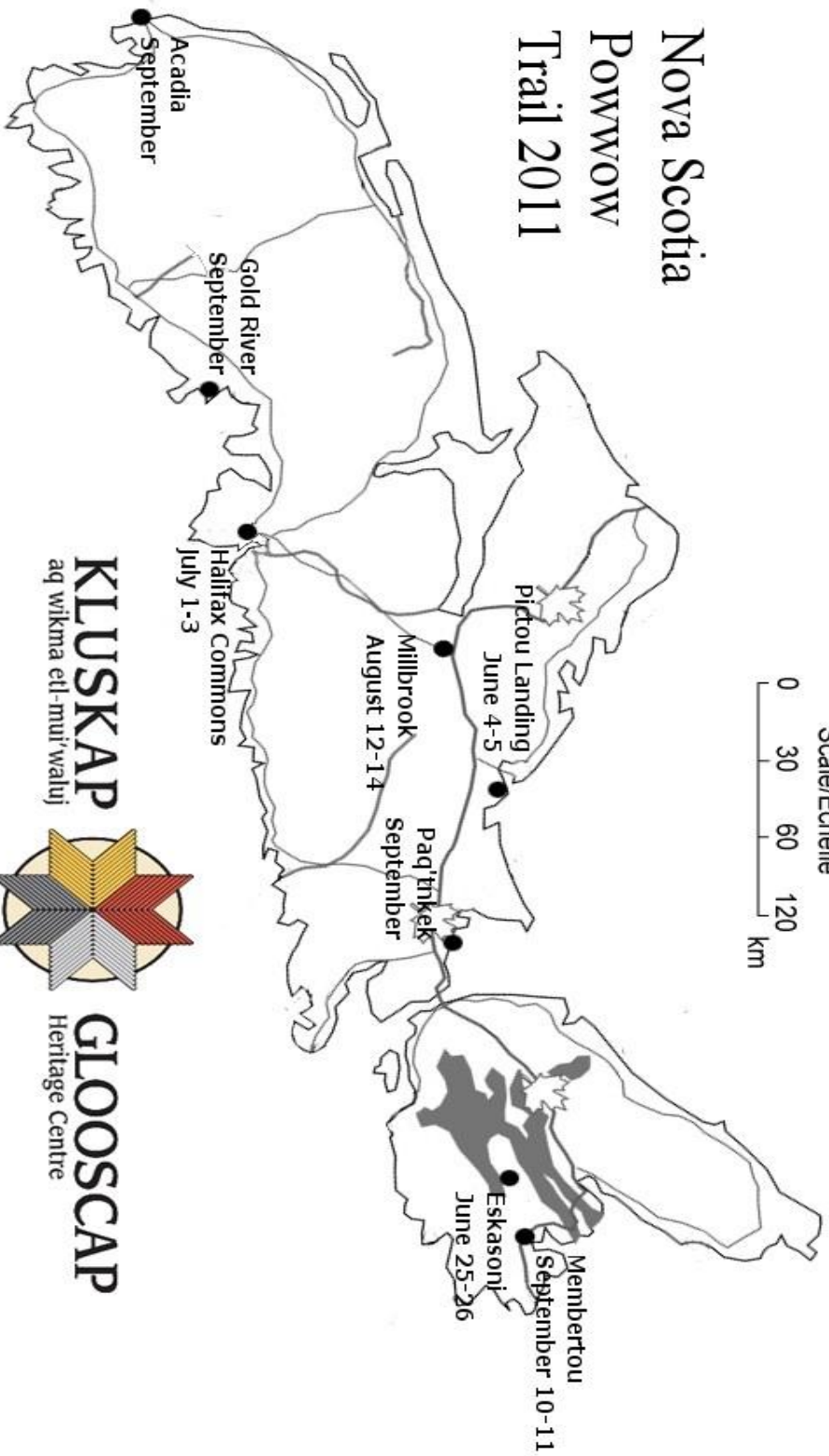
We at Glooscap Heritage Centre offer two methods by which you can upgrade your computer skills.

The Glooscap Learning Annex is open each weekday from 9:00 to 4:00 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 to take any of our on-line courses.



Nova Scotia Powwow Trail 2011



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Calendar of Monthly Tours and Theatre Bookings Glooscap Heritage Centre & Mi'kmaq Museum JUNE 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Tour 40 people 9am -10:00 Tour 35 people 10-noon Annex 8-8pm <i>Eagle on-line learning @ the Annex 9-4</i>	2 Tour 42 people 1:15 -2:45pm Annex 8-8pm	3 Tour 40 people 9am -10:00 Tour 75 people 10am -2:00 Annex 9-2pm	4 Opening of Artbook Exhibit 1:30-3:00
5 Tour 40 people 9am -10:00	6 Board Room 8:30-4:30	7 Tour 40 people 9am -10:00 Board Room 8:30-4:30 Outreach -Gord and Joe @ Tatamagouche Elementary	8 Tour 35 people 10am -noon Board Room 8:30-4:30 <i>Eagle on-line learning @ the Annex 9-4</i>	9 Tour 40 people 9am -10:00 Board Room 8:30-4:30	10 Tour 21 people 9:15 -1:30	11 Tour 40 people 9am -10:00
12	13 Tour 40 people 9am -10:00 Tour 40 people 2:45- 4:00 Board Room 10-noon	14 Tour 75 people 10:00-11:00 Annex 10:00-11:30	15 Tour 40 people 9am -10:00 Tour 46 people 1:30 -2:30 Tour 25 people 2:00 -5:00 Annex 10:00-11:30 <i>Eagle on-line learning @ the Annex 9-4</i>	16 Tour 50 people 10-noon	17 Tour 40 people 9am -10:00 Tour 55 people 11:00 -1:00	18
19 Tour 40 people 9am -10:00	20 Tour 40 people 2:45- 4:00	21 Tour 40 people 9am -10:00 NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY, join us, it's free! 11:30-5:00pm	22 Annex 8:30-5:00 <i>Eagle on-line learning @ the Annex 9-4</i>	23 Tour 40 people 9am -10:30 Annex 1:00-8:30	24	25
26	27 Tour 40 people 9am -10:30 Annex 9:00-4:00 Board Room 10-2:00pm	28 Annex 8:00-5:00 <i>Garden Tour 15 people, 5pm</i>	29 <i>Eagle on-line learning @ the Annex 9-4</i>	30		

Please Contact the Glooscap Heritage Centre for more information

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