



# MAHONE BAY SETTLERS MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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**The Mahone Bay Settlers Museum is a community-based museum and resource centre operated by the Mahone Bay Founders Society.**

**The Mission is to provide educational and recreational experiences that celebrate and preserve the history, culture and traditions of the Mahone Bay area.**

## Our Best to You

**June 2**

Mark it on your calendar! The 28th Annual “Our Best to You” Food Sale is June 2, 10am-noon at St. James Anglican Church Hall Mahone Bay!

You are sure to enjoy all the delicious items for sale, which have been made by dedicated volunteers.

Support the Museum while treating yourself!



A tasty cake from last year's Our Best to You.



*Chinese Import Plate Warmer from the Inglis/Quinlan collection.*

## Summer Staff

The summer season is here and Manager Deborah Trask has things well underway! The Settlers Museum is proud to have returning staff member Vicky Hirtle filling the position of Museum Assistant, and welcomes new Heritage Interpreter Kody Dagley to the Museum team!

## Annual General Meeting

**June 14**

The Settlers Museum will be hosting their Annual General Meeting on June 14 at 7pm at the Mahone Bay Centre Community Room. The featured speaker for meeting will be Scott Robson, Curator of Collections at the Nova Scotia Museum, who will give an illustrated talk on “The Inglis Collection and the Nova Scotia Museum”.

Scott has worked with the collections at the Nova Scotia Museum for over thirty-five years. He has experience with the Inglis/Quinlan collection, and extensive knowledge in other areas of historical study including quilts, having published a book with Sharon MacDonald called “Old Nova Scotia Quilts” in 1995.

We look forward to having Scott educate and enlighten us, and we hope to see you there!

## Summer Exhibits

This summer the Museum is proud to once again offer exciting, locally focused historical exhibits!

### “Through the Eyes of a Child, Mahone Bay 1901-1910”

shows life in Mahone Bay as experienced by former resident Clara Quinlan.



Clara Quinlan

In the exhibit we have combined information from Clara’s diaries with historical photographs, collection items, such as Clara’s toys, historical clothing on loan from Ginny Bell, and illustrations painted by Anne Palfreyman and Frans Ayelets to create a collage of Mahone Bay at the turn of the century.



Deobrah Trask and Anne Ruel  
Photo courtesy of Robert Hirtle,  
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**“The Mahone Islands”** commemorates Mahone Bay’s island speckled harbour, which is as rich in history as it is in beauty.

This exhibit is being produced hand in hand with the Mahone Islands Conservation Association, in celebration of the provincial purchase of both Bachman and Coveys Islands!

The exhibit will feature historic maps, photos, and sometimes chilling tales of life on our local islands.

If you have any stories about the Mahone Islands, we would like to hear them! Call the Settlers Museum and your story could become part of the exhibit!



**The Inglis/Quinlan China Collection** is a featured display this year, with a focus on Percy Inglis as a collector—how he found his items, who they belonged to, why they were important to him.



Percy Inglis

This exhibit features beautiful sets of china, as well as individual pieces, that have are not only great in size, but have a great story as well. These stories are discovered through letters Percy both wrote and received, as well as other historical sources.

## Paint Mahone Bay 2007

**July 14-15**



The Settlers Museum is very excited about this year’s Paint Mahone Bay Festival!

We once again welcome artists to enjoy the beauty of Mahone Bay, and capture it in their art work. The sale of this art is both a great fundraiser for the Settlers Museum and a worthwhile venture for local artists.

The festival this year is **July 14 and 15**, with sales occurring at both the St. James Anglican Church Hall and the Mahone Bay Centre.

We hope to see you there to support the Museum and pick up some fabulous art!

**Note to artists**—Registration sheets are available online! Check out the Settlers Museum website for more information.

**July and August** we will be undertaking a special research project, funded through Canada Summer Jobs, (Service Canada) on native stories from the area.