

The Mahone Bay Settlers Museum



June 2006 Newsletter

Summer Staff

This year the Mahone Bay Settlers Museum is happy to announce the return of three summer staff members: Vicky Hirtle, Michelle Boyd, and Jena Hirtle.

Rest assured they will be working hard in cooperation with Wilma Stewart-White, the curator, and volunteers to make this year a smooth running success.

New Sign

This spring the Museum has become the proud owner of a brand new front sign constructed by The Write Stuff, Lunenburg.

Along with a vibrantly coloured information panel detailing the Settlers Museum Logo and hours of operation, the sign also has a separate advertising panel, which will be replaced each summer as the exhibits within the Museum change.

Exhibits



Chinese Export Plate

The Settlers Museum has on display this year an exciting variety of Blue and White China dinnerware including Flow Blue, Transfer Ware, and Chinese Export. This China belonged to Percy Inglis, a local and avid China connoisseur, and is now part of the Nova Scotia Museum Collection.



A wind up Woodpecker. Made in Japan.
Purchased in 1991

This summer the Museum is also featuring a collection of tin toys called “Catherine’s Wind Up Toys”. The colourful collection, gathered between 1950 – 2000, is bound to impress and enchant both parent and child alike.

The grand opening of the exhibit is June 10, 2006 from 1:30 – 3:30pm. Tea, Lemonade, and sweets will be served.



Fannie's Home in Blockhouse, NS

Expanding on last summer's exhibit detailing the work of Fannie Ernst, this year the Settlers Museum is offering an exhibit "Through The Lens: Blockhouse Remembered", which compares how the village of Blockhouse has grown and changed since being seen through the lens of Fannie's camera. Anne Ruel and Harry Aulenback are our research team.



Spode figurine

Other exhibits include Staffordshire and Spode figurines, Hooked Rugs, and photos of Mahone Bay's legendary bands.

Book Launch

Over the past year, curator Wilma Stewart-White and educator Brian Tennyson have been working hard on compiling information for Nimbus Publishing, who have recently printed their efforts in a book entitled: "Historic Mahone Bay".



Brian Tennyson and Wilma Stewart-White sign copies of "Historic Mahone Bay" at the book launch on May 27th, 2006 at the Mahone Bay Centre

The book is part of a Nimbus series, which includes additional readers on Chester, Halifax, the LaHave River Valley, et cetera.

The publication details the history of Mahone Bay through documented fact, collected anecdotes, and photographs.

"Historic Mahone Bay" can be purchased at the Settlers Museum.

Food Sale

This year the Settlers Museum hosted it's 27th annual "Our Best to You" Food Sale.



Delectable sweets from the 2006 Food Sale

The event was rich with delicious goodies and wholesome meals, the sale of which resulted in a generous donation to the Settlers Museum.

The Museum would like to thank everyone who took part in the Food Sale. Without your generous donations and relentless volunteerism, the fundraiser would not have been a success.

AGM

The Settlers Museum Annual General Meeting will be held June 27 at 7pm at the Mahone Bay Centre.

Following the meeting will be a presentation on Researching Local History with speaking Patrick Hirtle, a Mahone Bay born graduate student at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton Campus.

Evaluation

The Museum will be subject to an evaluation this year by the Nova Scotia Museum. The evaluation is designed to ensure that the Museum is running properly in its board structure, its handling and storage of artifacts, its multimedia documentation, et cetera. These evaluations take place every three years and are mandatory for our CMAP funding.

Board members and staff are working diligently to ensure the Museum is organized and ready for the analysis, which is to take place early in July.

We wish them all the best of luck.

Paint Mahone Bay



The 3rd Annual Paint Mahone Bay Festival will be taking place this year on July 15 and 16, and promises to be a successful fundraiser for the Settlers Museum.

Wet paintings, those painted on the streets of Mahone Bay on that weekend, will be sold at the Anglican Church Hall, and dry paintings, works that are previously completed and matted or framed, will be sold at the Mahone Bay Legion Hall. Sales start bright and early at 9am both days, and end at 5pm.

If you are interested in participating in the festival as an artist, please contact the Mahone Bay Settlers Museum for an information package.

Garden Help

We are in need of a gardening crew. Our front and side gardens need weeding and after that just regular maintenance.

Volunteer for one or two days during our Museum Season!

Calls us at (902) 624-6263.
