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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.

Our mission is to ensure the stewardship of our area's heritage and to operate the Mahone Bay Settlers Museum, a vibrant community based organization, serving and engaging both residents and visitors through the preservation and celebration of our history and culture.

Annual Meeting Of the Founders Society

June 15th, Mahone Bay Centre, 7 PM

2009 marks the 30th anniversary of the Founders Society, which began in 1979 to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the arrival of the first settlers in 1754. A primary aim of the Society was to open a permanent museum, which was accomplished in 1988 with the opening of the Settlers Museum.



Guest Speaker:

Danny Hennigar of the Oak Island Tourism Society will speak about the Mystery and Lure of Oak Island.

Mark your calendars!

2009 Summer Exhibits

Special displays for this summer include 2 collaborative efforts, a fun local collection of pottery from Alberta, Wedgwood's 250th anniversary, and a teaset dated 1841, returned to Mahone Bay by a descendant of the original owner.



Medalta Pottery in Mahone Bay!

From member Jean Ramsay's personal pottery collection—all collected after she moved to Mahone Bay.

SUMMER STAFF



Student staff for 2009 are [left to right] **Kody Dagley**, returning for his 3rd summer, this time as Museum Assistant, currently studying for his BED at Mount St. Vincent; **Marisa Greek**, a science student at Memorial, is this year's Heritage Interpreter **Laura Hirtle**, studying nursing at NSCC Bridgewater, is Program Assistant. A Student Researcher 8 week position will be filled shortly.

Come meet our dynamic summer team! The museum is now open 7 days a week, to August 28th.



Quilt Traditions

Organized with the assistance of the Mahone Bay Quilters Guild, the display of quilt blocks and heritage quilts is already drawing visitors.

The Oak Island Mystery

Oak Island is private property and not accessible most of the year, except for "Oak Island Days" organized by the Oak Island Tourism Society.

Our Best to You!

We celebrated thirty years of "Our Best to You" food sale fund-raiser on the last weekend in May. A cold tea party was held in the Museum garden and the Legion Swing Band entertained us on a beautiful, sunny Sunday afternoon. Thanks to ALL the bakers and cooks who made these events so successful!

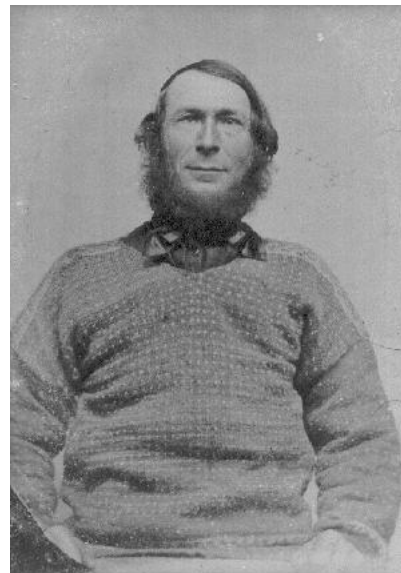
1841 tea set

Over the 2008-09 winter, the museum received several pieces of a hand-painted tea set, dating about 1840, sent from Montana.

The dishes are all that remains of a large set, bought at Lunenburg by John Peter Strum (1817-1891) at the time of his wedding to Sarah Mader, daughter of Friederick Mader of Maders Cove, in May 1841.

On careful inspection, lustre trim on the handles and teapot rim was observed. The high angular cup handles match many with more lustre in the Inglis Collection from the same period, all probably collected locally.

The set was donated to the museum by Peter Strum's great-grandson, now in his 80s, with an impeccable history of ownership!



J. Peter Strum, c. 1870, courtesy Anne Ruel

6th annual PAINT MAHONE BAY July 11th & 12th, 2009



A celebration of Arts & Heritage

New this year: U-PAINT!

Our Paint kits were originally designed for kids and we called it Kids Paint but we discovered that many adults were wanting to get their hands on a brush - so this year... it's U-PAINT - for kids for adults and for all those in-between. Join the artists in the streets, gardens and studios during this wonderful summer festival!

For information call the Festival Phone Line:
902-212-2359

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