

# Mahone Bay Museum Newsletter

## Our 2016 Season Highlights

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### We had a great season and want to tell you all about it!

This season we welcomed over 3,800 visitors to the Museum from as far as Australia, the opposite side of the planet, and as near as our own backyard. Thank you to our team of volunteers who greeted visitors in September!

We received very positive feedback on the new exhibits, layout, and staff. Our new shipbuilding exhibit received a lot of interest from visitors and we would like to thank John Taylor, Peter Redden, Michele Stevens, and Ben Verburch for all their help bringing this history to life.



#### Scarecrow Festival

Our children's activities and crafts, including the above scarecrow masks, during the Scarecrow Festival were a huge success with 500 visitors on Saturday and Sunday!

#### Thank You to Our Volunteers

Our 2016 Granny's Attic yard sale raised just over \$4,000! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us set up and run the sale.



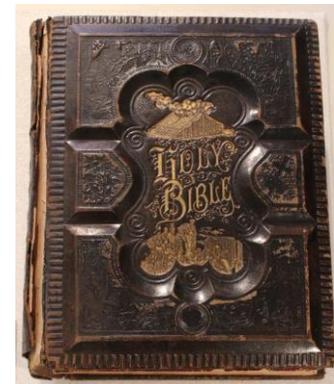
Our 2016 Home & Garden Tour sold 209 tickets and was a great success thanks to the 93 volunteers who helped Karen Pinsent, Sherry Hobson, and Anne Palfreyman run this event.



Thank you to the cooks, bakers, and volunteers who provided food donations and helped us run the 37<sup>th</sup> Our Best to You food sale. It's not too early to sign up for 2017!

#### Thank You to Our Supporters

We were pleased to accept a wonderful donation of over \$2,200 from Margaret MacDonald-Trites and Jerry Trites from the earnings of their yard sales.



We received a donation of \$1,000 from Joan Russo to help us process the items she donated that belonged to her family, such as a Keddy bible from the 1880s. We recently received many interesting artifacts and are still processing potential donations. We look forward to sharing these with you in 2017.

We also want to thank our community for all your support through sponsorships, in-kind donations, and more!



### More Archival Work!

We received another Documentary Heritage Communities Program grant from the Library and Archives Canada department of the Government of Canada. This grant will allow archivist John Bell and our Manager/Curator Lyne Allain to process more of our archival backlog. There is a significant amount relating to shipbuilding and we look forward to discovering some hidden treasures.



### Stay Connected with Us

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram or stay tuned for our spring newsletter for behind the scenes information on this archival project, sneak peeks of our work over the winter designing our 2017 exhibits, and information about the new artifacts we have recently added to our collection.

### Ranked Top Twelve

The Nova Scotia Government's new requirements for museums receiving funding through the Community Museum Assistance Program took effect this year. They evaluated us on hundreds of items ranging from our exhibits, policies, and building. We are thrilled to report that we were among the top twelve highest scoring museums in the province that were evaluated this year!



### New Merchandise

Our gift shop has new ball caps, winter toques, kids and youth t-shirts, and various work from local artists. Contact us for more information or to arrange to purchase in person at the Museum while we are closed or visit [mahonebaymuseum.com](http://mahonebaymuseum.com) to make an online purchase.



### Father Christmas Festival

The Museum will be open 10am to 4pm on November 26th - 27th and December 3rd - 4th with free crafts and activities for kids of all ages for Father Christmas Festival. Come learn about past Christmas tree traditions, the Boston Christmas Tree, and the Christmas tree industry in Lunenburg County.



### Gingerbread Decorating

As is tradition, we will also host Gingerbread & Trees for children 3-10 years old, Saturday, November 26th and Saturday, December 3rd from 1-3pm at the Mahone Bay Centre. Children decorate gingerbread and select a tree from Brown's Tree Lot to take home to decorate. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Participation by donation.

## Stay in touch with us over the winter!

We are now closed to the public for the winter with the exception of the two weekends for the Father Christmas Festival. However, our Manager can be reached by email [info@mahonebaymuseum.com](mailto:info@mahonebaymuseum.com) or by leaving a voicemail at 902-624-6263.