

Mahone Bay Museum Newsletter

Autumn 2018

AN UPDATE ON EVENTS SO FAR AND NEWS ON THOSE STILL TO COME

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As always, we have had a very **BUSY summer!** We are now only open by appointment (by donation) as long as a volunteer is available. Please give us at least 48 hours notice if you'd like to request that we open by appointment. Contact us at 902-624-6263 or email info@mahonebaymuseum.com

Upcoming (Nov. 23 – Dec. 2, 2018) Father Christmas Festival

We will re-open during Father Christmas Festival with free children's activities. At the end of last year's Father Christmas Festival we had over 6,600 visitors for our 2017 season total. Currently, we sit at just over 6,200 visitors. Come visit us during the festival so that we can beat our visitor record from last year!

A quick note of thanks from our Manager-Curator:

Thank you to all our Board Members, Committee Members, Event Volunteers, Front Desk Volunteers, Artifact Donors, In-Kind Donors, Event Attendees, Donation Box Contributors, Facebook Followers, Community Leaders, Summer Students and Grants (Young Canada Works, NS Skills, and Canada Summer Jobs), and Visitors for making this another wonderful season! Your continued support means the world to me.
-Lyne Allain

We received a number of 5 star reviews on our Google business listing!

"This was a nice little place we happened to fall upon just walking down the main strip of Mahone Bay! loved all the things they had to learn and all the history the gold fish was really cute too! the staff were so helpful! they had great things for kids to do also!"

Home & Garden Tour Weekend - was held July 7th & 8th 2018



This is one of the Museum's biggest fundraisers which fills the weekend with an insider's view of life in Mahone Bay and demonstrates why this town is known as "A Treasure Since 1754." This year we featured 4 historic homes (built c. 1825, 1853, 1880's and 1930's), 3 splendid gardens plus, of course, the Museum itself which had the added attraction of a 15-foot Mushamush rowing skiff being built the traditional way, with traditional tools and materials. We are grateful to the property owners, the Heritage Boat Yard co-op and the many volunteers that make this event possible.

We would like to thank our sponsors:

- Red Door Realty
- The Swan on Lincoln
- Acorn Antiques
- Wickstrom & Company
- Have A Yarn
- Gow's Hardware
- Town of Mahone Bay
- Strum Consulting
- Deja vu Lab and Test Equipment
- RPS

Mark your calendars for next year's event July 6th & 7th, 2019

Grannies Attic Yard Sale - was held during the Scarecrow Festival, Sept. 28th & 29th 2018

Another greatly anticipated and widely loved Mahone Bay Museum fundraiser. You're always sure to find something special to take home! Smiles abound and this year was no exception. A **BIG Thank-You** is extended to the many helpers and donors for their contributions and the Mahone Bay Medical Centre for the use of the parking lot. Keep the museum in mind for next year's sale when you are pondering what to do with that box of curios under the stairs!

We had over 840 visitors to the museum during the fun-filled festival weekend, 337 were kids. There were nine different activity and craft stations celebrating the **Mahone Bay Scarecrow Festival & Antique Fair** and a photo booth where kids could be transformed to a scarecrow!

Anne, our Chairperson, made these **ADORABLE** scarecrow cookies that were as tasty as they are cute. Can't wait to see what she'll conjure up for the Father Christmas Festival ☺



Would your business be interested in sponsoring us? Let us know!

Genealogical Genius

We were so pleased that Dr. Ken Paulsen stopped in during the summer to share his knowledge about the settlement of 1753-1754 of this area with our staff! Dr. Paulsen has done a TREMENDOUS amount of genealogy research on various families who settled here and was kind enough to bring us copies of his work so far on the Hyson, Hiltz, Lantz, Whynot, Young, Boehner, and Awalt families! His work has been put into binders to add to our Reference Library for visitors to access. We couldn't believe the size of the stacks of papers he brought us (each stack is a separate family) and yes, they are printed on both sides!



If you can't make it in to the Museum and want to take a look at Dr. Paulsen's genealogy research, check out his website: <https://genealogy-paulsen.com/Genealogy/Home.html>

Mi'kmaq Exhibit

A dedicated sub-committee is working on our upcoming Mi'kmaq exhibit. We are planning to have two panels about the history of the Mi'kmaq Peoples. One panel will be dedicated to general history, the second will be more local history (such as within the South Shore or Lunenburg County). If you or someone you know is interested in joining our Sub-Committee consisting of local Mi'kmaq and non-Mi'kmaq who are passionate about developing a Mi'kmaq exhibit, contact us!

Mi'kmaq Woven Dreams

On July 5th, Sandra Racine, whose studio is called Mi'kmaq Woven Dreams hosted a Mi'kmaq basketry demonstration and talk, at the museum, to a very enthusiastic crowd - despite the heatwave! We are very grateful to our local artists for supporting us in so many ways.

Hold on to your hats! We have some AMAZING news...

Our Manager and Curator, Lyne Allain, has been invited by Library and Archives Canada to go to Ottawa on November 6th to speak at a seminar about our archival project from last winter!!! The seminar showcases the archival projects of 8 organizations who received funding last year from the Documentary Heritage Communities Program (through Library and Archives Canada and the Government of Canada).

For more information about the seminar: <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/.../2018/seminar-past-becomes-future...>

...a work in progress

Lyne is looking forward to working on this year's archive project with our Archival Consultant John, thanks to a grant from Library and Archives Canada and the Government of Canada through the DHCP. The archive work will start this November so stay tuned for new archival photos she will be scanning and uploading on Facebook!



As part of our application for the 2018-2019 archive grant we stated that we would contribute to this winter's project by having new custom shelves installed because well... you can't process more archives if you have no room to put them! Thank you goes out to Fischback Quality Construction who built a custom shelf for us!

Support us...

Gourmet Raffle - drum roll....

Congratulations to Sara from Lunenburg! She had the lucky winning ticket for a picnic for four at the Cape House Vineyard overlooking Mahone Bay. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, our raffle manager Karen, and to the Cape House Vineyard!

Volunteers wanted!

Are you interested in preserving the history of Mahone Bay? Do you have a few hours to spare? We are looking for help in all aspects - from providing goods for our bake sale, being a host during our Home & Garden Festival, welcoming visitors at the museum to becoming a member of our board. If you would like to know more, please give us a call 902 624 6263 or email us:

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Renew/become a Member

Membership of the Mahone Bay Founders Society/Mahone Bay Museum for the 2018/19 is available from as little as \$15 per year. Being a member allows you to not only attend but vote at our AGM. It also gets you a 10% discount on all our retail products! Every year members are invited to attend our "Behind Closed Doors" event. By becoming a member, you will be supporting the growth and success of our community museum. 40% of our funds comes from contributions/donations to our fundraising events, membership and campaigns. Please visit our website: www.mahonebaymuseum.com for more information or come to the Museum and pick up a membership form.



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