



Community Museum  
& Culture Centre

# Newsletter

## Summer 2016



Photo: Kathleen MacLeod

### New Exhibit for 2016!

### First Peoples, Explorers, and Pioneers

July 1, 2017 will be Canada's 150th Anniversary of Confederation. This year the Collections Management Committee has created an exhibit which illustrates a timeline of events, prior to 1867, which have influenced the history of our surrounding communities, of our Island, of our Province and of our Country. The exhibit will be continued next year to include Confederation.

From *The First Peoples* who spent summers here fishing the rivers and lakes to the *Explorers* who claimed the lands in the name of Kings and Queens of England, France and Spain, who built fortresses and traded goods for furs, to the *Basque*, the *Bretons*, and the *Portuguese* who set up seasonal fishing stations at places such as White Point and Ingonish, to the *Pioneers: The Acadians, The Loyalists, The Scots, and The Irish* - they all came here. When and Why did they come? Drop by for a visit and check it out. John Cabot might even be lurking somewhere around here!



#### **Collections Management Committee:**

Kathleen MacLeod (Chairperson), Heather Morrison, Murdena Podanovitch, Johanna Humphrey. The committee takes care of the artifacts and archives at NHCM. You can view our collections online at [www.novamuse.ca](http://www.novamuse.ca) and you are invited to explore the treasure trove of information and photos in our reading room and archives!

#### **It's Fund Drive Time!**

We are a non-profit organization and depend on the generosity of the public for our financial survival. There are many ways to donate! There is a contribution form on the back page, or you can donate through our web-site ([www.northhighlandsmuseum.ca](http://www.northhighlandsmuseum.ca)) or stop in at the museum in person.



# Summer Series at the Culture Centre

29243 Cabot Trail , Cape North NS

Phone 902-383-2579

All Concerts at 7:30

July 2016

Doors open at 7 pm

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 CANADA DAY 12 - 2 BBQ, Face Painting & Games Free Canada Day Cake Free Admission All Day
4	5 Lucy MacNeil & Rob Durando \$15	6	7	8
11 Jarl Von Arylon At Sea on the Tall Ship DANMARK \$5	12	13	14 Celtic Rant \$15	15
18 Ken Donovan John Cabot, Aspy Bay and the Rise in Historical Tradition 1497-2016 \$5	19	20 Howie MacDonald \$15	21	22
25 TBA 	26	27	28 Local Entertainers \$10	29

August 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Stanley Beaton The Mabou Asylum \$5	2	3	4	5 Pretty Archie \$20
8 Ed Barrington The Discovery of the Wreck of the AUGUSTE \$5	9	10	11 Dawn and Margie Beaton \$15	12
15 TBA 	16	17	18 COIG \$20	19
22 Local Residents Ghost Stories \$5	23	24	25	26
29	30	31	SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17th AARON LEWIS & KIMBERLEY FRASER \$15	



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## North Highlands Culture Centre News

### 2016 Summer Concert & Presentation Series

We have an impressive line-up of concerts and talks! This summer we are pleased to feature Coig, Lucy MacNeil, Margie & Dawn Beaton, Howie MacDonald, a Local Talent Concert, and more! Advance tickets for all concerts are available at the museum or by phone. Many sell out so don't wait too long to get your tickets! We will also have seven Monday Night Talks on a variety of intriguing subjects including a film about sailing on a tall ship and an evening of ghost stories! Talks are only \$5 and youth are free!

### Gaelic Classes

Last autumn we were thrilled to be able to offer a series of immersion classes in Gaelic language. Through the Office of Gaelic Affairs, Gaelic Language in Community Program we received funding to hire Angus MacLeod of Goose Cove as the instructor for ten weekly classes on Saturday afternoons. The students learned the language through stories, songs, games and more. They also learned about the history of the language in Cape Breton and about Gaelic religion and culture. Gaelic is a language in need of preservation and anyone interested should definitely learn. Slàinte!

### Yoga

This spring we were grateful to once again receive funding through Naturally Active Victoria County to hold eight weekly yoga classes with instructor Faye Chipchase. Another 8-week session will continue on Thursday evenings at 5:30 through the summer months. Drop-ins are welcome!



### NHCO Board of Directors:

Ken Murray, *Co-chair* — South Harbour  
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Honorary Member, Earl Gwinn — Cape North



Thanks to David Burchell and Dale Dixon for the fresh coat of paint!

**Plans** are underway for a new flower bed in front of the Culture Centre to be completed by Claudia Gahlinger and Rejean Chamberland of South Harbour Farm. Thank you to everyone who has donated plants for our new garden!

**Activities:** During the winter months the Culture Centre was utilized by C.L.A.N.S., local quilting group the Nimble Thimbles, as well as many people who rented the space for birthday parties, showers and other get-togethers! Contact the museum to rent this comfortable and versatile space!

**Awards:** In April we were pleased to host the Victoria County Volunteer Awards (North of Smokey edition) for the second year in a row. We were surprised and honoured to receive a Community Achievement Award for NHCM! We are lucky to have so many wonderful volunteers North of Smokey!

### Contact Us:

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Drop In: We are open 9-5 daily!

## 2016 Summer Staff



**Kelsey Burchell, Savannah Fitzgerald, and Selena MacDonald will be returning as Museum Guides and we are delighted to have them back. Joining us this year is Jade Wilkie, who will be a guide as well as our newest Blacksmith!**

Kelsey lives in Dingwall and will be attending NSCC in Halifax in September. She is the blacksmith for the MacIsaac Forge as well as a guide. She enjoys playing music, singing, and painting.

Savannah lives in Sugar Loaf and will be going to CBU for a BSc in Nursing in the fall. She enjoys sports and plays on the Cabot Volleyball and Basketball teams.

Selena lives in St Margaret's Village and Glace Bay and will be going into Grade 12 in the fall. She is an accomplished pianist and an enthusiastic tour guide!

Jade Wilkie lives in Cape North and will be going into Grade 11 at Cabot Education Centre in the fall. She enjoys sports and is on the Cabot soccer and wrestling teams.

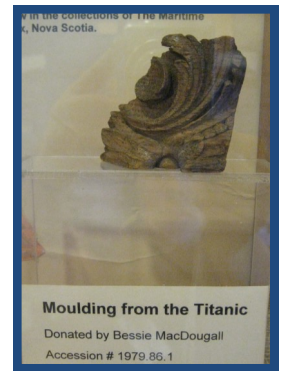
NHCO is grateful to Young Canada Works and Service Canada



for providing financial support for our student guide employment.



**North Highlands Community Museum** is very lucky to have a piece of the Titanic on display in our exhibits, along with many other artifacts retrieved from shipwrecks! This piece was donated by Bessie MacDonald in remembrance of her brothers Douglas and Jack. The brothers, along with Ben Turner, found the piece in the ocean while they were on the Cable Ship Minia, which was one of the ships sent to recover victims from the sinking of the Titanic. Visit us to find out the rest of the story!



## Admission is free for locals!

Come in for a tour from one of our guides, browse our genealogy files and learn about your family tree, view our blacksmiths crafting items in the forge, browse through hundreds of old photographs, try out our scavenger hunt, see what's growing in the Settler's garden, or come in to check out the gift shop! There's something for everyone at the museum!



**Volunteers** are the heart of any organization and we could always use your help! If you would like to contribute to any of our committees or in any other capacity, such as working in the gift shop once our students go back to school in the fall, please contact us. The committees are: 1. Finance 2. Genealogy 3. Buildings & Grounds 4. Collections Management (Artifacts & Archives) 5. Programs 6. Marketing & Communications

## North Highlands Community Organization 2016 Membership & Fund Drive

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail to:

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*Thank you for your support!*