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GLOOSCAP
Heritage Centre

DECEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

Etawey ki'l Wilinaelewin Aq pusu'l Pana'ne

Have yourself a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Welcome to the Glooscap Heritage Centre

The Glooscap Heritage Centre opened to the public May 1st, 2006 and is located on the outskirts of Truro at the Millbrook First Nation, Exit 13A at the Truro Power Centre. The Glooscap Heritage Centre is comprised of the Glooscap Statue, complete with interpretive panels; a number of mobile, climate and light controlled display cases to house Mi'kmaq artifacts; a series of wall displays; and a major multimedia display in the 75 seat theatre that will be the highlight of the visitor experience at the Glooscap Heritage Centre.

In December, at a glance....

Continuing since late October, on Wednesday 2nd and 9th, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in December, Glooscap Heritage Centre is proud to offer a Mi'kmaq Language Course taught by long time educator Patsy Paul-Martin, Coordinator of First Nation Cultural Services with the Chignecto Regional School Board.

Another course will be scheduled to begin in January, so should you have any enquiries, please contact Gordie Pictou at 843 3339 or by email at

gordon@glooscapheritagecentre.com

Also in December....

GHC is very pleased to announce our latest link on our webpage called **"TEACHER'S RESOURCES"** in which informative links, sites, articles, tours and much much more is available to enhance the learning experience

Check it out at our official website.....

www.glooscapheritagecentre.com

And on December 7th.....

Come and join us at GHC to help us trim our tree starting at 10:00 am! Light refreshments and cookies will be served.

November Highlights at Glooscap Heritage Centre



2010 Olympic Torch Stops at the Glooscap Heritage Centre on Its Way to Vancouver

The Olympic torch arrived to the delight of a bustling crowd in the GHC courtyard just after 7:30 am November 18, 2009 carried proudly by Millbrook's Brittany Stephens. Chief Lawrence Paul and other torch bearers carried the torch through the streets of Millbrook in the early morning hours of Wednesday November 18th. Upon its arrival the flame was blessed by Elder Madeline Martin and then "A Tribe Called Mi'kmaq" struck up a song just as the sun was rising over Glooscap. After some words from Band Councilor Colin Bernard the crowd piled back inside the Centre to enjoy the warmth of hotcakes and coffee. Following breakfast Millbrook's excited students were bussed to their schools.

To listen to Dr. Bernie Francis sing *We Wish You a Merry Christmas* in Mi'kmaw

http://www.firstnationshelp.com/02_etawey_wli_nuelewin.mp3

lyrics and performance copyright 2001 Dr. Bernie Francis

Want to have a meeting in a unique, central and affordable location? Glooscap Heritage Centre may be the ideal solution for your event needs. Call us or email for further details, or visit our website at www.glooscapheritagecentre.com



Office Admin, Kyle Henderson, as she leaves us on December 11th for maternity leave. THANKS Kyle, and congrats with your new baby due on January 9th!!!!



GHC is also pleased to welcome Pam Hill; who will be covering for Kyle while she is on maternity leave. Pam has some big shoes to fill, but we are confident that she will get the job done. Welcome aboard Pam!!

Holiday Musings and Wishes from the Staff at GHC/CNTA

Kyle Henderson – For me, Christmas has always been a time to spend with family.

Rhonda Claes – I love watching the excitement on my Grandchildren's faces... Happy Holidays to Malik, Isaiah and Mia.

Sharon Touchie – Christmas, to me, means Love, Laughter, my boys and dachshunds playing with the Christmas presents under the tree.

Gordie Pictou – I can't wait for Santa to visit my new home...Merry Christmas All!

MaryAnn Martin – Christmas is always very busy for me with my family. Merry Christmas everyone!

Kathy Fisher – At Christmas, I have the good fortune to have all my family home to share memories, laughs and turkey....don't forget the turkey. Wishing you all a healthy and happy holiday.

Donna MacArthur – My early morning cup of coffee, looking out at the magical fairy-like forest of frost and snow...everything is fresh and new, and the feeling of peace and goodwill. Tree lighting ceremonies and joining the community for wonderful caroling by school bands and choirs.

JoAnn Sagar – Christmas to me is family.....and spending time with my children and baking and having the house filled with cinnamon and spices....

Joyce Mingo –Christmas is a time for me to spend with my family. Merry Christmas

Devin Trefry – Christmas to me is celebrating the birth of Jesus (actually remembering the reason for the season) and enjoying time with family...with lots of great food thrown in there too of course.

Joe Sylliboy – I really like all the lights and festivities. Happy Holidays to all!

Erin Sylliboy – I love turkey dinner! Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday.

Pam Hill – Christmas is all about my family and a wonderful turkey dinner. Merry Christmas everyone, and have a Happy New Year.



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Christmas in Mi'kmaki

Dec.7 -11

Come join us at the GHC to make Christmas ornaments with a Mi'kmaq theme, help us trim our tree, enjoy complimentary spruce and cranberry teas, and listen to Mi'kmaq carols while completing your crafts.

Book your group or individual spots now because space is limited. Morning sessions go from 10-11:30am and afternoon sessions are from 1-2:30pm. Cost varies depending on craft. For further info, please call Gordon at 843 3493 or gordon@glooscapheritagecentre.com



Dreamcatcher, small leather drums and beaded leather snowshoes or mitten ornaments \$8
(recommended age 12 and up)

Tole painted petroglyphs on glass ornaments \$4
(any age)

Beaded earrings or bracelets \$6

Decorated pine cones \$3



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Everything seems to collapse as you come down from the Cape Breton Highlands and over the Canso Causeway to the rolling hills and fields of Nova Scotia's Antigonish and Pictou counties. The hills shorten, the distances shrink and - on a day when sleet and heavy clouds are pushing

down hard - the world seems so much smaller than it was just the day before.

But then, nearing Truro, the clouds break. A rainbow forms. And suddenly, in the distance, a giant appears on a new hill, the flame held in his left hand seeming to burn off the remaining clouds and open up the day to new hope for tomorrow.

Meet the tallest torch bearer in Canada this year - the tallest in North America, we concede, being the Statue of Liberty in New York.

But Glooscap stands on his own two feet: 12 metres high and, it is said, capable of holding his ground against a Category 4 hurricane.

Some time after 7 o'clock this morning a young man named Joseph Sylliboy will be the drummer in a sacred ceremony that will send that other, far smaller, torch on its way to Halifax. He plans to bring his one-month-old son, Kaqtukwejjij, along to see and to hear. The baby, after all, is named after Little Thunder, great friend and helper to mighty Glooscap.

Joseph Sylliboy is a Mi'kmaq centre interpreter who can recite the Glooscap stories from memory. He heard them all his life: One stroke of lightning forming Glooscap from the mud of the Bay of Fundy; a second stroke of lightning giving Glooscap life; the third stroke of lightning setting him free to wander the Mi'kmaq world.

"Glooscap isn't really looked at as a god," Mr. Sylliboy says, "or even as a prophet like Jesus. He's more a teacher." Perhaps not a god, but the lightning bolts are as close a connection to the original Olympics as the flame itself.

The original Olympics - the very first thought to have been held in 776 BC - were held to honour Zeus, master of the lightning bolts that may or may not have turned the Bay of Fundy mud into mighty Glooscap.

The original Olympiad even had a statue to the great Greek god - a statue so impressive that it was held to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World - and the athletes of the day ran for him, not for their country, not even for their corporate sponsor.

In fact, there were no corporate sponsors back then. No official Olympic clothing - unless you think you could find a label on a birthday suit - and no official carrier, no souvenir stands and, believe it or not, no tickets to buy. The original Olympic Games were free.

That is not to say there were no complaints of gouging. Fans (though they weren't called that back then) moaned loudly about the ridiculous prices vendors were charging for weak wine and bad food.

The Games were also so much easier to take in back then, there being only a single event - the 200-pace race - through the first 13 Olympiads. Coroibus of Elis is listed as the first winner. There is no official record of what became of him, but it is believed he got a few free meals before heading back to his job as a cook and he didn't end up with a single endorsement out of it.

No one thought to record his time on a sun dial.

There was no such thing as a runner-up back then, so no possibility of a Nike ad claiming "You don't win silver, you lose gold." Sadly, losers were seen, as recorded by Pindar, "skulking down the backroads" as soon as the race was over.

Slowly, the original organizers added events. They brought in other races. They added boxing to the 23rd Olympiad and chariot racing to the 37th. If they had a bad sport - the mule cart race being a prime example of a bad idea - they dumped it. The same, alas, cannot be said for the modern Games, which not only never gets around to ridding itself of the truly dreadful events but keeps adding new dreadful ones in.

It would be wrong, however, to see the original Olympics in only the golden light of that rainbow that fanned a few hours ago over Truro. A boxer named Eupolos of Thessaly was caught in 388 BC bribing other boxers to throw their matches.

There were other examples of cheating, as well - though human growth hormones had yet to be discovered - and at one point the original organizers decided to erect yet another statue to the great Zeus and chisel in a very pointed and telling message: *"You win at Olympia with the speed of your feet and the strength of your body - not with money."*

By 393 AD, Roman Emperor Theodosius, a Christian, had had enough. He abolished the original Olympics on the grounds that they amounted to nothing more than pagan worship.

It is impossible to say what Theodosius might think of the modern Games. Perhaps he would be pleased by the number of athletes who thank God for giving them an extra second here and there to help them to the podium - surely He has other things he could be doing! - but perhaps, as well, he would be equally appalled at the worship of everything from individual athletes to corporate logos.

Glooscap, on the other hand, would have a very simple message to pass on if he were actually carrying this gigantic torch all the way to Vancouver.

As Joseph Sylliboy so succinctly puts it: "Respect each other."



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Glooscap Heritage Centre Introduces On-Line Campus Institute

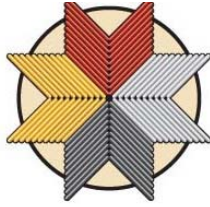
Glooscap Heritage Society's Dream is in the process of realizing an On-line Institute of Learning. Focused on education, the institute would help promote Cultural sensitivity and awareness of the value in cultural differences. Recent steps have been made through GHC's development of e-Learning courses promoting cultural sensitivity. The addition of the content library from Equi-pass will also mean that while GHS clients and First Nation communities learn about the importance of the Mi'kmaq Nation, they will have access to everything from Microsoft Office Skills Training to Soft Skills Courses!

Now that the institute is becoming a reality, many other programs will be offered to our communities and Nova Scotians in general including Professional development seminars; Computer literacy initiatives; Administrative and service skills training; and Leadership and Governance guidance. These programs will ensure that the GHC supports the development of strong, vibrant communities in our region. As well, this content will be offered as a best practice model to First Nations communities throughout Atlantic Canada and beyond.

A future goal of the GHC is on Language Preservation. Language is central to culture and heritage for all First Nation communities, including the Mi'kmaq. A great deal of our language was lost when our children were forced into the Residential Schools; now, the situation is worsening because Mi'kmaq communities are losing their Elders. Elders possess the traditional knowledge & language that bind a nation together; without them, there is a danger that language will not be preserved. Elders also have knowledge of significant customs and traditions including Spiritual teachings, traditional medicines, Traditional customs, music and dance.

GHC is already working to conserve the knowledge of the Elders by actively promoting language programs in the community. With the addition of this online learning portal, other tools have become available to the program. We are hopeful that we can leverage the digital literacy courseware in such a way that modern technology can be employed to help capture the knowledge of the Elders and communities; this will include language preservation strategies.

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Workshop Instructors Needed

**The Glooscap Heritage Centre is creating our
2010 Cultural Programme.**

Workshop instructors needed for 4-8 week courses of the following:

- **BasketMaking**
- **Leatherworking**
- **Drum making**
- **Beading**
- **Quillwork**
- **Traditional Medicines**
- **Guided Interpretive Hikes**

GHC is also interested in hosting the following groups:

- **A Youth Drumming Group (leader Joe Syliboy)**
- **A Drop-In RegaliaMaking Group**
- **A Drop In Conversational Mi'kmaw language group (open to all who would like to practice their Mi'kmaw or help others to learn)**
- **Summer Storytelling Night (community members take turns telling legends or other tales)**

If you would like to be an instructor or if you would like to participate in one of the groups, please contact Gordie:

Please Contact Gordon Pictou

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JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION: Catering Assistant
LOCATION: Glooscap Heritage Centre (GHC)
START DATE: February 01, 2010
REMUNERATION: Will be based on skills and experience.
WORK HOURS: When catering service is scheduled and part time on a call in basis.
(The GHC offers catering services from early mornings to late evenings & weekends)

Position Scope: The Glooscap Heritage Centre's Catering Assistant will assist the Visitor Services & Retail Manager & staff in providing a professional, friendly and efficient service to the centre's customers. The Catering Assistant will provide advice and assistance, maintain product and undertake cleaning duties whilst ensuring compliance to company policies and Health Canada guidelines thus ensuring the smooth operation of the Glooscap Heritage Centre (GHC). The Catering Assistant will report to GHC's Visitor Services & Retail Manager.

Typical duties include:

- To provide a friendly, informative and efficient service to customers, understanding their needs and requirements, working to exceed these wherever possible
- To demonstrate a positive, enthusiastic, committed and flexible attitude towards customers and other team members, recognizing the importance and benefits of effective team working
- Deliver customer service in line with GHC policies
- To ensure that appropriate Health and Safety and hygiene procedures are followed.
- Undertake and achieve company funded industry recognized Food Hygiene qualification if not currently held
- To prepare food for side dishes such as the cutting and arrangement of sweet breads, cheese, vegetable and fruit trays.

Job Description, cont'd

Catering Assistant

- To setup and put away tables & chairs for events & catering service
- To carry out general duties such as washing up. As required.
- To carry out temperature control checks, as required.
- To assist with routine cleaning of the kitchen and all utensils and equipment.
- Confidentiality and discretion and an awareness of the GHS non-disclosure policy
- This list of responsibilities is not exhaustive and the employee will be required to perform duties outside of this as operationally required and at the discretion of their Manager.

Qualifications:

Must be willing to provide an up to date criminal record check

Must be computer proficient and know how to use Excel, Word and Outlook

A drivers licence and personal vehicle is a definite must.

Literary skills such as the ability to create business correspondence and develop business forms are a requirement.

Excellent communication skills, problem solving skills, interpersonal skills, leadership skills and having experience working in a team atmosphere is required.

Good interpersonal and customer facing skills, able to empathize, maintain professionalism, display patience and politeness within a sometimes pressurized environment is a requirement

Must have good attention to detail skills and the ability to recognize the benefits of effective service

A good level of physical fitness is required and ability to undertake manual work

Flexibility, enthusiasm and an outgoing personality is a must.

Previous experience of working in a catering environment is a definite asset

Working knowledge of relevant Health & Safety legislation is an asset

Food Handlers course is a definite asset

Application Deadline is January 15, 2010. Interested parties should call Sharon Touchie, General Manager, at 843 -3496 or email at

sharon@centralnovascotia.com

Calendar of Monthly Tours and Theatre Bookings for the Glooscap Heritage Centre December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
29	30 Theatre booked 8:30am – 9:00pm	1 Theatre booked 8:30 am – 9:00pm	2 Theatre booked 8:30 am – 9:00pm Mi'kmaq Language Workshop 6:30- 8:30pm	3 Theatre booked 8:30 am – 9:00pm	4 Theatre booked 8:30 am – 9:00pm	5
6	7 Christmas School Activities 10:00 am to 3:30 pm TREE TRIMMING 10:00 am	8 Christmas School Activities 10:00 am to 3:30 pm Theatre booked 10:00 am -3:00 pm	9 Christmas School Activities 10:00 am to 3:30 pm Mi'kmaq Language Workshop 6:30- 8:30pm	10 Christmas School Activities 10:00 am to 3:30 pm	11 Christmas School Activities 10:00 am to 3:30 pm Boardroom booked 3:00 pm	12
13	14	15	16	17 School Tour, 84 people	18 GHC closed at 3:00 pm Re-opening on January 4 th , 2010 At 8:30 am	19
20	21 closed	22 closed	23 closed	24 Christmas Eve closed	25 Merry Christmas everyone!!! closed	26
27	28 closed	29 closed	30 closed	31 New Year's Eve closed	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR'S closed	2

Please Contact the Glooscap Heritage Centre for more information

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