

Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead

The homestead will be opening soon for the summer. Reduced hours in June. In July and August we will open from Wednesday - Sunday 10am - 5pm.

Angela Jeffrey will be the Site Director this summer. As former owner of the restaurant in Belfast, she looks forward to welcoming you to the beautiful tearoom serving light lunches in the summer and for a tour through the well preserved homestead. The homestead can be booked for functions, meetings and events. Contact Angie at 902 651-2789 with any queries.

Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead Offers Community Garden Plots

Over the past several years the Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead has been working to establish an active program in sustainable farming and gardening. Through this Homestead Farm initiative, the Macphail Homestead honours the work of Sir Andrew and his brother Alexander. The Macphail brothers introduced new varieties of seed potatoes and tobacco as part of their demonstration projects for local farmers in the early years of the 20th century. The Homestead Farm initiative also supports the recommendation of a 1990 Report by Dr. George McRobie, who envisioned that the Homestead be used to demonstrate sustainable agricultural and forestry practices.

As part of the Homestead Farm initiative, the Homestead has been operating a one-acre no-pesticide garden for three seasons, and worked with a local 4H group to establish a kitchen garden. The garden is an essential component of our Tea Room menu and our kitchen programming. The garden also offers U-Pick, and last year opened its own vegetable stand for the convenience of Homestead visitors. Past sponsors of the gardens have been Vessey's Seeds, Nabuur Garden Centre, and the PEI Heart and Stroke Foundation. This year Macphail Homestead, as part of the Homestead Farm initiative, is introducing a 2016 Community Garden Pilot Project. The Homestead will offer ten community garden plots to interested gardeners. The plots will be about 10 feet by 20 feet and will be available for \$20.00. Please contact Scott Taylor at 902-651-2058 or Scotttaylor_23@Hotmail.com to reserve your plot.

Wood Islands Welcome Centre

Employment opportunities

Wood Islands has received notice that we will be granted one federal Canada Summer Job for a Student Tour Guide at our Wood Islands Lighthouse and Museum (8 weeks starting July 2, 2016). If you are a student between the ages of 15 and 30; interested in history, historical preservation, island culture and tourism; have an aptitude in guiding, pathfinding, promotion, and sales; and will not mind cleaning and some physical exercise and work, please submit your resume as soon as possible to Audrey Shillabeer at Wood islands Welcome Centre, 13056 Shore Road, Wood Islands, PE C0A 1B0 or via email wiadc@woodislands.ca We will train.

Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation (WIADC) has applied for a number of provincial employment grants as well. We have not yet heard that our applications have been successful; but we have faith that Wood islands will be seen as the important Gateway to PEI that it is and we will be smiled upon favourably grant-wise for positions of event planning, sales, tour guide interpretation and maintenance. To be considered under the provincial Employment Development Agency (EDAs) and Jobs for Youth (JFY) programmes, prospective employees must register with the PEI Job Registry. Google "PEI Job Registry" for instructions or find forms at Access PEI offices. Note, interested parties should also forward resumes to WIADC as soon as possible.

The Wood Islands Welcome Centre is owned and operated by the community via the Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation (WIADC) -- a community "Not-for-Profit" organization. Address: 13056 Shore Road, Wood Islands, PE C0A 1B0. Our administrator, Audrey, can be contacted at (902) 962-3761 or in an emergency (902) 940-4784. Email: wiadc@woodislands.ca Web: www.woodislands.ca Facebook: Wood Islands & Area Development Corporation; 70 Mile Coastal Yard Sale; and Wood Islands Lighthouse pages.

Know that the Welcome Centre is your community space. You are welcome in it. Welcome your friends to it. Welcome those who come to our island via our ferry gateway. Welcome!

The Sweet Factory (ice cream, candy, souvenirs) is open 7 days a week from 9:00 to 4:30 now, until summer hours begin. Will that be one scoop or two?

Wood Islands Liquor Store is opening May 19 (Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays 10-6 and Sundays 12-6) and opening full-time for the summer on June 20th. This rural community --via our not-for-profit organization (WIADC) -- owns the Wood Islands liquor store agency and operates it seasonally. Your support is appreciated and helps to finance our lighthouse, our community room and its kitchen, our community activities, and contributes to our overall well-being here in rural PEI. You can make a difference. You make us community proud when you declare us YOUR liquor store.

This year, within the Wood Islands Liquor Store building, our Commissary will offer FRESH COFFEE and tea in addition to "provisions" for purchase. If you are in a pinch for BBQ, camping, food, party, and personal items — we can help you! Pop in and see what we've got. We will also carry local jams, jellies, honeys, and soaps. Commissary and liquor store phone number is (902) 962-3978.

The provincial government's Visitor Information Centre opens Friday, May 20 with hours 9:00 to 5:00 until summer hours begin. Pick up your 2016 Visitors' Guide!

Wood Islands Lighthouse opens Saturday June 11 at 9:30 a.m.. Hours: 9:30-6:00. (Last tour admission at 5:30.) Manager Bev Stewart is very busy receiving our 2016

inventory with many items created by local crafters and artisans. You'll be delighted. Lighthouse phone number is (902) 962-3110 after June 11.

Wood Islands Community Room Rentals (above the Visitor Information Centre) Visit our website www.woodislands.ca for rates. Neutrally decorated, versatile, very clean. Seats 80. Great kitchen facilities. New projector and screen. Elevator lift to second floor. Book your dates early so as not to be disappointed. Call or email WIADC numbers as above.

WIADC is pleased to provide space for the Taoist Tai Chi on Wednesday evenings for 14 weeks (for more information, call Kevin at [902] 962-3164.) We thank Northumberland Ferries and the Great Enlightenment Buddhist Institute Society for their on-going support as well.

Wood Islands Business Opportunities

Wood Islands is a major gateway to the Island. Did you know that 350,000 passengers and 14,000 commercial vehicles entered our province via the ferry in 2014, and just released: ferry traffic was up 8% in 2015. By all accounts, this year will be stellar as well. Wood Islands Welcome Centre is highly visible and on a direct route to the rest of an island holiday: everyone of our ferry visitors is a potential customer.

We have options for your business. The replica Train Station can be rented as one entity or can be divided into 1/3, 2/3. We also have a lovely store front in our main visitor information centre building. There may be other opportunities as well such as "artist-in-residence" times; bike rentals at "Mile 0" of PEI's TransCanada Trail; food truck opportunities; pop-up stores; circus style events, fundraisers etc.

If you are excellent at what you do and want to discuss any great idea-- you are invited to call Audrey at (902) 940-4784; or email: wiaadc@woodislands.ca

Wood Islands Sign Plaza: a good number of the 375,000+ visitors who arrive via Wood Islands Ferry each season stop at the government's Visitor Information Centre here at our Welcome Centre. At our sign plaza, tourists see your advertisement when they need to see it - right off the ferry. We offer two rental agreements in our Plaza: ONE season is only \$220 plus HST; or TWO consecutive seasons at \$ 350 plus HST per sign. Offer details, printable form, and payment options through credit card/debit card (PayPal) are on our website (www.woodislands.ca, --go to the Community Information tab, then click on Sign Plaza and follow the prompts). If you prefer to pay by cheque, please make payment to WIADC (Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation); attach to a replicated application form found on our website and send to: Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation, 13056 Shore Road, Wood Islands, PE C0A 1B0. For more information, see the website as above, or call me if you have any questions, or need any help with the process. I'm here to help.

70 Mile Coastal Yard Sale is September 17th and 18th this

year. Stay abreast on Facebook: 70 Mile Coastal Yard Sale. Mark your calendar today. Now is a good time to start cleaning out those closets, your basement, or that drive shed because somehow, September will be here before you know it!

Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation (WIADC)

WIADC is thankful for the many volunteers who pitch in to showcase Wood Islands as a Gateway to PEI. At this time of year —when utilities are reactivated and the grounds come to life, three dedicated volunteers come to mind: Mark Hansen whom I feel keeps the entire complex in his sights and performs some tedious and time-consuming tasks such as switching out pumps, monitoring security lighting, and assuring septic well-being; Zoe Hansen who has already spent hours in the gardens despite wind and chilly weather; and Jim Cook who services lawn mowers so they are at the ready. Thank you! And sometimes, volunteers are sneaky! We give thanks to someone unknown for the new tulips that presented themselves this spring— a real treat!

WIADC is a not-for-profit community organization whose overall objective is to create a climate that encourages a socially, environmentally and economically healthy community.

Our Specific Objectives are:

- to create a sense of community
- to utilize existing facilities to their fullest potential
- to expand facilities where necessary to meet our needs
- to develop and promote employment opportunities within our community
- to maintain and enhance the presence of the ferry service

For more info, to volunteer, or to share ideas, call: Audrey at (902) 962-3761.

Pinette/Flat River Mosquito Program

The promise of spring - it means many things, such as enjoying the outdoors in beautiful weather. Spring also promises something darker- mosquito's! But spring offers hope in the form of the Pinette/Flat River Mosquito Program. Our beloved team of mosquito murderers are on the job. We have already done one treatment at the first of May with another underway at the time of this writing. Volunteers continue to put in dozens of hours in order to bring the population in our community down to a liveable level. If you have any doubt of what we are achieving, please come out on one of our treatment days to witness how millions of potential buzzers will never live to visit you in your bedroom as you attempt to have a peaceful summer sleep.

Here are a few things to remember:

- There will always be mosquito's, and we will never eliminate them all.
- Before the program started, going outside in the summer was miserable. - We cannot continue without your continued financial support.
- Volunteers are the backbone of the program, and we can never have enough.

Many hands make light work!

Please drop off your \$100 contribution (cost of about 9 cans of mosquito spray) to Cooper's Red and White. Cheques or cash are accepted.

To join the team or for more information, please contact Kevin Ryan at 659-2677, Debbie Beck at 659-2111, or email belfastznosquitos@hotmail.com.

Join our Facebook group - Pinette & Flat River Mosquito Program - for updates and treatment calls.

We also wish to extend an enormous thank you to the Belfast Lion's Club for putting out the newsletter for so many years. It has been an invaluable tool to our organization as well as many others. To continue to receive mosquito updates, please join our email list at belfastmosautitos@hotmail.com or join the Facebook group. Updates will also be available at Cooper's Red and White.

Thank you,

The Pinette/Flat River Mosquito Committee

Beachstyle cottage for rent:

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Brenda and Derek Bell

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Deadline

Deadline for the next newsletter is **August 16, 2016,**
06:00pm.

All items can be dropped off at Cooper's Red & White, or call Robert at 361-2077. Email:

robertsmibii@hotmail.ca

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