



2009 Central Nova Tourism Awards



Bare Bones Café & Bistro, Parrsboro was awarded the CNTA 2009 Food and Beverage of the Year Award on May 6th. The restaurant opened in 2008, and quickly outgrew its facilities. This winter Glenn Wheaton and wife, Sue, have been busy renovating a new larger location, just up the street from its original location. Chef Glenn Wheaton and his team are committed to providing food made with the freshest and most natural ingredients while supporting local farmers and utilizing seasonal ingredients.



Hidden Hilltop Campground, Glenholme, the "Place where kids want to take their parents", and Jim & Patricia Yorke, owners and operators, were honoured with the 2009 CNTA Ambassador Award at CNTA's award banquet held in Truro on May 6th. In addition to providing exceptional service to season or overnight visitors, they have attended tradeshows to not only promote their own business Hidden Hilltop Campground, but to promote the entire region as a whole by taking with them our visitors guides and communicating to potential visitors all the things there is to see and do in Central Nova Scotia. Patricia is also very active with CNTA and has served on the Executive for several years and currently sits on the Three Shores Destination Marketing Association Board of Directors. In part the citation presented to the Yorke's stated, "Jim & Patricia's good nature, knowledge of the area and eagerness to be involved in growing Nova Scotia as a tourism destination is what makes these two the perfect candidates for this year's Ambassador award".



Studio Glass, owned by Sharon and Greg Laska in Maitland received the CNTA 2009 Giftshop of the Year award on May 6th at the CNTA annual meeting. Studio Glass offer an extensive line of fused glass products including sun-catchers in a variety of motifs and sizes, wind chimes, tableware, and jewellery, as well as traditional stained glass and glass mosaics. The facility offers a glass production studio, retail shop, classroom space and a fine art studio. Studio Glass products are available at fine shops across Canada. Studio Glass is also brand new to the ÉCONOMUSÉE Network. Artisans have to meet stringent criteria to join this network and offer their visitors an experience where they can discover the history of the craft, meet the artisans and find out first-hand how the craft is made.

Tatamagouche Creamery Square was awarded CNTA's 2009 Attraction of the Year award in addition to recently receiving national recognition.

The Canadian Museums Association honored the facility's innovation with its Award for Outstanding Achievement in Facility Development and Design.

The Creamery Square is home to a popular Saturday's Farmers Market, gift store and heritage centre featuring the Anna Swan Display, Brule Fossil Collection, Sunrise Trail Museum, North Shore Archives, Creamery Exhibit, and an interpretive heritage trail.



Dutch Mason Blues Festival was awarded CNTA's 2009 Festival and Event of the Year award. The Festival pays tribute to Canada's Prime Minister of the Blues from the exhibition grounds in Bible Hill each August drawing over ten thousand visitors to the area.

Blues fans and music fans travel from near and far for a great show and that is exactly what the Dutch Mason Blues Festival offered with Artists like the legendary James Cotton, Colin James, Tutu Jones, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Garret Mason, and Charlie A'Court in 2009. In addition to the music organizers added a custom bike show and barbecue competition to the package.

Glooscap Heritage Centre employee Gordon Pictou was awarded the Nova Scotia Tourism Human Resource Council sponsored 2009 SuperHost award at the CNTA AGM. As Senior Interpreter and Program Director and a former history teacher, his pride and passion for his community and surrounding area is evident with each visitor he encounters. The success of any interpreter is in helping the visitor make a personal connection to the material and exhibits being viewed. Gordon's individual attention to each and every question, whether it be from a preschooler or senior, local or come from away, ensures each visitor leaves with a better understanding of the Mi'kmaq culture.

Mastodon Ridge Developments and owner Bill Hay, Stewiack received the 2009 President's Award during CNTA's AGM. Bill has often been referred to as a man of vision. He has often seen potential where others haven't. For many years, he has been extremely active in the tourism industry and has always been a strong believer in the tourism potential of Nova Scotia - particularly the Bay of Fundy, never ceasing trying to help the Bay reach its potential as a world class tourist attraction. He has been involved in TIANS, NSTPC, NS Vision, Bay of Fundy Tourism Partnership, the new Three Shores board, CNTA, CoRDA, and Chamber of Commerce in roles of leadership, as a board member, and as a committee member.

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