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You will feel as though you are walking through the pages of decorating magazine as the showcase areas of Above and Beyond on Inglis Place in Truro, reflect the vibrant 2017 trends and colours of home décor. (Submitted)

Jason Fox Receives Prestigious FCM Award

By Maurice Rees

Jason Fox, Town of Truro Director of Planning and Development Services, has been recognized by being awarded the 2017 Volunteer award by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. He is being rewarded for providing significant technical assistance on urban planning issues in three missions as part of the Caribbean Local Economic Development (CARILED[1]) program.

He offered his extensive planning experience with partners in Belize and Jamaica, where his well thought out solutions and recommendations have proven useful in effectuating improved zoning and land usage practices in three communities visited over the past two years.

Among his main accomplishments, Jason Fox drafted revitalization plans for San Pedro and Belmopan, Belize and he worked with planners in Portmore, Jamaica to streamline their development approval process. In addition to designing physical and aesthetic

improvements to downtown streets public spaces he also recommended changes to regulations that would help facilitate ease of doing business by small businesses and local entrepreneurs.

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Friends of Ten Thousand Villages- Truro May 5 & 6

Nyabigena Soapstone Carvers are happy to announce the Friends of Ten Thousand Villages-Truro is hosting a Ten Thousand Villages Festival Sale at St. Andrew's United Church, 55 King St. on Friday, May 5 from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM and Saturday, May 6 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Friends of Ten Thousand Villages-Truro is making a difference in the lives of artisans around the world by selling exquisite, handcrafted gifts and home décor by offering an opportunity for citizens of Truro to make a difference by shopping fair trade. Shoppers will also learn more about skilled artisans in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

In its 11th year the sale will showcase a beautiful assortment of musical instruments, pottery, jewellery, baskets, toys, crèches and hand loomed textiles. Ten Thousand Villages is a non-profit program of Mennonite Central Committee, the relief and development agency of Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in North America. Ten Thousand Villages is in its 71st year of operation.

May 5th will feature a Friday evening conversation with Hannah Main, a young Truro woman about her recent work term in Kenya, "Beyond Sponsorship" 7 PM in the chapel.

Nyabigena Soapstone Carvers is a non-profit organization that provides life-changing opportunities in Kenyan communities. Located in Kisii, a city in western Kenya near Lake Victoria, Nyabigena is surrounded by high-quality soapstone quarries and is well-known for the expertise and talent of its carvers.

In addition to offering sustainable employment for its artisans, Nyabigena sponsors many community development projects such as management training workshops, educational opportunities for widows and orphans, women's literacy programs, and health and nutrition education. As part of their growing development initiatives, Nyabigena is planning to expand its

HIV/AIDS education programs and to establish a tree nursery to tackle the issue of deforestation in Kenya.

Ten Thousand Villages constantly works with artisans, who would otherwise be unemployed, or underemployed. These festival sales create opportunities for artisans in developing countries to earn an income by bringing their products and stories to our markets in North America.

This income helps pay for food, education, health care, and housing. Ten Thousand Villages works with over 120 different artisan groups from more than 30 countries across the globe.

"By holding this sale, we're giving customers in Truro, NS a chance to buy unique products while helping people in developing countries to meet basic needs for themselves and their family. Together we are making a difference," says Brenda Leenders, sale organizer.

All proceeds of the sale support artisans partnered with Ten Thousand Villages, the oldest and largest Fair Trade Organization in North America, (over 60 years). The sale owes its success to dedicated local volunteers. For more information on the Truro sale contact Brenda Leenders at (902)893-4197.

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