

# 51st Gem & Mineral Show – August 19-21



Several Vendors provide demonstrations during the Gem Show. Here the young visitors watch as a fine metal chain is constructed by hand. (Submitted)

By **Tim Fedak**

Excitement is growing as the 51st Annual Nova Scotia Gem and Mineral Show will be held in Parrsboro at the Lion's Arena from August 19-21, 2016. The 2016 Gem Show and Sale has more than thirty high quality vendors that will be displaying gems, minerals and jewelry for sale. There is also an excellent line up of

demonstrations offered by the Vendors and something for everyone. The Gem Show will be open to the public from 10 am to 5 pm daily.

The Nova Scotia Gem and Mineral show has become a premier event for Cumberland County, attracting 3,000 to the Parrsboro and area during the weekend. This year the Gem Show

and Not Since Moses Race are occurring on the same weekend. The two events are doing some collaborative promotions so there will be lots of people in the area during that weekend.

The Gem Show will again have a series of guided walks to local beaches, and several social events that provide opportunities for the community and visitors to mingle. The Nova Scotia Gem and Mineral Show has become recognized across Canada due to the friendly and creative community in Parrsboro. Those wishing to learn more about the upcoming Gem Show can learn more on the website: <http://fundygeological.novascotia.ca/gemshow> or by liking the <http://Facebook.com/NSgemshow> page.

**Dr. Tim J Fedak is Director/Curator, Fundy Geological Museum, Parrsboro**

# Cape Sharp Tidal Pauses Deployment

*(EDITOR'S Note: On July 4th, an email was sent to Cape Sharp Tidal asking "Are you are planning on formal meetings (in a hall) with several fisher groups at one time to more or less publicly demonstrate lots of meetings been held and the public is aware of the current consultation process. The following is the reply received from Sarah Dawson, Community Relations Manager, Cape Sharp Tidal).*

By **Sarah Dawson**

In addition to participating in the FORCE-led fisher, community and open house consultations since our project began in 2014, we've undertaken extensive voluntary consultation and stakeholder engagement. This includes advertised, formal open houses meetings in communities around the Bay of Fundy and extensive stakeholder engage-

ment that has taken us to all corners of the Province. We also coordinate directly with individual fishers in the Cumberland shore area when there are marine operations. Our website blog, social media, stakeholder newsletter and news announcements also provide regular updates and contact information.

As you know, on June 2 we voluntarily chose to pause deployment to hear from those who felt they weren't heard. Of our many meetings with stakeholders and fishers in the last month, we've had positive, meaningful opportunities to learn from one another, and to share information. There's been no formulae or conditions set on those discussions, and we've learned from the open dialogue. We have met with a number of fishers and groups and continue to consult.

Being a trusted partner in communities where we live and work is important to us. Responsible renewable resource development starts with recognizing and respecting the need to share the Bay of Fundy with other industry and interests. We will continue to maintain and strengthen those relationships with ongoing engagement and consultation activity as we look ahead to turbine deployment this summer.

For more context on the history of consultations around tidal energy in the Province, you may be interested in the FORCE EA posted here <http://fundy-force.ca/environment/environmental-assessment/> and the 2013 OERA report of the Strategic Environmental Assessment here: <http://www.oera.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/FINAL-SEA-REPORT.pdf>

**Sarah Dawson is Community Relations Manager, Cape Sharp Tidal**

# Gem & Mineral Show Schedule of Events

The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Nova Scotia Gem and Mineral Show and Sale will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 19, 20, & 21 from 10 am - 5 pm. The complete schedule of events is presented below. Please note pre-registration is not required for any walks or tours.

**Gem Show Events** will include: Saturday 1:00 pm - Talk on *Ethiopian Opal*, Booth 22, Gem Hunter Aquisitions. Sunday 12:00 pm - Reading event "Oceans of Rum" by David Mossman, hospitality room.

**Daily Event:** N.S. Prospectors and Gypsy Road booths offer demos throughout the day; please stop at their site to confirm.

**Daily Events** include: Blueberry Cake & Sauce @ 2:00 pm, Back of the Arena. Extra fees apply. A Penny Auction will be held at Booth 54-55 starting at Friday 12:00 pm, closing Sunday at 4:00 pm.

**Rockhound Days** at the Museum, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm., with museum admission will include: Friday - Gold panning, paint, jewelry, make slime 12 pm Lab talk in Gallery. Saturday - Gold panning, paint, jewelry, make slime 12pm Lab talk in Gallery; 1-3 pm Little Ray's Reptile Zoo and Sunday - Gold panning, paint, jewelry, make slime; 12 pm Lab talk in Gallery; 1-3 pm Horse Back Riding

**Geology Tours** will be as follows: Friday - Jurassic Dinosaur Tour with Dr. Tim Fedak. Depart from Fundy Geological Museum @ 10:30 am. (90 min). High Tide: 12.8 m @ 2:11 pm. Saturday - Five Islands Provincial Park with Dr. Howard Donahoe. Meet at Fundy Geological Museum at 10:15 am, or Five Islands day use beach at 11:00 am (2 hrs. long). High Tide: 13.2m @ 2:56 pm. Sunday - NS Nature Trust Conservation Announcement and Hike. Partridge Island 1:00 pm. High Tide: 13.3 m @ 3:42 pm

The entire town of Parrsboro comes alive to welcome participants and visitors for the Gem & Mineral Show. The following are the planned Community Events:

**Friday** - 7:00 - 8:30 pm - Dino Footprints at Low tide and a Bay of Fundy Sunset, with Dr. Tim Fedak. Depart Museum at 7:00 pm.

**Saturday** - 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Blueberry Community Supper Legion Branch #45, 56 Moore St. Includes: Cold salad plate, rolls, tea, coffee dessert. Takeout available. Saturday will also include: Old Fashion Saturday Night Prospectors Street Party, Main St., 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

**Sunday** - 8:00 - 9:30am

Blueberry Breakfast - Legion Branch #45, 56 Moore St. Menu includes: Blueberry pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee/tea. Takeout available. The weekends festivities will conclude with Concert in the Park, Band Stand, Main St. at 7:00 pm. Ships Company Theatre will present: "Chasing Champions -The Sam Langford Story", 8:00 pm Showtime.



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Visitors examine some of the spectacular gems and minerals on display and for sale at the Nova Scotia Gem and Mineral Show in 2015. (Submitted)