

# 2021 Cultural Campus Courses in Parrsboro

By Bruce Lantz

With 2020 behind us, Parrsboro Creative is already making plans for a successful 2021 season. Work is underway to launch the annual Cultural Campus courses and workshops with partners Art Lab, Fundy Geological Museum, Ship's Company Theatre, the Age of Sail and Ottawa House to determine the likely makeup and scheduling of the program. Much will depend on the comfort and availability of instructors, and even participants, due to the pandemic.

Part of the activities is to invite artists to Call for Instructors for the 2021 Cultural Campus season who are interested in delivering courses in craft, art, writing, music and theatre. Contact director@parrsborocre.com if there is an interest in conducting a course.

Some confirmed courses can already be seen on the website at www.parrsborocre.com. They include: Monika Wright's course on Creating Powerful Abstracts June 18-20; Janet Doble's course on Exploring Clay in

the Natural World July 3-4; Tom Forrestal's course Drawing in Preparation July 16-18; Joy Laking's Watercolour Painting workshop Aug. 7; The Colours, Rhythm and Spirit of the Bay of Fundy by Marc Grandbois Aug. 13-16; Carving Large - The Water Column Project with Jennifer Marlow Aug. 20-24 and Lynn Rotin's course The Mystery of Encaustic Painting Aug. 28-29.

Other confirmed course include: Figure Painting with Bill Rogers Sept. 10-12; Plein Air Painting with Bill Rogers Sept. 17-19; Pat Reid's course

The Art of English Willow Basketry Sept. 24-26; Painting from the Inside Out with Wayne Boucher Oct. 1-4; Sculpting Souls - Mask with Jim Morrow Oct. 15-17; and Introduction to Loom Weaving with Beth and Tom

Poirier Oct. 23-24.

More will be added as instructors are confirmed. For course details and to register go to the Art Lab Studios and Gallery website at [www.artlabstudios.ca](http://www.artlabstudios.ca).

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## The Hall Surviving Through COVID-19

By Patricia Burke

The Hall in Parrsboro is like a lot of organizations, unable to fundraise in their facilities due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Hall decided to spread its wings and do something completely different. They are going to hold an on-line auction from Friday, February 5 from 6 pm until Saturday, February 13 at 6 pm.

Committee members are accepting gently used or new items. Contact Clarissa

McCully at [clarissamccully@yahoo.com](mailto:clarissamccully@yahoo.com) or Patricia Burke at [Patricia.burke.parrsboro@gmail.com](mailto:Patricia.burke.parrsboro@gmail.com) to arrange pick-up or drop off. This is a facebook fundraiser so if you are not on facebook and would like to donate, ask one of your facebook friends to bid for you. We want to have a Valentine twist to this so there are lots of items you could give to your sweetheart. Pick-up begins on Sunday, February

14 from 10-2 and Saturday, February 21 from 1-3 and Sunday, February 21 from 10-2, if it is needed.

Due to new COVID-19 restrictions we have had to shut down the movies that we had started for a little while. Watch for our publicity when the restrictions are lifted and we can start again to a limited number. Hopefully, by next month we will be able to announce some of our spring-time fundraisers.

## Council Receives GeoPark Presentation

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evolved into an organization comprising: 15 Board members; Committees; a full time Executive Director; a part-time Admin Assistant; a Geoscientist and many Volunteers.

United Nation's Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) promotes cultural heritage and equal dignity of all cultures and fosters scientific programmes and has defined 17 Sustainable Development Goals to achieve sustainable development by 2030. There are 161 Global Geoparks in 44 Countries with five of them in Canada.

On August 5, 2020 Community members, Geopark partners and all levels of government joined the GeoPark committee to celebrate the UNESCO designation at Five Islands Lighthouse Park.

Peterkin said one of the outcomes is the opportunity for existing businesses to expand and new ones started to handle the thousands of visitors who are expected to visit the area in years to come. She said one of the tools needed to increase visitations is more media exposure and that has increased significantly since designation.

As examples of media attention she listed several outlets who have been involved in spreading the word: Conde Nast Travel Blog US - "Top 21 Places to Visit in 2021"; National Geographic Traveller UK - 30,000 subscribers and 600,000 downloads, average income greater than £



100,000; Media Interviews re designation from Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, CBC National News, CTV National News, Canadian Press, CBC Radio-Canada; • Atlantic Geoscience Society - public talks; Carleton University - Explore Geoheritage Day; A for Adventure Travel Experiences; Mining Association of Nova Scotia and Several articles in various local and regional publications.

Although the pandemic has slowed down business activity and impacted long term business decisions, Peterkin feels there will be significant New Tourism Opportunities, which will bring increased Business Development throughout the 165 km corridor.

Citing some of the major accomplishments since June 2020, Peterkin included: Staffing; establishment of the main office in Debert and a satellite in Parrsboro; advance for Interpretive Panels and 100 Series Highway Signage; • Education - Connecting with local schools and developing programs. Within the organization she offered: Policy Development; 8 Committees - Terms of Reference; Accelerated Market Readiness Program; RADIATE Program with Tourism

NS; development of Interpretive Strategy/Common Story Line; Governance Review and an evolving Strategic Plan are very important cogs in the wheel.

The UNESCO evaluators when they visited the area forecast Cliffs of Fundy GeoPark had the potential to attract large numbers of visitors and could rival other parks for visitor interest. Attendance from around the world is anticipated to show significant increases for the next 10-20 years as communities showcase culture and heritage.

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## Service Centres Modify Attendance Requirements

Early in January service centres within the Municipality of Cumberland made changes to allow for increased social distancing for staff. At the E.D. Fullerton building in Upper Nappan, a lobby limit of two people at a time will be enforced.

The Upper Nappan Service Centre will be open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hours at the Dr. Carson and Marion Murray Community Centre, Springhill Service Centre and Parrsboro Service Centre remain as they have.

At the Dr. Carson and Marion Murray Community a lobby limit of four people at a time will be enforced. The Springhill Service Centre will



be open Tuesdays and Thursdays only, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Parrsboro Service Centre will be open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A lobby limit of four people at a time will be enforced in Parrsboro which has been relocated to 209 Main Street (the former CIBC building).

Residents wishing to make a payment are still encouraged to use the alternative payment

methods including drop boxes, mailing cheques, electronic payments through a financial institution, preauthorized payment or credit card through Payments.

Residents who need to meet with staff are strongly encouraged to make an appointment prior to arrival as staff offices are unavailable for meetings with the public.

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