News from the Age of Sail



Pictured above is The John Pettis Boathouse in Brookville NS owned by Capt John William Pettis 1851-1935. More information on the boathouse is available at the Age of Sail Museum, Port Greville. (Submitted by Oralee O'Byrne)

By Oralee O'Byrne

Another season has almost passed and as usual it was a busy one. Unfortunately the weather in June and early July was not conducive to travel and most tourist operations will agree that numbers were down but with the more temperate weather in August numbers have rebounded. All in all not a bad season.

Visitors came from as far away as Australia and as near as across the street. It is always wonderful to meet people from different cultures and countries and see how much they are appreciating the wonders of our region but it is as wonderful to have the local people taking a more active role in appreciating the wonders in their own back

Our fundraisers have been well attended this season and we so appreciate the support of everyone who attends. However, without the volunteers we could not function. Every person who gives freely of their time is appreciated and thanked more than you can know. Volunteers are appreciated whether it is the

making of a dessert or hours of painting, serving tea or collecting money at the door, the people who help out without expecting anything in return are the people who keep us operating.

We cherish every volunteer who contributes from what may seem like a small contribution to those who put in many hours or hard labour you all are important and on behalf of the board of the Age of Sail and on behalf of myself to the board and all other volunteers I offer a most sincere and appreciated THANK YOU!

If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering for the center please contact us at any time. We look forward to a quieter winter, a time to catch up on paper work and archiving and hopefully a little down time. As well we look forward to the continuation of our building project and aim to have the grand opening in the spring when we open for the new season.

Oralee O'Byrne-Curator/Manager Age of Sail Heritage Center and

Masstown Community News

By Christine Urquhart
It seems like fall is quickly arriving here in Masstown and throughout all of Nova Scotia. Trees are starting to turn, the geese are flying over head and flocks of birds are gathering on the wires. Meanwhile our gardens are showing signs of their preparations for a long, cold winter.

With fall comes the promise of fun things to do. Raking leaves (and jumping into the piles!), carving pumpkins, and cooking all those wonderful freshly harvested vegetables for our Thanksgiving dinners are traditional fall things to do. We also get to enjoy the sights of the bottles of preserves that we slaved over, now glistening on our shelves with the promise of good taste in the winter months to come. Ah, it is so good to live in the country!

The DGM Men's Club will hold their regular breakfast meeting on October 1st, 8am, at the Double C Restaurant.All men are welcome to attend this meeting.

The Masstown UCW will meet at the Masstown United Church on Thursday October 6th, 7pm. All ladies are welcome to attend this meeting as well.

Coffee Parties! Yes, Coffee Parties have started up again! The dates for October Coffee Parties are Wednesday October 5th and Wednesday October 19th. There will be a bake table and a play room for the children and a tasty lunch of sandwiches and sweets

plus tea, coffee or juice. Come out and meet your friends at the Coffee Party!

There will be a Harvest Pot Luck Supper at the Masstown United Church on Saturday October 22nd from 4:30 -6pm. Adults \$8.00, children under 12 \$4.00. Take outs are available. Come out and enjoy a lovely pot luck meal with many wonderful casseroles, salads, and desserts. Well worth the cost!

The Masstown Stewards & Trustees which is now called the Management Committee would like to thank everyone who helped out in any way with our recent Refundable drive. We couldn't do it without you!

Condolences go out this month to Richard Conway and family on the death of his mother Lillian Conway. Also condolences to Gary Gilby and family on the death of his brother-in-law Lloyd Crowell.

May your fall harvest of your gardens keep you in vegetables and preserves throughout the winter to come and may your flowers that die down come up and bloom again in the spring.

Masstown Association to meet

By Christine Urqubart

The Masstown Community Association will meet at the Masstown Market on Tuesday October 18th, 7pm. Everyone Welcome! We will be planning our upcoming events for the fall - Pumpkin Carving and Christmas Tree Lighting.

If you were sorry that we were unable to hold the Tree Lighting last year, please come out and make a case for us to host this! The Pumpkin Carving will be held on Saturday October 29th from 1-3pm at the Masstown United Church in

the basement. Children can come in costume and must be accompanied by an adult and need to bring their own tools for carving their pumpkins. We hope to have games and prizes for this. To find out more, come out to our meeting!





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