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Matt Minglewood rocked The Hall, Parrsboro on Sunday April 9th. He performed several tunes from his new CD "Fly Like Desperados" as well as some tributes, Matt did not disappoint an enthusiastic crowd. (Tommy Strutz Photo)

Fundy Geological Museum

The Fundy Geological Museum is preparing for a busy summer. There will be a number of events taking place during the month of June. Those interested should contact the museum at 902-254-3814 for more information. The Fundy Geological Museum will be holding:

Kids Paint Day at the Fundy Geological Museum on Saturday, June 10th at 1 pm. Join Susan MacBurnie of Lucybelle Designs ...Clay and Canvas as she instructs a fun paint activity for children - dino painting on a 8x10 canvas...all supplies provided 10.00 per child. Please call 902-254-3814 to pre-register.

Introduction to Fossil footprints - Join Geologist, Matt Stimson, Saturday, June 3rd 1:30 pm at the Fundy Geological Museum for a presentation on introduction to fossil footprints, and a look at their importance to our understanding of late Paleozoic (Carboniferous and Early Permian) paleo environments in Atlantic Canada.

Highest Tides for the Year - Join retired naturalist, John Brownlie at the Fundy Geological Museum on Saturday, May 27th for his presentation on tides. Why do the biggest tides in the world happen right here in the Bay of Fundy? During the presentation you will see the highest tide for the year. Where is the lowest land in Parrsboro?

Mummichogs - Join retired naturalist, John Brownlie at the Fundy Geological Museum on Saturday, June 3rd at 1 pm, as he gives a talk on the toughest fish on Earth and in outer space. They adapt to and survive drastic changes in salinity, temperature and oxygen. Mummichogs live here in Parrsboro in the saltmarsh ponds and creeks near Parrsboro. John will have a couple dozen in an aquarium on display.

Bog Orchids and Pitcher Plants - Join retired naturalist, John Brownlie at the Fundy Geological Museum on Saturday, June 24th at 1 pm. Both of these plants are now in full bloom in the bogs near Parrsboro. Join John in his presentation when he will have the plants on display in a terraria. You will look at the leaves of the pitcher plants to see what this carnivorous plant has been eating.

\$5,225 grant to Opiod Council

The Cumberland Opiod Council will help people learn about the dangers of opioids and how to deal with them, thanks to a grant of \$5,225. The funding will be used by the Cumberland Opiod Council to implement its Investigating Community Readiness project.

"Opioid dependency can have a devastating impact on people's lives, as well as their families and friends," said MLA Terry Farrell, on behalf of Health and Wellness Minister Leo Glavine. "We are hearing

more and more that opioids are a growing issue for our communities. This grant will help Cumberland County residents address this important issue."

The council will receive its grant under the Chronic Disease Innovation Fund. The fund will invest about \$300,000 across the province.

Eighteen community groups, in partnership with community health boards, received funding for projects to help people stop smoking, reduce alcohol consumption, get active, and eat better.

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"Cliffs of Fundy" Geopark APPROVAL BUILDING MOMENTUM

By Maurice Rees

Dr John Calder and Anita MacLellan appeared before Colchester Council at the presentation meeting on May

2nd to explain the theory behind and progress being made to have part of the Bay of Fundy designated as a Geopark under a project



Art Lab houses both the resident artists and the community gallery at 121 Main Street, Parrsboro. See Michael Fuller's story and more photos on page 6 of the South Cumberland News. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

A Festive Weekend of Art & Entertainment

By Robert More

Plein air - painting in the open air - is the hottest artist movement in North America. In the last few years, Plein Air Festivals have sprung up across the continent as thousands of artists are enjoying the camaraderie and the challenge of painting new work on location in only a few days. The Parrsboro International Plein Air Festival will be held June 16, 17, 18.

These festivals are a wonderful way to bring artists and the public together in celebrational events which give people an opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors while also having the chance to witness the creation of new works art. And who knows? You just might see a one-of-a-kind, beautiful painting to buy and take home!

Parrsboro Creative has joined this amazing network by creating its own Festival, which will be the first international Plein Air event in Canada. The response has been amazing! On June 16, 17, 18, thirty-seven top plein

air artists are coming to Parrsboro from Maine, Ontario, Quebec, the Atlantic provinces, New Jersey, Maryland and Ohio.

They will compete for \$6000 in cash awards, and you will see them painting along The Bay of Fundy/Parrsboro Shore from Bass River all the way to Advocate.

All these new works will be on display Sunday June 19 at The Hall, 44 King Street, Parrsboro, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm - admission free. This Giant Art Sale is going to be buzzing with energy, and as an added bonus, you can also see the judging of the Quick Draw Contest at the bandstand in Parrsboro Sunday June 19 at 2:30 pm.

On the entertainment side of this festival, there's an After Painting Social, Friday June 17, 7-9 pm, on the deck at Ship's Theatre - mix n mingle with the artists, admission free, everyone welcome!. And the Black Rock Bistro has Music with Ethan Ash, Saturday June 18, 8-10 pm.

For more information

on this Festive Art Weekend : <https://www.parrsborocreative.com/pleinair/>

Or contact: Parrsboro Creative: 902-728-2007 parrsborocreative@gmail.com www.parrsborocreative.com

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not parks in the conventional sense - they carry no land use restrictions. Geoparks are a highly sought marketing and tourism brand.

Beginning in 2000 now under with an organization known as European Geoparks Network, they are popular in Europe, China & its neighbours. Worldwide, less than 20 years later there are 120 Global Geoparks in 35 countries.

The network of Global Geoparks provides a gateway to international tourists. Once the local initiative goes through all it hurdles, and approval stages, designation of the area as a Geopark would significantly elevate an international focus on Economy-Advocate shore's natural and cultural experiences. In the past 17 years it has been found the parks connect the arts, culture, history and geoscapes under one common identity.

Going back ages ago, the Fundy Rift - 'One Earth' Pangea broke apart 200 million years ago, at the dawn of the 'Age of Dinosaurs', giving birth to today's oceans and continents. In his presentation, Dr. Calder said, "Our aspiring Geopark showcases the story of the coming

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O'Regan's, Masstown Market, Municipality Of Cumberland, and the Ministry of Communities, Culture and Heritage, NS.

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Level the Playing Field for Geothermal Energy

Bill Casey, MP for Cumberland-Colchester, stated in the House of Commons on April 5th, "now is the time" for governments both federal and provincial to create measures that will spur new development of this renewable resource.

"People are looking for

options. They are looking at their heating bills, they are imagining what those bills are going to look like a few years down the road," Casey commented. "The Earth can provide an inexhaustible source of heat, at a very low cost and with no emissions."

Casey met this week with Alison Thompson, Chair of the Board of the

Canadian Geothermal Energy Association. He learned that some tax measures available federally for other forms of energy exploration are not enjoyed by the geothermal industry. He also learned that provincial permitting for geothermal exploration can be challenging.

The Cumberland Energy Authority is working to map and market Springhill's unique energy resource, work that Casey applauds. Casey added that "Springhill is a showcase for mine water geothermal technology in Canada. It's a fantastic place to business because of its district heating system that was decades ahead of its time."

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