



Winter 2022 Newsletter

What a difference a year makes!

After a thorough cleaning with our trusty team of volunteers, we kicked off our 2021 summer season by welcoming one hundred twenty five students from Charlottetown Rural on May 17th. Thirley Levi and Jim MacGeary welcomed the students and conducted a Mi'kmaw smudging ceremony. Under the direction of Florrie MacLeod and Rob Redmond the students enjoyed the Glenaladale experience through gardening, canoeing, and touring the archaeological site and the house. These stations were led by Glenaladale volunteers.



It did not stop as we continued to host various groups throughout the season. In the spring we had several groups including the Dunstaffnage WI, Fortune Coffee Break ladies, and Three Rivers Senior Group tour the house and archaeological dig. In the fall we hosted 38 members of the Rotary Club of Charlottetown Royalty for a breakfast meeting and tour. This was follow up to a presentation at their spring meeting. The Grace Christian School Grade Twelve students were also out for a tour.



SEAM Tour

In August Sarah Wheatly and Clare Martin hosted a SEAM/STAR youth group through UPEI for a morning workshop. SEAM/STAR is a government funded initiative with the goal of helping Island Youth (ages 15-17) engage in their communities. They also work with the youth to support their transition from high school to post secondary education, apprenticeship opportunities, the work force and entrepreneurial adventure. The morning included a house tour focusing on architectural features, a presentation of the archaeological site, and a shoreline cleanup.



Summer Staff

Ella MacLeod, Keirstin Rodgers, Katie Sinnott, and Jon Fradsham were hired as summer students; Ella as cataloguer and Katie, Keirstin, and Jon as tour guides, along with house and gardening duties.

Despite covid restrictions we were delighted to welcome over six hundred visitors for summer tours. Tours continued on reduced weekly hours until early October, as well as several private bookings.



*Back row: Jesus, Will, Evan, (asst. carpenters), Jon
Front Row: Keirstin, Ella, Katie (House staff)*



Flexing muscles after removing old carpet



Cherry Picking



Rafe on a Safe

Summer House Concerts

In addition to our house tours, this year we added this new event which proved very successful. Our sold-out concert series included the talents of Jessica Gallant, Michael Pendergast, Mark Haines, Kelly Mooney, and Shane Pendergast. Thanks to the organising committee of Mary Bradley, Carolyn Pendergast, Michael Pendergast, and Mary Gallant for this successful new initiative. No doubt this will become an annual event.



Jessica Gallant



Shane Pendergast



Mark Haines



Kelly Mooney



Michael Pendergast

Archaeological Presentation

In Early August Dr. Helen Kristmanson gave a presentation on the findings at the Glenaladale archaeological dig site to a large group at the Tracadie Cross Community Centre. It was very informative with several of the numerous artifacts they have uncovered on display.



Seniors College

The Seniors College enjoyed two presentations in October. Mary Jeanette Gallant presented the MacDonald history and Aggi-Rose Reddin presented the MacKinnon history. We always enjoy hosting this group.



Gardening

Cathy Corrigan and Terry Howatt were busy over the summer attending to both the vegetable garden and flower beds. The vegetable garden was planted in the raised beds and flourished throughout the summer. Flowers were planted at Glenaladale House and hanging baskets were added to the verandah. Two urns were donated for the front verandah by Wilfred Butler. In the fall 100 tulips and daffodils were planted along the veranda and walkway. The Committee-Terry Howatt, Cathy Corrigan, David MacPherson, Kyra Stiles, Wilfred Butler, and Gwynne Corrigan-met several times to discuss plans for the new Ancestors' Garden.



Sculptors Selected!

We are thrilled to announce the first selection of artists commissioned for the Glenaladale Sculpture Forest: Alexis Bulman, Gerald Beaulieu, Jody Racicot, Kelly Caseley & Pat Brunet, Kirstie McCallum, Olivier Bodart & Ahmon Katz, Sarah Saunders, and Terry Dunton Stevenson.

Impressing the selection committee and pitching proposals surrounding themes of “Home” and “Who We Were, Are and Will Be”, these 8 Island artists will be busy creating their pieces leading up to our 250th Celebrations in June. Over the next few months we will showcase each artist and provide glimpses into their process. Each sculpture will live permanently amongst the trees and natural beauty of the Glenaladale Woods enticing visitors to experience an Island Forest like never before. Many thanks to collaborators Creative PEI & Confederation Centre of the Arts, the selection team, and all those who submitted proposals for your vision and work. Stay tuned for updates and the highlighting of these artists’ practices as the snow melts – making way for installation and celebration!

Disc Golf

Exciting News! The construction of an 18 hole Disc golf course is progressing nicely. It is located on the north side of the highway adjacent to the walking trail. Throughout the fall Patrick Callbeck, Josh Coles and Andrew Clark have completed the layout, and are working on cleaning the fairways and the final basket placements. Looking forward to great family entertainment upon completion of this beautiful extension to Glenaladale.



Rum Running Festival

The 2nd Annual Rum Running Festival was held in October. The festivities included a Friday evening house concert featuring Janet McGarry & Serge Bernard. Saturday people enjoyed house tours, a story circle with Dr. Ed MacDonald and vintage car display with Kermit MacDonald and Bob MacKinnon. Saturday evening featured a 1920s Speakeasy at Tracadie Cross Community Centre. Green Isle Catering provided food, Robert Pendergast attended an oyster bar, and Alex Hendry of Drinks Distilled prepared a couple of special rum drinks. Jon Rehder and Friends Swing Band entertained guests who wore period Roaring 20s dress. A good time was had by all! The festival was capped off with a lively ceilidh on Sunday afternoon featuring Keelin Wedge, Shane and Michael Pendergast and Brendan Peters. Looking forward to next year's festival!

*Mary C & Darwin
Getting in the spirit*



*Mary J & Paul
of the Speakeasy!*



Friday Concert



Sunday afternoon Ceilidh

250th Celebration Update



The 250th Anniversary Planning Committee has been very busy since the last newsletter. We are very excited to welcome Hannah Morgan as coordinator for the events. Hannah brings a wide and varied expertise to the position. Born and raised on PEI, Hannah returned home after working in Newfoundland for 5 years with nonprofit artist-run festivals and organisations. Her work has been centred around the histories of artistic practice in rural communities across Atlantic Canada.

The dates for the celebration are Saturday, June 25th–Sunday, July 3rd. Covid restrictions continue to play havoc with the planning for the festival, but the committee remains optimistic as the time draws near. A Kilted skate will take place at the outdoor rink at the Tracadie Cross Community Centre in February. We hope to make this an annual event. Our piper Angela McDonnell will play a few tunes and hot chocolate will be provided.

Hannah will be posting regular updates on activities on our webpage www.glenaladalepei.com & our FB page Glenaladale House. Stay Tuned.



Work on Glenaladale House

Work continues on Glenaladale House: The students helped us remove old carpet from two of the upstairs rooms to reveal the floor beneath. Jake de Fonseca of MBS Construction has repointed the brick on the side facing the road and has completed repairs to 2 of the chimneys. Quite a view from the rooftop! Jake will be continuing with interior work over the winter, including repairs to the hearth in the kitchen. We are all excited to see that opened up!



Founding Family

Thank you to the Corrigan family who became the first Founding Family to complete their financial obligation. Founding Families commit to a donation of \$3000.00 a year for five years for a total donation of \$15,000.00. This is the type of grass roots community support that has been vital to Glenaladale.



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Donations

Glenaladale Heritage Trust recognizes that the work done to date would not be possible without the support of many. Canadian Heritage, ACOA and the Province of Prince Edward Island have shown their support but we have also been blessed to have local business and philanthropic support as well as private donations both large and small. Some have donated in memory of a lost family member-others just believe in our vision and want to show their support. This means so much to the board who have spent many hours, days, weeks and years making sure this project comes to completion.

We continue to need your help and if you would like to be a part of this amazing project please check out the webpage for ways you can contribute:

<https://glenaladalepei.com/donate/>. We accept e-transfers at glenaladalepei@gmail.com ; we are also registered with Canada Helps under Glenaladale Heritage Trust Inc. Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20.00 or more. Registered Charity #819486325 RR0001

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Hope we see you all this summer as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the Glenaladale Settlers!