

Dory Mates

Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic

Spring 2013



Spring Events Calendar

Opening for the Summer Season!

Saturday, May 18

Open Daily 9:30am-5:30pm

We are looking forward to another very exciting summer as we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of our flagship, *Theresa E. Connor*. As we await the onset of a major construction project in the western part of the museum, the aquarium, 2nd and 3rd floor and a wharf full of exhibits will remain open for your enjoyment! As the summer bustles with activity, why not join us on the Lunenburg waterfront and experience life at sea?

Lunenburg Town's 260th Birthday Bash!

June 3-9

Enjoy a full week of festivities throughout the entire town as we help Lunenburg celebrate its 260th Birthday!

<https://www.facebook.com/Lunenburgs260thBirthday>

Open House and Ship Model Showcase

Sun, June 9, 9:30am - 5:30pm

During our Annual Open House, members of the South Shore Ship Modellers Guild will display their latest projects and share the joy of their craft. So come on down, catch-up with an old friend, meet a new neighbor and dance a jig as we celebrate our museum! (Free)

To keep tuned in to all the events of the spring, and find out what's in store for the summer:

<http://museum.gov.ns.ca/fma/en/home/whattoseedo/events.aspx>



Editor's Note

Sorry, friends and Dory Mates, for the delay of this spring publication!

It's been very busy here in the iconic red buildings on Lunenburg's historic waterfront! Although we are only starting to feel springy in terms of the weather, we have swiftly sprung forward into a major building restabilization project.

Phase one of the project got underway late February, as we began to move artifacts, collections, and administrative contents of the western section of the museum to be stored for safekeeping at the old Centre Consolidated School building.

As the dust settles, we are all anxious to re-open and spend the rest of our spring with you!

Look for another Dory Mates Newsletter coming out in July featuring a detailed list of events for the summer!

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In Memoriam



Roseville Otto Tanner (2013)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dear friend and beloved colleague, Rosie Tanner, after a courageous battle with cancer on January 29th, 2013. Rosie, born into a family of fishermen, went to work in the same industry at an early age. He started first at Booth Fisheries herring plant in Blue Rocks, and on the Lunenburg waterfront unloading salt cod from schooners. This early experience landed him at National Sea Products fish plant on Battery Point where he spent 16 years mastering the art of fish filleting, earning the spot as a "bonus" filleter due to his skill and speed.

Rosie joined us here at the museum in 1982. Over his years of employment, Rosie entertained thousands of visitors with his fish filleting, lobster trap making and duck decoy making. He easily won them over with his attention to detail, kind heart and thick "Blue Rocker" accent. He has left behind the video legacy, "Rosie Tanner Fillets Fish" in which he deftly transforms a whole fresh cod into skinless, boneless fillets. We remember Rosie as one-of-a-kind. He was a compassionate, genuine, generous fellow always with a smile and a story to share. When thinking of Rosie, staff are always reminded of the thoughtful "little treats" he gave to them over the years. Whether, found, purchased or handmade, Rosie always shared his special treasures with those he thought deserving.

Rose Bud, as he was affectionately known here at the museum, carried this verse in his wallet, which truly was the formula he lived by and will certainly resonate with those who had the pleasure to know him:

It doesn't matter how much you have,

but how much you shared with others.

It doesn't matter what kind of house you have,

but whether your love has made it a home.

It doesn't matter how many friends you can count,

but how many friends you can count on.

It doesn't matter how well you do in life,

but how much good you do.

It doesn't matter how much love you have gathered,

but how much you've given away.





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MODEL BOAT BUILDING IN GOOD COMPANY



Ship models have a long history, some being found in Egyptian tombs that dated back to 2000 BC. Over the centuries models have been made to test theories and designs, as gifts and for display in museums and homes.

Today a vast range of plans and kits provide an opportunity to build models of precision and historical accuracy for static display or radio controlled craft that afford hours of pleasure in their construction and in-water operation.

The South Shore Ship Modellers (SSSMG) was founded in 1997 to bring together people interested in boats and ships of all types, marine history and model making.

There is a wealth of knowledge and experience amongst our members. Beginners in the hobby are assured of a warm welcome. A non-profit organization, SSSMG promotes model boat building, and provides an opportunity to share information, plans and model building techniques. Our members' interests are many and varied, and range from scale replicas of famous ships to radio controlled fishing boats and to sailing racers.

Within the group are professional model builders and novices, all of whom share an interest in the history and techniques of designing, building and operating model boats.

Our regular program includes monthly meetings are held on second Saturday of every month at the Fisheries Museum. In the summer months, the Guild organizes informal regattas, where members and friends can run their boats and socialize. Our public out-reach program includes working in the Ship Model Shop at the Fisheries Museum, building Styrofoam Bluenose II and Tugboats with the kids and exhibitions at local malls and museums.



Card of Thanks

The demonstrations of the South Shore Ship Modellers Guild have become an integral part of the visitor experience at the Fisheries Museum. We would like to thank these dedicated members for taking the time to volunteer their craft, share their talents, and keen eye for detail. Our visitor comments often reflect the special time spent at the Ship Model Shop while on site. We rely on the SSMG as a special feature of our Annual Open House Celebration, and always look forward to the outside tank showing off powered models, like Theodore Too!

For more information you can check out our website: <http://www.sssmg.com/>

Creating Cultural Connections: Canada, Cuba & Cod

In December, 2012, we were joined at the museum by Alejandro L. Hernandez-Bringas, native of Trinidad de Cuba, as he began an investigation of materials and an exploratory survey on the Nova Scotia–West Indies trade relationship. This was a massive market in the early 20th century, as Nova Scotia sent salt cod, lumber and potatoes to Cuba and Cuba would send back molasses, sugar and tobacco.

As a scholar of sociology and employee of the Municipal Archives in Trinidad de Cuba, Alej also conducts walking tours in his hometown, another UNESCO World Heritage site. This is how he met Lunenburg-resident Megan Williams more than 2 years ago. The two became fast-friends and he described his interests to her in the connection between Nova Scotia and Cuba in terms of the cod trade. Upon her return, Megan asked curator, Ralph Getson about the possibility of hosting a resident-researcher. The two then worked together to make arrangements for Alej's arrival.

During the 3 months he was in Canada, Alej got a taste for many new things including scallops on the half shell, skating and shoveling snow. He performed a thorough investigation of materials at our Museum, the Nova Scotia Archives and the Dalhousie University Archives. Alej's work here garnered much interest. In fact, the Helen Creighton Foundation, recognizing the cultural importance of the research and its strength in establishing traditional connections between Atlantic Canada and Cuba, have offered assistance through their Grants-in-Aid program.

With the help of Shelah Allen of [Lunenburg Town Walking Tours](#), who travelled back to Cuba with Alej, they have prepared an Exhibition which is set to open on June 5 in the small fishing village of Casilda, a port near Trinidad de Cuba. This will encompass a display of images from our own collection, recreating the Lunenburg fisheries experience. This exhibit will be enhanced with a poetry, art, and a book display, all related to the seafaring culture of Cuba. The Exhibition will then travel to various port communities in Cuba, to explore cross-cultural similarities between our two fisheries. Ultimately, we hope the display will make its way back to Canada.

Before departing, Alej wanted to share his thanks to his new friends and the Town of Lunenburg for the warm welcome and hospitality he received. He said he was forever grateful for the generosity from the many supporters who came forward to donate items for the exhibition. He described this trip as a landmark experience in his own life, leaving Cuba for the first time and experiencing a Canadian winter. We certainly enjoyed having this bright and jovial resident-researcher on board with us, and look forward to his return and learning more about our own connections from his research. As this project is ongoing, if you have any information on the trade relationship between Nova Scotia and the West Indies from the late 1800s-1930s, please contact Ralph Getson via email, getsonrd@gov.ns.ca.



Angela, Alej, Megan and Ralph



Springtime on the Banks



In the spring of the year, fisherman would begin “fitting out” for another season on the Banks.

This process would involve preparing trawl, painting-up dories and putting their outfits aboard schooners.



Taken in Lunenburg, NS these springtime images on the historic waterfront are from the Earl Bailly Collection, c.1940



The Big Move

The Lunenburg Marine Museum Society is pleased to announce the commencement of a major building project at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic. This project will encompass a stabilization of the western section of the museum. It represents a positive and necessary change to the museum building infrastructure and will result in an improved environment and experience for all visitors and our staff.



Thanks to Staff for their dedication, determination and teamwork!

The first phase of this project got underway late February as we began to move the contents of the western wing of the Museum to their new temporary location, the old Centre Consolidated School building. During the next 2 months we proceeded to move approximately 32,500 artifacts safely to their new home. This included 7 large boats from the Hall of Inshore Fisheries exhibit, equipment from the Carpenter Shop and exhibit contents from the Boat Shop, Whale Room and Engine Room. It also included our research library, and upstairs administrative offices. Highlighting the sheer magnitude of this project, this move encompassed 67% of our entire collection.

As we prepare for the next phase, and await the onset of construction, although the affected areas will remain closed, the main museum building and the wharf exhibits unaffected by this project will open for the summer season. We are so pleased that we can continue to welcome visitors to our Museum and we look forward to another exciting summer on the Lunenburg waterfront!





New Location

Our Administrative Offices, Research Library and Archives have been temporarily relocated to the Old Centre Consolidated School Building.
11788 Highway 3

Information Services are still Available:
Monday-Friday
8:00am-4:00pm

Please call for an appointment:
902-634-8430 (Main Office)
902-634-8127 (Library)



It was a thrilling day when the crane came and helped move the largest of our inshore fishing vessels!! Pictured above leaving the Hall of Inshore Fisheries are the Gaspé boat, *Marie Thérèse*, and the Northumberland Strait boat. *Marie Thérèse* had not seen the light of day since joining the museum's collection in 1979 and the Northumberland Strait boat has been inside the Hall since its arrival in 1990.



There will be an announcement when construction begins at the Museum, and we will certainly do our best to keep you updated on our progress! To stay tuned in to the project, follow us on Facebook:





The South Shore Genealogical Society has Moved!

New Location: Old Centre Consolidated School

11788 Highway 3 Lunenburg, NS

New Phone Number: 902-634-9610

Open every Wednesday & Thursday from 1pm-4pm starting May 16th

Starting in June: Open Monday-Friday 1pm-4pm

For more information: <http://www.ssgs.ca/>

Tracing your Family Tree?

Want to know more about where your ancestors came from?

You have come to the right place.

Movie Wednesdays

Another winter here and gone, which brought a record number of movie-goers to our weekly movies! Special thanks to our volunteer Reg Crouse for his time and dedication in showing these films and to our faithful movie-goers who still enjoy watching old-timey footage from Lunenburg and surrounding areas. See you next year!



"Glimpses"

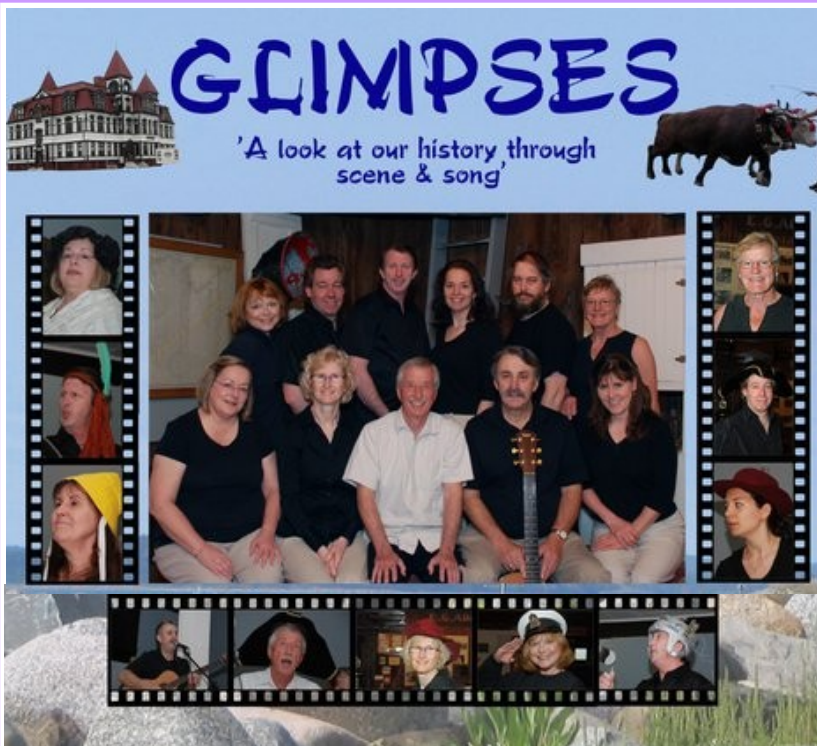
Opens Thurs, July 11, 7:30pm and continues every Tues & Thurs through August (Admission by Donation)

Heading into their 6th season, 'Glimpses' is the longest running show on Nova Scotia's South Shore, entertaining folks from all over the globe! This popular live theatre presentation, takes a **colourful** look at our local history through scene and song.

Catch a performance this summer in our Ice House Theatre on the Museum's 3rd Floor and see for yourself just what the Summer Troupe has to offer.

You won't be disappointed!

<http://allswellproductions.wordpress.com/>



FMA Winter Mash-Up: Out and About



A Bunch of Belsnicklers at the Santa Claus Parade



FMA Christmas Chorus



Fisheries Museum Choice Award at the Heritage Fair



Heritage Game at PVEC Knowledge Festival



Capt. Hanlon and Faye



Saltsapes Expo

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President's Message

Welcome Back!

We're getting ready to move into our 46th year on the beautiful Lunenburg waterfront!

This past season we experienced a temporary closure to accommodate the relocation of artifacts in preparation for an upcoming construction project which promises to re-stabilize and revitalize our site. We are delighted to announce that this will not disrupt our season, as we are able to remain in operation this summer. On behalf of the society, I personally want to express my sincere gratitude for the all superior work from staff to ensure this project got underway safely and successfully.

We've got a full lineup of programs, tours, demonstrations and events planned for you, which you won't want to miss! The *Theresa E. Connor* will receive two new masts this summer. The foremast, already removed, will be replaced shortly. However, the mainmast will be worked on outside on the dock as an special demonstration piece. I would like to thank Stella-Jones for their facilitation in this process, and look forward to watching the mast take shape.

Celebrating 20 Years!



We will be opening our doors on Saturday May 18th, and we are pleased to continue to present our exceptional product to our visitors!

Sincerely,

Andreas Josenhans

President

Lunenburg Marine Museum Society

You are cordially invited to become a DORY MATE of the FISHERIES MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Season Pass to the Museum
- 10% discount at the Salt Store Gift Shop
- Membership in the Lunenburg Marine Museum Society

- Museum Webletter 'Dory Mates'
- Invitation to Exclusive Events

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Double DORY MATE \$60.00 _____

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