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FEBRUARY 2019

NEW GLASGOW CELEBRATES AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

February is African Heritage Month - a time to celebrate the culture, history and contributions that African Canadians have made to Canada and our society. The theme for African Heritage Month 2019 is *Our History is Your History*.

The launch of African Heritage Month took place at Glasgow Square Theatre on February 4, 2019. The special ceremony began with the marching in and display of the Canadian, Nova Scotia and Pan-African flags by members of the New Glasgow Police



Department and RCMP. The ceremony also included the signing of the proclamation, unveiling of the 2019 Provincial African Heritage Month poster, musical performances by Angela Cromwell and the North Nova Education Centre African NS Drummers, as well as refreshments.

The Town of New

Glasgow and Mayor Nancy Dicks were honored to have a number of special guest speakers at the event, including Crystal States, Regional Educator – African Nova Scotian North-Central Network. The Honourable Tony Ince, Minister of Communities, Culture & Heritage and African NS Affairs, MLA Pat Dunn, Warden Rob-

ert Parker and Tim Houston, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party. The ceremony also included guest Cedric Smiley. Cedric has earned wide-spread attention for his unique creation of Viola Desmond t-shirts. Each shirt holds a real

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The Honourable Tony Ince spoke to guests at the African Heritage Month Launch at Glasgow Square Theatre on February 4.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

...AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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Canadian \$10 bill which features civil rights activist, Viola Desmond. T-shirts sell for \$40 and can be purchased at New Glasgow Town Hall.

African Heritage Month celebrations continue throughout February with events taking place at Glasgow Square Theatre. These include a Family Feud Trivia Night that was held on February 19 and a matinee dance on March 2 featuring the Working Class Band and AP



Cedric Smiley promoted his special Viola Desmond t-shirts at the Launch.

Coleman Blues Project. Also on March 2, the New Glasgow Library is hosting an African story-telling, drumming, and dance workshop with the Maritime Centre for African Dance

COASTAL RESTORATION WORKSHOP

Are you concerned about the future of our coasts? Want to improve your community's coastal resiliency? The Clean Foundation is holding a free workshop to learn about strategies to protect and restore our coasts from the impact of human activity and climate change. The presentation, which is also being presented to the New Glasgow Town Council, will help communities make infor-

med decisions about the future of our coasts using effective nature-based solutions. A local workshop is being held at the NSCC Pictou Campus, Stellarton on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 from 5:30pm-8:30pm. The workshop is open to all members of the public with refreshments provided. To reserve your space, call 902-956-9458 or visit saltmarshes.ca



HOTSPOT: METER PARKING MADE EASY

Did you know New Glasgow now offers a pay-by-phone parking program called HotSpot?

This simple-to-use mobile app conveniently allows you to add funds to your meter directly from your smart phone. Instead of running back to the meter to top up your parking, simply add more time with the app! Another great feature allows you to credit any remaining time left on your parking session back to your HotSpot account, so no funds go to waste! The program can also be used in any other city or town where the system is integrated.

PROUDLY GIVING BACK

In January, monies collected by the Town of New Glasgow from downtown parking meters during the month of December were presented to the Pictou County East Food Bank and the Pictou County Fuel Fund.

Pictured from left to right is Constable Ken MacDonald, Lia LeClair - Pictou County East Food Bank, Rosanne MacGregor - Pictou County Fuel Fund and Mayor Nancy Dicks.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

WINTER CARNIVAL FUN

New Glasgow's annual kick-off to Winter Carnival event, Chill Out, took place on Saturday, January 12 at the New Glasgow Farmer's Market. Community members enjoyed live, local music, children's crafts and activities, marshmallow roasting and the popular chili competition!



A large crowd came out take part in taste testing and judging the Chill Out chili competition!



The winners of this year's chili cook-off categories were Troy Baker (NGFD); Our Turn to Cook (chefs); Brenda Kennedy (home cooks); and Alex Theriault from Z 97.9 (media). The event was a great success with a huge crowd coming out to enjoy the re-opening of the Farmers Market and taste all of the delicious chili!

Local winter carnivals were held between January 25 and February 9 at the West Side Community Centre, Ward 1 Community Centre and North End Recreation Centre. A special thank you to all of the volunteers that make the winter carnivals happen each year!

A group enjoys the pancake breakfast at Ward 1 Community Centre's Winter Carnival.

NSCAD WELCOME RECEPTION

New Glasgow welcomed the 2019 NSCAD Artist in Residence, Sarah Mosher, and Local Alumni in Residence, Rachael Robitaille, at a reception held at the NSCAD New Glasgow Community Art Studio on February 1. Sarah spoke about her work, and both artists had some of their



Artist Sarah Mosher gives a lesson on loom weaving.



Sarah and Rachael displayed some of their beautifully handcrafted work at the reception.

pieces on display to view.

"The Town has really embraced NSCAD and the Community Studio Residency program", said Mayor Nancy Dicks. "Each year the artists bring new

and inspiring talent and are an asset to our community. We are very proud to have established such a partnership with NSCAD as part of our ongoing commitment to support the local creative economy".

Attendees at the reception also had an opportunity to try weaving on a loom - which proved to be a fun but difficult task!

NATIONAL SWEATER DAY

The Town of New Glasgow participated in National Sweater Day on February 5. Initiated by The World Wildlife Fund, National Sweater Day is a fun campaign to help raise awareness about our energy use and climate change by turning down your heat and putting on a sweater. New Glasgow CAO, Lisa MacDonald, turned down the heat at New Glasgow Town Hall and staff kept warm for the day in their sweaters!



UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

March Break March 18-22, 2019

Pictou County Gymnastics Club Camp

The Pictou County Gymnastics Club is holding a March Break camp for ages 5-12 from March 18-March 22. The camp will be from 8:30am-4:00pm and cost \$35 per day, or \$160 for the week. A second camp for ages 3-5 will be held on Tuesday, March 19-Thursday, March 21 from 9am-12pm. The cost \$50 for the three days, or \$20 per day. This is for anyone who wants a week filled of fun activities, gymnastics, crafts, games and more! Register at the Pictou County Gymnastics Club or by calling 902-695-3699.

Helen Boucher Art Workshops

Children can put their creative abilities to work at Helen Boucher's March Break Art Workshops from March 18-March 21. The workshops, being held at the HB Art Studio, will include fun crafts and painting for children ages 7-12. Morning painting sessions will run from 9:30am-12 noon and afternoon craft sessions from 12:30-3pm. Children can participate in a single session for \$25 per session or take part in the full day for \$40. For more information, contact Helen at 902-331-0358.

YMCA Day Camp

The YMCA of Pictou County will be holding a day camp for ages 5-12 during the week of March Break from 8am-4pm. The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Extended hours will be offered from 4pm-5:30pm (\$5 fee). There will be fun games, swimming and crafts daily! For more information, contact The YMCA of Pictou County at 902-752-0202.

March Break Day Camp for Girls

A FREE March Break Camp for girls ages 9-12 will be held at the Pictou County Women's Resource and Sexual Assault Centre from March 19-March 22. The camp will be from 9am-2:30pm daily and include movies, bowling, yoga, science experiments, cooking and more! Contact Allison to register at pcwc@womenscentre.ca or 902-755-4647. Space is limited!

New Glasgow Library March Break Programs

March 19: **Family Dance Party**, for ages 3-6, 10:15am-11am

March 20: **Make a Button**, all ages, 10am-12pm

March 20: **SuperNOVA Workshop**, for kids grades 4-6,

1:30pm-2:30pm. *Registration required. Call 902-752-8233.*

March 20: **Engineering Challenge: Straw Towers**, for kids

5+, 3pm-4pm

• March 21: **Techie Petting Zoo**, all ages, 10am-12pm

• March 21: **Sink or Float: Titanic Edition**, for ages 8+,

1:30pm-2:30pm. *Registration required. Call 902-752-8233*

• March 22: **Playdoh Time**, all ages, 10am-11am

• March 22: **Rocket Balloon Cars**, for ages 8+, 2pm-3pm.

Registration required. Call 902-752-8233.

Check out these other community events for more March Break fun!

- March 19: **Town of New Glasgow Free Skate**, Pictou County Wellness Centre, 2pm-3pm
- March 19: **New Glasgow Walking Group** (all ages welcome), Goodman Rotary Park, 10am
- March 21: **Pickleball** (all ages welcome), New Glasgow Academy, 7pm
- March 23: **Town of New Glasgow Free Swim**, YMCA of Pictou County, 3pm-4pm
- March 23: **New Glasgow Farmers Market**, 9am-1pm

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!



MARCH

- March 2: **Social Matinee & Dance**, 6pm-9pm, Glasgow Square Theatre
- March 8: **International Women's Day**
- March 16: **New Glasgow Jubilee St. Paddy's Day Party**, 6pm-10pm, Glasgow Square Theatre

APRIL

- April 13: **God is a Scottish Drag Queen**, 8pm, Glasgow Square Theatre
- April 18: **Easter Dance featuring Dirty Rokkin Scoundrels**, 9pm-1am, Glasgow Square Theatre
- April 13: **Chase Padgett - Nashville Hurricane**, 7:30pm, Glasgow Square Theatre
- April 26-28: **Saltsapes Tradeshow**, Halifax Exhibition Centre
- April 28: **National Day of Mourning**

MAY

- May 9: **Rebecca Perry's From Judy to Bette**, 7:30pm, Glasgow Square Theatre
- May 17: **The Lonely - Celebrating the Music of Roy Orbison**, 7:30pm, Glasgow Square Theatre

RECREATION FACILITIES - NEW GLASGOW COMMUNITY CENTRES

WEST SIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE

181 Lavinia Street,
New Glasgow
rentals@westsidecommunitycentre.ca

WARD ONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

487 Brother Street,
New Glasgow
902-752-4499

NORTH END RECREATION CENTRE

534 High Street, New
Glasgow
902-616-6296

NEW GLASGOW *FLOURISH*

SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL BUSINESS

SUSHI DELIGHT

New to the community, *Sushi Delight* opened its doors on East River Road in December, 2018. The restaurant offers sushi and Thai cuisine which is an addition to the community New Glasgow residents have been really excited about. Owners Vincent and Vanessa expanded their original Sushi Delight business from Truro, and have been enjoying being a part of New Glasgow since the opening of their restaurant. Fun fact: Vincent has been trained to make sushi for seven years!



Mayor Nancy Dicks welcomes owners Vincent (middle) and Vanessa, and presents them with their new business certificate.

THE COFFEE BEAN

The Coffee Bean has been a staple in downtown New Glasgow since 1986, and has been a family run business from the beginning. Antje and her husband, Scott, have been the current owners since 2011. Not only does The Coffee Bean sell delicious coffee, muffins and assorted baked goods, they also sell specialty and seasonal coffee beverages with their new espresso machine - the most popular being the vanilla bean latte! The cafe also serves homemade soups, sandwiches and all-day breakfast. Antje moved to Nova Scotia from Germany 15 years ago and has said the people in Nova Scotia and New Glasgow are the friendliest people around. Fun fact: 80% of the cafe's customers are loyal regulars!



The Coffee Bean's Co-Owner, Antje.

NEW GLASGOW RANKS TOP PLACES TO VISIT

As International Women's Day approaches on March 8, the Expedia Canada Travel Blog recently surveyed local Canadian females asking them which city or town they would recommend solo female travelers to visit. As chosen by fellow Canadians, New Glasgow was ranked as one of the **Top Places to Visit as a Solo Female Traveler!**

An iconic figure and story known across Canada, Viola Desmond made history in New Glasgow in 1946 when she refused to leave the 'whites only' section at the Roseland Theatre. She is now featured on the \$10 Canadian bill and a renowned woman in Canadian, Nova Scotia and New Glasgow history. To read the full article, visit www.expedia.ca/travelblog.



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