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Annapolis Royal Visitor Information Centre
Weekly Newsletter



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Newsletter #9– July 22

Good Afternoon,

Another busy week here at the Visitor Information Centre with guests coming from everywhere you can imagine. With the sun shining, hints of rain here and there, the whole area is looking beautiful right now. Natal weekend is just days away and we will have the full lineup out for you next week!

Upcoming Events:

Friday, July 22nd

2pm: Acadian/Mi'Kmaq Heritage Tour (Begins at Annapolis Lighthouse)

Stroll along the shores where Acadians first arrived in the area Experience with Alan Melanson, a 10th generation. Go to the wharf where 1664 Acadians were deported from Annapolis Royal. Hear Alan's amazing personal story of his ancestors' deportation. Enjoy a romantic modern-day Acadian love story. Retrace the renaissance of the Acadian culture. Listen to Acadian music and learn traditional dance! Meet at the Lighthouse—no reservations required. \$9 adults, \$5 youth (ages 13-18), \$3 children (12 & under).

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7pm: The Secret Life of Pets (movie) at the Kings Theatre

This hilarious movie shows how two very different dogs can get along (or not) in the heart of a Manhattan apartment. Lots of laughs for young and old!

\$7 youth/child, \$8 adults +HST

8 - 10pm: Weekly Music & Chase the Ace at the Port Royal Legion

Port Royal Legion, Branch #21 in Annapolis Royal is happy to announce that our great local musicians will play music set from 8-10pm (or later) each Friday night! The Chase the Ace draw will begin the night, with the draw at 8pm sharp, so arrive early to ensure your chance to win the jackpot! Tickets are on sale for all week long. See the schedule on our Facebook page or drop by the Legion for more information. Open to the public & everyone is welcome.

9:30pm: Candlelight Graveyard Tour (Celebrating 25 years)

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Saturday, July 23rd

8am – 1pm: Farmers and Traders Market

The largest outdoor market in Nova Scotia! Come support our local venues. Town Crier Peter Davies, accompanied by two Junior Town Criers, Oliver Bonnington and Maura Scranton in appropriate costumes, open the entertainment part of the Saturday Farmers' Market at 10.00am, proclaiming what will be happening in Annapolis Royal over the weekend.

10am – 12pm: Young Company Productions Theatre Days Workshop for Kids

Young Company Productions presents a FREE Theatre Workshop for youth ages 10-18. On July 23rd, the topic is *'Backstage at King's Theatre with Shawn Oliver'*. The workshop will take place in the Gymnasium at ARRA (590 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal) and space is limited so sign up in advance!

Reserve your spot by emailing: youngcompanyproductions@gmail.com

'Like' and message on Facebook: Young Company Productions Association

2:00-4:00pm: Kids Pirate and Privateer Party at North Hills Museum

North Hills Museum is pleased to be hosting an afternoon of crafting, games, treasure hunt and special treats. Dress up as a pirate, buccaneer or a shipmate! Free for the whole family, however donations welcome.

Contact Brenda Keen at 902-532-2168 or northhillsmuseum@gmail.com

7pm: Weekly Fun Pool Tournament at the Port Royal Legion

The Port Royal Legion Branch #21 in Annapolis Royal holds weekly 8 Ball Tournaments each Saturday evening at 7pm. \$5 to play, all proceeds go into prizes. Open to the public & everyone is welcome.

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2pm: National Historic District Tour (Begins at Annapolis Lighthouse)

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Tuesday, July 26th

10am: Marsh Tour by Clean Annapolis River Project (CARP)

Tour starting at 10 am from the CARP office (314 St. George Street). Cost per participant is \$10 for a fascinating opportunity to learn about the plants and animals that make the area home. Reservations appreciated, but not required.

Call 902-532-7533 for more information.
<http://www.annapolisriver.ca/>

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7:30pm: Darkhorse at the Kings Theatre

Darkhorse is the true story of a group of friends in a small Welsh mining town who pool together their resources to breed and raise a race horse called the Dream Alliance – magic ensues!

\$8 general admission, or \$7 with your Film Buff Card +HST

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Wednesday, July 27th

10am – 2pm: Farmers and Traders Market

Come support our local venues! In the same location as our Saturday morning Market, just across from the wharf and beside Ye Olde Town Pub in Annapolis Royal. Hope to see you there!

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7-9pm: Jazz Café featuring Sahara/Kamila at North Hills Museum

Fabulous evening of jazz at the North Hills Museum topped off with delicious desserts and coffee prepared by Paula Buxton of Leo's Café

Tickets \$20 – advance sales only 902-532-2168 or email
northhillsmuseum@gmail.com

7pm: Bingo at the Port Royal Legion Branch #21 Annapolis Royal

The Port Royal Branch #21 Legion in Annapolis Royal holds bingo every Wednesday evening, starting at 7pm. Please arrive early to buy ticket books. Open to the public & everyone is welcome.

8pm: Company of Angels presents ‘Lighted Rooms’ at Granville Ferry Hall

An amazing evening of Dance, Theatre and Spoken Word performed by ten members of the Company of Angels, Canada’s only senior contemporary dance company.

\$20 cash only, all fees included events@fodar.ca reserve at 902-524-0015

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1-3pm: Traditional Music at Port Royal

Clap your hands, tap your feet and listen to fine singers and musicians who will entertain you in this special musical series to commemorate our 75th anniversary.

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Attractions & Hours of Operation

Annapolis Community Pool

The Annapolis Community Pool is a recreational facility of the Town of Annapolis Royal and is operated by the Friends of the Annapolis Pool Society (FAPS). FAPS is a not-for-profit group registered as a charitable organization in the province of Nova Scotia.

Public Swim Hours:

Monday – Friday: 2:00 – 5:30pm & 6:30 – 7:30pm

Saturday & Sunday: 2:00 – 5:00pm

For more information on other events and programs, including Aquafit, Lane Swimming, Moms + Tots, and Red Cross Swimming Lessons, visit

www.annapolispool.ca or call (902) 532-1777.

Port Royal National Historic Site (75th Anniversary)

This national historic site features a reconstruction of early 17th- century buildings representing the former colony of the French who settled for a time along the Nova

Scotia coast. Costumed interpreters and period demonstrations help recreate the look and feel of Port-Royal, one of the earliest settlements in North America.

Open daily 9am – 5:30pm

Melanson Settlement National Historic Site

Melanson Settlement contains the archaeological remains of a pre-Deportation Acadian community (c. 1664-1755). These archaeological resources reflect the family communities settled by Acadians and Acadians' unique dykeland agriculture practised along the Annapolis River (formerly the Dauphin River).

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The trail and the interpretation panels remain accessible in the evening but the toilets are closed at the indicated time.

Fort Anne National Historic Site of Canada

Canada's oldest historic site - a present-day reminder of a time when conflict between Europe's empire builders was acted out on the shores of the Annapolis River. It offers a sweeping view of the beautiful Annapolis Basin from the centre of Annapolis Royal.

Grounds are always open

Museum is open daily 9am – 5:30pm

Annapolis Region Community Arts Centre & ARTsPLACE

Located at 396 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal. ARTsPLACE Artist-run Centre is run by an Exhibitions Committee of the ARCAC Board, comprised 100% of artists, to support and encourage serious artistic endeavours at all levels and of all sorts. Our exhibition schedule has been designed to reflect the role ARCAC plays as intermediary between the contemporary art world out there and the local community. ARTsPLACE is funded in-part by the Artist Run Centres (ARC) program of the Canada Council, the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage and by volunteer fundraising endeavours.

Summer Hours

Monday - CLOSED

Tuesday 10 am - 4:30 pm

Wednesday 10 am - 5:30 pm

Thursday 10 am - 5:30 pm

Friday 10 am - 7:30 pm

Saturday 12 pm - 7:30 pm

Sunday 11 am - 6:30 pm

O'Dell House & Genealogy Centre

Located on the Annapolis Royal waterfront in a circa 1869 stagecoach inn and tavern, the O'Dell House Museum is the former home of Nova Scotia Pony Express rider Corey O'Dell and his family. The ground floor of this period Victorian structure allows you to step back in time and explore the inn's parlour, dining room, kitchen and small office. The second floor houses several rooms of interpretive displays which document the sea-faring and ship-building past of the Annapolis Royal area and the everyday lives of its citizens. Admission by donation.

Open daily 9 am – 5pm and open late **every** Friday until 8pm

Sinclair Inn Museum

Three hundred years of history, architecture and living... Visit a unique and exciting building which reflects the preservation and conservation of original architecture from the early part of the 1700s. Tour the earliest surviving Acadian building in Canada... a National Historic Site within a National Historic District. Come visit the ghosts of Sinclair Inn! Admission by donation.

Open daily 9am – 5pm

Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens

Escape from the hectic pace of everyday life with a visit to Annapolis Royal's beautiful Historic Gardens! In a beautiful setting overlooking a tidal river valley, the Historic Gardens is a premiere Nova Scotia attraction showcasing gardening methods, designs and materials representing more than four hundred years of local history.

Open daily 9am – 8pm

North Hills Museum

Built in the 1760s, the exterior of this small farmhouse looks like a typical country home, but inside it boasts a collection of fine art and furnishings that create an air of Georgian elegance. In 1964, Robert Patterson bought North Hills and made it a showplace for his impressive collection of antiques, including English porcelain and oak, mahogany and walnut furniture. Through his efforts to establish a local restoration society, Patterson became a popular and valued member of the community and was an early member of the Nova Scotia Heritage Trust. Visit North Hills Museum and be charmed by the history and culture found in this unique home, located in the heart of one of North America's most historic regions. Admission by donation.

Open Monday – Saturday 9:30am – 5:30pm, Sunday 1 – 5:30pm

Annapolis Tidal Power Generating Station

This is the only Tidal Power Generating Station in North America. You can drop in to learn more. The first floor has visitor information and the second floor features

interpretative information and guide. Then, there's a third possibility - to go 'down under' to view the turbine. Up to eight visitors at a time (16 years of age and older, in hard hats, safety glasses, and closed-toed footwear) descend five stories by elevator into the power plant for a 10-20 minute tour. Because it's a working plant, this can only be done during the hours when it is not generating. Our interpretive guides, Les & Henry, would be delighted to teach you about our renewable energy plant! Free admission.

Interpretive Centre open daily 10 am to 6 pm

“Down Under” Tour Times:

Friday, July 22nd: 10:40am – 4:45pm

Saturday, July 23rd: 11:30am – 5:30pm

Sunday, July 24th: 12:15pm – 5:30pm

Monday, July 25th: 1:00pm – 5:30pm

Tuesday, July 26th: 2:00pm – 5:30pm

Wednesday, July 27th: 3:00pm – 5:30pm

Thursday, July 28th: 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Enjoy the week ahead! Our fingers are crossed for sunny and warm weather. Please feel free to email or call us about events and openings in the community and we will include them in the upcoming newsletter to be sent out on Friday, July 29th.

Regards,

Chris, Michelle, & Laura
Annapolis Royal Visitor Information Centre