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1. From the Office

Okay folks, we are heading into the home stretch. We now have 42 Aestival Festival donations in the office, and another 47 have been promised by our members. Soooo. What do we need from you, the ever faithful membership? Well, those of you who have said yes to making a donation, start packing those boxes, head to the post office or to our office.

If you have not been called by one of our volunteers about making a donation, give me a call, or drop me an email, we'd love to have your support in the form of a donation of fine craft for the table or other items for the door prizes or auction.

Here is a peak at what has arrived in the office since last Tuesday...

- 30 Steady Brook Saddlery , James Brown
Vegetable tanned leathers, linen threads. Hand tooled basket
weave with meader border. Dyed mahogany color. Silver and black
fasteners. One paper pocket & spring clip. \$285
- 31 Amirault Photography, Judy Amirault
framed "Daisy" print, \$79.95
- 32 d. Digs Pottery, Denise Jeffrey
set of four bowls
- 33 FibrEnsemble, Louise Lortie & Elaine Schuller
Wool/other fibre felted wrap, \$180
- 34 Denise Aspinall
pottery bowls
- 35 Armstrong Fox Textiles, Leslie Armstrong & Anke Fox
felted alpaca "Bark Scarf", salmon, \$135
- 36 Basic Spirit
Salmon cutting board, pate knife and set of napkin rings

- \$126.50
- 37 Leonard Landry
Birdseye Maple bowl
- 38 Maria Rakel
100% Handdyed silk wrap, \$155.00
- 39 Ostrea Lake Pottery, Deborah Wheeler
2 pc dip bowl and platter, \$125
- 40 Century House Pottery, Mieke Martin-Soontiens
bowl
- 41 Janet Doble
orange daisy bowl, \$125
- 42 Delectile, Carol Morrow
Mirror, \$175

Keep them coming, we love opening your boxes and bags. I have filled another of our alcove spaces with Aestival Festival donations on display.

Julie Rosvall, Communications Coordinator
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Don't forget, the NSDCC has a closed office day on Wednesdays. Leave a message or send an email and Joanne or Susan will get back to you Thursday.

I will be out of the office on Thursday and Friday of this week, helping with the organization and displaying at the Building Green Conference at the Waterfront Campus of the Nova Scotia Community College. (<http://www.buildgreenatlantic.org>) Have a wonderful long weekend, I will be back in the office on Tuesday, May 20th. I will be checking emails for the rest of the week. Julie

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2. New & Renewing Members

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Welcome to our new and renewing members...

- Canoe Cove Studio - Rice Point, PEI (<http://www.canoecove.com>)
- Rustic Revolution Pottery - Halifax, NS (<http://www.rusticrevolution.com>)
- FibrEnsemble - Elaine Schuller & Louise Lortie, Kensington, PEI
- LouLouBell - Williamswood, NS (<http://www.louloubell.ca>)

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3. Members' News

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The exhibition Meaning and Metaphor: Highlights of the AGNS Ceramic Collection is on view at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery in Fredericton, New Brunswick until June 08/08. Curated by NSDCC member Alexandra McCurdy, past Associate Curator of Ceramics at the AGNS, the exhibition

includes international and national works by 14 exemplary ceramists, and there is a catalogue to accompany the exhibition.

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Alexandra is currently co-curating another exhibition called Ceramists from the Atlantic Provinces for the Burlington Art Centre in Ontario, which will open on July 13/08, and includes works by NSDCC members Joan Bruneau, Jim Smith, Deb Kusyk, Ray Mackie, Pam Birdsall and Tim Worthington, amongst others.

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Her own work will be featured in a solo exhibition at the Ross Creek Centre in the fall of this year.

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4. Exhibitions, Lectures & Gatherings
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PEER GALLERY exhibits new work of member artists until May 16. New water colours by Tom Ward: opening May 17, noon.

Hours: Thursday through Sunday, noon - 4

Peer Gallery,
167 Lincoln St.
Lunenburg

SHOWS NOT TO BE MISSED andÿ E X T E N D E Dÿ UNTIL JUNE 1stÿ

LOOKING DOWNTOWN: SHELLEY MITCHELL

See Downtown Halifax In Paint- Historic buildings such as the Kyber, the Halifax Club, Collin's Bank Building, The Seahorse, Barrington Street, North Street and More...

FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST: RUTH MARSH

Animals become Saints. Wildlife becomes Sacred. Encaustic Paintings bring them to life.

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact:

Crystal Ross at 902-425-9456 or email gallery@argylefa.com

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Halifax, NSÿ B3J 1S9
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www.argylefa.tk

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Gallery Hours:
Mon 10-5
Tue-Thurs 10-6
Friday 10-8
Sat 10-6
Sunday 12-6

The Nova Scotia Basketry Guild is celebrating their 20th Anniversary in 2008 with a special "Basket Day" on Saturday August 2, from 9-5pm, at the Fairbanks Interpretative Centre, 54 Locks Road on the shores of the Shubenacadie Canal in Dartmouth. The day will include a series of short talks about Mi'kmaq, Nantucket and Shaker Ash baskets, their makers and their spiritual links to Nature by Mi'kmaq Elder Jean McIsaac and Shaker Historian and Basketmaker Martha Wetherbee from New Hampshire. All are welcome to attend. Registration is \$10/person; \$15.couple. Free Mi'kmaq basketmaking demonstrations all day with Chief Greg McEwan from Bear River and William Googoo from Millbrook. Contact Joleen Gordon 469-2798.

This event is co-sponsored by the Nova Scotia Basketry Guild and the Nova Scotia Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage.

5. Markets and Events

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Aestival Festival of Crafts
June 13, 2008
St. Mary's Boat Club, Halifax
1641 Fairfield Road (off Jubilee)

Viewing begins at 7 pm; the draw begins promptly at 8 pm.

aestival - adj. belonging to or appearing in summer 105 pieces of fine craft donated by NSDCC juried members. One hundred tickets sold. Throughout the evening of June 13th, 2008 numbers from 1 to 100 will be drawn, you'll have 20 seconds to select one object from all the craft displayed. A raffle will be held to determine who takes home the Final Five items. Every ticket holder is guaranteed to go home with a great piece of fine craft tucked under his or her arm. And both ticket holders and their guests are eligible to purchase tickets on the Final Five Lottery. Enjoy door prize draws, raffles, entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar. This year we'll be adding a bit of a twist to the evening, Ken Schwartz of Two Planks and a Passion fame will join us for a spectacular live auction of select items from our members and supporters. All ticket holders and their guests will have an opportunity to get in on the bidding action.

The Aestival Festival donations are rolling in. To date we have 18 items in the office, and another 51 artists have committed to donating items for the event. Spread the word, when people get hold of the list we'll be hearing talk of scalping tickets on Ebay and Kijiji...

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Good day, one and all!

The Summer Market looks as if it is going ahead! We have succeeded in organising a smaller, leaner market than previous years, and we have our beloved location of Spring Garden and Queen in downtown Halifax, July 25th-July 27th.

If any of you are thinking about applying for the Summer Market, the full payment cut-off date is June 9th, so get those applications in to me soon!

We have created an e-invitation for both markets, so even if you can't attend, you can still send it out to your customer email list. Let's promote each other and the Council! The e-invite is easy to download, even for people with dial-up internet access, so don't worry about tying up someone's computer.

I look forward to seeing those of you who have already applied - we are going to have fun in the sun!

(Don't call me if it rains that weekend...)

Thank you everyone, and see you in July!

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The NSDCC and the Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition in 2008

The NSDCC has received funding assistance from the Industries Growth program. This Industry Growth funding will help to subsidize members' shipping expenses to the Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition (<http://www.torontooutdoorart.org/>) in July of 2008. This enables several members, should they be successful in their application, to participate in the TOAE, where they otherwise could not. The deadline has passed to apply to the TOAE, but I strongly encourage those of you who are accepted to contact me, Joanne Vincent, at programs@nsdcc.ns.ca or phone 423 - 3837 if you have any questions.

The Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition is a charitable, non-profit organization supported by a group of volunteers active in the art and corporate communities. The exhibition is financed through registration fees, and by government, corporate and individual sponsors, enabling the TOAE to charge one of the lowest registration fees in North America. (Note: If you decide to apply for this show, please request the orange area, near the pool or the overhang. We will encourage other NSDCC members to apply for the same so we can attempt to be in the same general area, if possible.)

The Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition has been running for 47 years. It is a juried showcase featuring contemporary fine art and craft that takes place on Nathan Phillips Square every July. As the largest outdoor art exhibition in Canada, the TOAE offers an outdoor alternative to conventional art shows and galleries. More than 500 artists participate and an estimated 100,000

visitors attend the exhibition every year. Established artists and innovative students sell their work directly to the public and make lasting connections with art dealers and collectors.

Art in the Park Ottawa (<http://www.artinfoboy.org>)

(Applications have started and the early bird rates are in effect until the end of March.)

Art in the Park has kindly offered to group NSDCC members together so that we might have a Maritime section. They have also offered to help find billets for us, and any other assistance we might require. The Glebe and Central Park neighbourhood is full of affordable places to stay; I am investigating this if you have any questions.

Art in the Park is a non-commercial, non-profit Arts Festival in Ottawa's Glebe neighbourhood. Fifteen-year-old Art in the Park features over 300 visual artists, as well as painters, sculptors, photographers, jewellers, potters, fibre artists, furniture makers, food and organic coffee providers. This outdoor event is free of admission; their mandate is to create an accessible art venue for all who create and perform. Originally conceived in 1993 as an event to bring the local arts community together, this annual event has blossomed into the region's foremost outdoor art event.

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6. Call for Proposals & Submissions
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CALL FOR ARTISTS

There is a Celebration coming up and you - the artists - are the Stars!

It's the 5th Annual "Paint Mahone Bay"

July 12 and 13, 2008 (with a jump start on Friday the 11th!)

There are a host of new features for you in this year's program including:

*** indoor painting options (favoured if rain or heat are not your bag),
*** increased opportunities for sales - show "wet" paintings as well as "dry"
(previously done)

*** complimentary Saturday lunch and dinner,

*** a kick off party Friday night

*** some great discount coupons from art suppliers

* PLUS a colourful Paint Mahone Bay sunhat (for that alone you should come!).

ÿAll this and more for the incredibly low registration fee of only \$25.ÿ (sounds like a TV ad!)

Check it all out at
<http://www.settlersmuseum.ns.ca/events/pmb/>
Really - go there now!

All you need for registration is on the website.

If you require more information or would prefer having a registration package sent to you by regular mail please feel free to contact me. Please - help us spread the word by forwarding this e-mail to friends. It's a great weekend and we would love to have you join us!

Sally Warren
sallywarren@eastlink.ca
Team Leader for Paint Mahone Bay: A Town Through Time

Paint Mahone Bay is presented by, and in support of, the Mahone Bay Settlers Museum

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7. Funding & Opportunities
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Cultural Olympiad launches Artist Registry

VANOC has created an artist registry for individual artists and ensembles interested in participating in Cultural Olympiad and/or other Olympic and Paralympic Games programs. Designed as a programming resource, the registry will also serve as a central artist database that VANOC can reference for the development of future events. Submission guidelines are available at

<http://www.vancouver2010.com/en/CultureEducation/CulturalOlympiad/ArtistRegistry>

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8. Education & Learning
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AFTER SCHOOL KIDS' Pottery CLASS

An introduction to throwing and hand-building for Kids. Ages 8-11.

5 weeks / \$120 (materials included)
Max. 5 students.
Tuesday Afternoons: 4:00 - 5:30 pm
May 13 - June 10
Instructor: Mary Read

KIDS' SUMMER WORKSHOPS: TBA

Please call the studio for more information.

FOR MORE REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Please call 431-2529.

Turnstile Pottery Cooperative
2733 Agricola St. Halifax NS B3K 4E2
431-clay (2529)
www.turnstilepottery.com

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Turnstile is a cooperatively managed, fully equipped pottery studio, available to clay artists through monthly membership and to the general public through community workshops.ÿ The studio is open for pottery sales every day 1-5pm, or by chance.

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9. Classifieds
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Hilda deWeever and Jan De Graaf touched base with the following information...

For Sale, well established Studio and house on the #1 Hwy in the Annapolis Valley with 2 1/2 acres.
Asking \$175,000.
Since 1979 a thriving home based weaving business, but suitable for any craft business.
We are not selling the weaving business, just the house, studio and property.
For more information and email please go to
<http://www.deWeeversWovens.com/house>

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