

3rd Annual World Heritage Weekend Celebration

International Day for Monuments and Sites, celebrated around the world on April 18th and recognized by UNESCO, is an opportunity to acknowledge the diversity of cultural heritage that is shared by humankind. The day raises public awareness around the efforts that are required to protect and conserve world heritage, while drawing attention to its vulnerability. Each year, International Day for Monuments and Sites celebrates a different aspect of our collective heritage. The 2012 theme has been chosen to mark the 40th Anniversary of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention. The focus will be on “World Heritage and Sustainable Development: the Role of Local Communities.” The Canadian Commission for UNESCO has interpreted this theme as “Global Heritage in your Backyard.”

Nomination Grand Pré is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the World Heritage Convention and International Day for Monuments and Sites on April 13, 14 and 15 by hosting a dinner and a symposium at Acadia University and a community event at Grand-Pré National Historic Site.

April 13, 2012

Wolfville Historical Society Dinner

6:30pm for 7:00pm

Fountain Commons, Acadia University

Guest speaker for the evening is Jenna Boon, Director of the Joggins Fossil Institute. The title of her talk is “World Heritage: Making Connections to the Distant Past.”

Tickets are \$35.00 each and can be purchased by calling Beth Keech (902) 542-2659 or Barbara Madic (902) 670-6453.

April 14, 2012

Symposium on World Heritage and Sustainable Development

9:00 am to 4:00pm

K.C. Irving Centre, Acadia University

The day-long symposium is organized around three sub-themes:

1. site management and communities
2. research related to Nova Scotia World Heritage sites and their sustainability
3. changing communities, changing environment and sustainable development

Speakers for the Symposium include:

Jenna Boon, Joggins Fossil Cliffs Institute
Joggins Fossil Cliffs Site Management

Claire Campbell, Dalhousie University
Commemorated sites and sustainability

Wanda George, Mount St. Vincent University
WWI Battlefields and Community Knowledge

Julian Gwyn, University of Ottawa
Farming in Grand Pré

Deborah Skilliter, Nova Scotia Museum
Fossil Heritage in Nova Scotia

Deborah Stiles, Nova Scotia Agricultural College
Agricultural Heritage and Sustainability

Attendance/registration is free of charge. For more information please contact Barbara Madic at 670-6453.

April 15, 2012
Community Celebration
1:00pm to 4:00pm
Grand-Pré National Historic Site

Nomination Grand Pré will host an afternoon of music, food and exhibits for the whole family. Everyone is invited and admission is free of charge.



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