

Media Release

World Heritage Day – Celebrating Agricultural Heritage

Wednesday, March 31, 2010, Grand Pré, Nova Scotia



April 17–18 is a weekend you won't want to miss! Nomination Grand Pré has teamed up with a planning committee and other partners to sponsor the World Heritage Day event and celebrate this year's theme of Agricultural Heritage. World Heritage Day is recognized by UNESCO and provides an opportunity for the entire globe to “acknowledge the diversity of cultural heritage that is shared by humankind.” As well as, “raise public awareness around the efforts that are required to protect and conserve world heritage, while drawing attention to its vulnerability.”

Nomination Grand Pré aims to celebrate what makes Grand Pré special and worthy of sharing with the world. The Nomination Grand Pré group are coming together to care for and celebrate the things that make it unique so it can be shared with the rest of the world. Nomination Grand Pré has a target goal to submit a proposal for the nomination of Grand Pré as a World Heritage Site to UNESCO in February 2011.

International experts from Britain, Germany, and the Netherlands along side with local and national experts will enlighten guests at a symposium on protecting Agricultural Heritage. The symposium will be a day long event on April 17, 2010 that is open to the public (free admission) at Acadia University's K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre.

Later that day, the Wolfville Historical Society will host their Annual Spring Dinner held at the Fountain Commons Learning Centre, starting at 6:30pm with international expert Alexandra Kruse of Germany who will be the guest speaker for the evening, presenting “*A Visual Experience of Agricultural Landscapes in Europe.*”

Nomination Grand Pré will also host a community Agricultural Heritage celebration on April 18, 2010 at Grand Pré National Historic Site from 12 noon until 4:00pm (free admission for the entire day). Enjoy the oral tradition of storytelling, as two residents of Grand Pré and members of the Marsh Body, Charlie Curry and Robert Palmeter, will speak about the tradition of farming in Grand Pré in a talk titled: “*A spoken history of working on the Dykes and the local history of the area.*” In addition, a multi-media presentation, “*Come Hay or High Water*” showcasing a collection of the Acadia University archival materials highlighting the environment and agriculture of the Eastern Annapolis. There will be many interesting displays, including a book signing by Julian Gwyn, author of the recently published Planter Townships Series as well as a delicious sampling of a special dish from the chef at Le Caveau at Domaine de Grand Pré. Come out and enjoy agricultural exhibits and lots more!

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Schedule of events can be found at: www.nominationgrandpre.ca