

## Grand Manan Museum: Evening & Special Events Programme Schedule – 2014

All of the people who do evening presentations at the Grand Manan Museum volunteer their time and expertise. The museum is deeply indebted to them for their contribution to the significant role that it plays in the life of the community. (Admission to all evening programmes is by donation, except where indicated. Your generosity is warmly appreciated. Unless otherwise stated, all evening programmes are held in the Elmer Wilcox Lecture Hall in the lower level of the building, and begin at 7:30 p.m.)

**Thursday, July 3 - Annual General Meeting** followed by *Island Treasures* with Anneke Gichuru, retired curator/director of the museum and present curator, M.J. Edwards.

**Tuesday, July 8 – Thoughts on Drawing: Sketching Crows and Coastline** an artist talk and exhibition opening with Robert Pollien. Robert will discuss his working process and the special role that drawing has recently played in helping him develop his ideas and themes and strengthen his visual language. Robert has visited Grand Manan several times, as recently as last September, to sketch and paint its scenery. He lives in Bar Harbor, Maine, on Mount Desert Island, where he paints landscapes of the coastline, working from direct observation.

**Thursday, July 10 – Kayaking Adventures** with Kevin Sampson of Adventure High, Inc. World renowned kayaker Kevin Sampson takes us on a visually stunning journey of Grand Manan and Antarctica (where he works as a kayaking guide on a tour ship each winter) as seen by kayak. This is an adventure not to be missed. <http://www.adventurehigh.com/>

**Tuesday, July 15 – “Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture (IMTA): An Ecosystem Approach to Farming the Sea”** with Dr. Thierry Chopin, Marine Research Biologist at The University of New Brunswick, Saint John. IMTA is a practice of sea farming which strives to create a balanced ecosystem management approach to aquaculture. The ultimate goal is environmental sustainability, economic stability, and society acceptance. Come and learn about the research being undertaken by Dr. Chopin’s UNBSJ research team in the lab and in the waters around Grand Manan. <http://www2.unb.ca/chopinlab/>

**Tuesday, July 15 - (1:00 p.m.) “IMTA Children’s Workshop”** with Dr. Thierry Chopin, Marine Research Biologist at The University of New Brunswick, Saint John. This free workshop is for children aged approximately 9-16. The children will make seaweed pudding, watch a special audio visual presentation, and be encouraged to make some art in response (which may later be featured on the IMTA Research Lab’s website!) **Please call the Museum soon, and before July 11<sup>th</sup>, to register your child: 506-662-3524.**

**Thursday, July 17 – “Tales of a Body Snatch: Salvaging Dead Whales for Science”** with Dr. Don McAlpine, Research Curator in Zoology - NB Museum. The NB Museum houses one of the best collections of marine mammal in Canada and Dr. Donald McAlpine has collected a lot of it. Find out how to slice and dice 50 tons of putrid whale, why it is sometimes good to be out of town when the Board of Health come calling, or how to get black-listed by every truck rental agency in town. Look forward to an evening where science and (smelly) adventure meet. <http://www.nbm-mnb.ca/index.php/english-main-page>

**Tuesday, July 22 – 4th Annual Island Poetry Night**, hosted by island resident and poet Wayne Clifford. Grand Mananers have always loved to spin a yarn or record an historic moment through poetry. Join us for our fourth year of poetry readings gathered from our Archives, islanders, and some of our published summer and resident poets. Start writing those poems now, and show how you are inspired by Grand Manan, then submit them to [gadmin@grandmananmuseum.ca](mailto:gadmin@grandmananmuseum.ca). Perhaps your poem will be one of those selected for this year’s line-up. <http://porcupinesquill.ca/bookinfo3.php?index=267>

**Thursday, July 24 – Grand Manan Geology**, with Dr. Greg McHone a well-known local geologist and co-author of *The McHones’ Guide to Grand Manan Beach Stones*. Learn about the fascinating geology of the island and about the recent upgrade and expansion of the museum’s geology exhibit. <http://earth2geologists.net/grandmanangeology/>

**Tuesday, July 29 – Willa Cather, Edith Lewis and the Cottage Girls of Whale Cove**, with Dr. Sue Hallgarth. Whale Cove Cottages had its beginning in 1900-1902, when Sally Jacobus, her cousin Sally Adams, and Marie Felix bought twenty acres on Whale Cove. Their experiment became Whale Cove Cottages, a women’s summer colony. Learn more about this dynamic group who met for more than 20 years for well-earned summer vacations in Whale Cove where Willa Cather wrote many of her books. Join us for comments and a reading by Sue Hallgarth, author of *On the Rocks: A Willa Cather & Edith Lewis Mystery*, Arbor Farm Press, 2013). <http://suehallgarth.com/>

**Tuesday, August 5 – *Shipwrecks of Grand Manan*, with Eric Allaby**, the foremost authority on the subject and author of the books *Shipwrecks of Grand Manan* and *Grand Manan*. Also an excellent marine artist, Eric's paintings and maps are sold in the museum gift shop. <http://ericallaby.com/>

**Thursday, August 7, - *A Tale of Two Lighthouses: The Saved & The Lost*, with Laurie Murison & M.J. Edwards**. Laurie provides us with an in-depth update on the restoration efforts underway and nearing completion at the Swallowtail Lighthouse, now a heritage lighthouse owned by the Village of Grand Manan, and M.J. looks at the history and demise of the Fish Fluke Point Lighthouse on Ross Island which finally collapsed last November in a gale after decades of neglect. <http://swallowtailkeepers.blogspot.ca/>

**Friday, August 8 – *Castlebay*”: A Celtic Music Concert, with Fred Gosbee and Julia Lane**. This skilled duo of Maine musicians and storytellers have been visiting Grand Manan for many years now and we welcome them back again this summer. A fund raiser for the Museum, compelling stories of the sea are told with fiddle, Celtic harp and penny whistle accompaniment. Covert Hall, 7:00 pm, \$15 at the door. <http://www.castlebay.net/home.html>

**Tuesday, August 12 – *Chronicles of a Country Girl*, with Patricia Cove**. A summer resident, Pat is a retired elementary teacher with lots of one room school house experience: she attended one as a child and then taught in one for many years. Islanders who attended the Deep Cove School and anyone who went to a small country school will feel right at home in her stories. Please join us as Pat launches her compelling book memoir set in Southern Ontario.

**Wednesday, August 13 – *Willa Cather Speaks*, with scholar and actress Betty Jean Steinshouer**. A one woman show by an actress from Nebraska who portrays many famous authors, B.J. last visited Grand Manan in 1989 and doesn't come this way often, so be sure to make it to this dynamic performance and experience Willa Cather's forceful presence and Pulitzer Prize winning fiction in person. With over 3,500 performances in 40 states and Canada, B.J. knows Willa Cather like few others do. \$10 Admission at the Door. <http://home.mindspring.com/~bjsteinshouer/>

**Thursday, August 14 – *John James Audubon in NB: 1832-1833*, with historian Dr. Debra Lindsay**. A UNBSJ history professor, Dr. Lindsay's talk focuses on the historic visit of the American wildlife artist to New Brunswick, including Grand Manan and Whitehead, where he collected bird specimens, sketched and painted. <http://www.unb.ca/saintjohn/arts/depts/historypolitics/people/lindsay.html>

**Friday, August 15 – Annual Dinner**, hosted by the Board of Trustees of the Grand Manan Museum, and Friends of the Museum. Ham, turkey, salads, desserts, tea and coffee for \$15. Doors open at 5:00 pm, serving at 5:30. A delicious time with lots of great socializing with visitors and island friends.

**Tuesday, August 19 – *Flocking, Foraging and Fledging*, with Dr. Rob Ronconi**. A biologist and Associate Researcher at Acadia University, Dr. Ronconi takes a retrospective look at seabird studies from the Grand Manan Whale & Seabird Research Station, using much of his own research over many years. <http://www.gmwsrs.org/main.htm>

**Thursday, August 21 – *The Never Ending Quest*, with retired biology professor and author Dr. Susan Corey**. A book launch of a science fiction ecology novel set in the waters around Grand Manan. Dr. Corey summers on Grand Manan and will be reading from and launching her first novel. <http://susancorey.com/>

**Tuesday, August 26 – *Ghostly Encounters in Poetry*, with Dr. Jeffrey Donaldson**, McMaster University poet and English Professor. A summer visitor, Dr. Donaldson's lecture is based on his recent book which is an examination of the different ways in which we communicate with people in the poems that we write. Visit his website and hear his in-depth analysis of selected poems by Canadian poets (including Wayne Clifford): <http://jewellerseye.ca/>

**Thursday, August 29 – *Grand Manan's Remote Places*, with Dr. Ken Edwards**. An avid kayaker and accomplished photographer, Ken takes us on a photographic journey around Grand Manan and its Archipelago, visiting remote islands and places many of us rarely see. If you've seen his other presentations, you know you'll want to see this one too.