

Grand Manan Museum
Evening Presentations & Special Events: June – August, 2017

June 2	Friday GMCS \$10 at the door	“The Exile: A Musical Drama” - Performed at Grand Manan Community School (GMCS), 7pm. <i>Admission: \$10 at the door.</i> Written & Directed by former Curator/Director Anneke Gichuru, and funded by a <i>Canada 150 Community Foundation Grant</i> , the story of The Exile is one of shipwreck, shipbuilding, adventure and love, taking us from Grand Manan to the shores of Ireland and back again.
July 1	Saturday	Canada’s 150th birthday and the 50th Anniversary of the Grand Manan Museum! Drop in for a piece of birthday cake and visit the newly restored Deep Cove School exhibit where you will meet and chat with Pat Cove, a one-room school teacher dressed in 19 th century period costume.
July 6	Thursday	AGM - Annual General Meeting followed by a Summer of 1967 Digital Slideshow , featuring the photography by long-time summer resident Mary C. Edwards (1924-2012), with <i>M.J. Edwards, Curator.</i>
July 11	Tuesday	CANADA 150 CELEBRATIONS & GRAND MANAN MUSEUM’S 50th ANNIVERSARY! 1) “Then & Now” Comparative Photo Exhibit Opening (MJ Edwards, Curator) 2) “Engaging Youth: Mosaic Tile Exhibit” Opening (GMCS students, Sara Griffin, MJ Edwards) 3) Grand Manan Museum 50 th Anniversary Film (Denise Petrizzo, NYC) 4) Followed by a Reception with food, drink and socializing.
July 13	Thursday	The Creation of the Intertidal Zone Wall Murals Exhibit , with <i>MJ Edwards, Curator/Director & Guests.</i> Transforming a large, empty white space into a dynamic world of over 160 intertidal species occupying six wall murals takes a lot of planning, funding, research, hard work and talent. Join us as we follow the evolution of this new exhibit which opens this summer, the result of a two-year project involving many people and funding organizations including: 5 artists; 3 biologists; The NB Department of Heritage, Tourism & Culture; Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine; the Estate of the late Mary Lou Campbell; and the Grand Manan & District Rotary Clubs.
July 18	Tuesday	Kent Island Research Station , with <i>Dr. Edward Minot</i> , and Bowdoin College undergraduate fellowship students who will present their findings from summer research projects involving seaweed, birds, and other fascinating ecological concerns that impact this important bird colony island, part of the Grand Manan Archipelago’s “Three Islands”: Hay, Sheep & Kent. <i>Dr. Edward Minot, Massey University, New Zealand, & Director, Kent Island Research Station, and guest student researchers.</i>
July 20	Thursday	Shipwrecks of Grand Manan , with <i>Eric Allaby</i> , the foremost authority on the subject and author of the books <i>Shipwrecks of Grand Manan</i> and <i>Grand Manan</i> . http://ericallaby.com/ <i>Eric Allaby, Marine artist, underwater archaeologist, and former fisherman, Liberal MLA, & Museum Director.</i>
July 25	Tuesday	Light Years , with <i>Chris Mills</i> : “ I’ll be looking back on my experiences as a lightkeeper in the Maritimes and BC (with a detailed look at life on Gannet Rock), and the experiences of other keepers and their families in the heyday of lightkeeping, and at the end of the era of staffed lights. I was fortunate to have to opportunity to work at stations in NS, NB, and BC (where there are still 27 staffed lighthouses), and to be able to document the job and the way of life. I’m looking forward to sharing the sights and sounds of lightkeeping with folks on Grand Manan!” <i>Chris Mills, former Lightkeeper and author of Vanishing Lights.</i>
July 27	Thursday Covert Hall (North Head Anglican Church) \$10 at the door	Ara Fitzgerald: Stories in Motion. Ara will perform a series of solos including <i>Slow Dancing Is Easy</i> as seen at the Museum’s 6 th Annual Poetry Night last summer. She’ll bring along friends PT Barnum, William Butler Yeats, and her favorite astrologer. “...a skilled comic actress-dancer...an unusually smooth blend of humor and choreographic deftness”, <i>Jennifer Dunning, NY Times.</i> Website: www.arafitzgerald.com <i>Ara Fitzgerald’s Dance Theatre Performances, popular in Greenwich Village, NYC where she resides, and Grand Manan where she summers.</i>
August 1	Tuesday	Ducks Unlimited , with <i>Adam Campbell.</i> Adam will talk about Ducks Unlimited Canada, their program delivery, and current science program activities. He will also tell us about the properties on Grand Manan that they manage, including the Castalia Marsh, well known by bird watchers and an important salt water marsh habitat for migratory birds. <i>Adam Campbell, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Sackville, NB.</i>
August 3	Thursday	An Historic overview of “The Exile” , with Anneke Gichuru. The story of <i>The Exile</i> , which shipwrecked off the coast of Ireland during the potato famine in the 1840s, is an interesting one. It involves shipwreck, rescue, a love story, an immigrant’s tale, and is an integral part of the island’s shipbuilding and settlement story. <i>Anneke Gichuru, former curator, playwright and director of the play, “The Exile”.</i>
August 8	Tuesday	“Who are you? The identity of deer mice on Grand Manan Island” , with <i>Howard Huynh.</i> A comparative study of the morphology of small rodents on three islands: Grand Manan, Anticosti, and Magdalen. An engaging speaker, Howie will share his research and reveal how island environments isolate species and change them. <i>Dr. Howard Huynh, Ph.D. and STEM MBA Candidate & Graduate Research Fellow, Department of Biological Sciences, Texas Tech University.</i>

August 9	Wednesday 10am–2 pm Museum, & Anchorage Provincial Park	Anchorage Provincial Park Children’s Workshop , with <i>Pat Cove</i> . Children aged 6+ are invited to join teacher Pat Cove for a comparative exploration of the diversity found at the Anchorage Beach and on its woodland trails. We will be observing, collecting (on the beach), drawing and writing. Please bring a brown bag lunch. To register for this free event, call the Museum at 506-662-3867, email gadmin@grandmananmuseum.ca . Adult volunteers are also needed to supervise and car pool. Meeting at the Museum at 9:45 am. <i>Pat Cove, Retired teacher, author.</i>
August 10	Thursday	Movie Night: 1) Celebrating 50 Years: Grand Manan Museum; 2) Fog Seeker; and 3) Stranger From Away , with <i>Denise Petrizzo and Peter Cunningham</i> . Three short documentaries about Grand Manan, the people who live here, and those who have made it their home away from home. These three films are filled with personal anecdotes, fascinating stories and stunningly beautiful photography and scenery. <i>Denise Petrizzo, NYC Film Maker; Peter Cunningham, NYC Photographer.</i>
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August 15	Tuesday	Nature-centered Leadership: Serving in Partnership with the Grand Manan Community , with <i>Alicia Sprow</i> . Approaching community engagement through a nature-centered leadership lens inspires communities to consider the natural environment in their decision-making process. This talk will focus on the partnership that is in the process of being developed between the Grand Manan community and Alvernia University’s Sustainability Team in the Holleran Center for Community & Global Engagement. The purpose of this partnership is to support both island organizations in the implementation of initiatives identified by community members and university students interested in sustainable communities with real world learning opportunities. <i>Alicia H. Sprow, Ph.D., Alvernia University, Reading, PA.</i>
August 17	Thursday	7th Annual Island Poetry Night & Book Launches: Alison Deming’s new poetry book, <i>Stairway to Heaven</i> , & Wayne Clifford’s poetry chapbook from the New Brunswick Museum’s writer-in-residence Bioblitz 2013-2014, <i>Flying the Truck</i> , & guest poets. To take part in the evening’s readings, please submit your original poems by July 31 to gadmin@grandmananmuseum.ca .
August 18	Friday	Annual Dinner Fund-Raiser , hosted by the Board of Trustees of the Grand Manan Museum, and Friends of the Museum. Please join us for a delicious meal of ham, turkey, salads, desserts, tea and coffee. Doors open at 5:00 pm, serving at 5:30 pm, tickets \$15 at the door. This is a great opportunity to visit with friends, make new ones, and support your community museum. <i>Museum Board, Turkey, ham, salads, desserts, \$15 at the door (5pm).</i>
August 22	Tuesday	Geology of Grand Manan , with <i>Dr. Greg McHone</i> . Dr. McHone is a well-known local geologist and co-author of <i>The McHones’ Guide to Grand Manan Beach Stones</i> . http://earth2geologists.net/grandmanangeology/ <i>Dr. Greg McHone, Retired academic research geologist and author.</i>
August 24	Thursday	Whales & Other Large Mammals of Grand Manan , with <i>Laurie Murison</i> , Biologist & Executive Director, Grand Manan Whale & Seabird Research Station www.gmwsrs.org <i>Laurie Murison, MSc., Director, Grand Manan Whale & Seabird Research Station; Chair, Swallow Tail Keepers Society; Museum Board Member.</i>
August 29	Tuesday	A Birder’s Eye View: Birding on Grand Manan , with <i>Jennifer Pierce</i> . Since Jennifer was bitten by the birding bug she has become one of the island’s most avid and accomplished birders and an outstanding photographer. Grand Manan is a well known birders’ paradise and an important migratory stop over, and Jennifer is well acquainted with its avian population and their habitats. Please join us for an evening of bird lore and outstanding photography. <i>Jennifer Pierce, Island birder and nature photographer.</i>
August 31	Thursday	Exploring the Intertidal Zone , with <i>Ken Edwards</i> . Ken has spent summers on Grand Manan since he was a toddler, never goes far without a camera, and has had a life-long interest in biology and the environment. He has explored intertidal zones on many continents, where he has clambered over jagged rocks, peeked under thatches of seaweed, and peered into the depths of tidal pools, capturing all that he sees on his camera. An accomplished photographer and knowledgeable about what he sees, this talk is a great companion to our new Intertidal Zone Wall Mural exhibit which opens this summer. <i>Dr. Ken Edwards, Birder, kayaker, hiker and photographer.</i>

All of the people who do evening presentations at our Museum volunteer their time and expertise. The Museum is deeply indebted to them for their contribution and the significant role that it plays in the life of our community. Admission to evening programmes and special events is by donation, except where otherwise indicated. Your generosity is warmly appreciated. Unless otherwise stated, all programming is held in the Elmer Wilcox Memorial Lecture Hall in the lower level of the building (side entrance), beginning at 7:30 pm.