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hall committee**

The Association for Rural Community Halls

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ARCH would like to send a special thank you to the Kinkora Hall and Kanata Club, to the Center of Performing Arts, to the North Shore Community Center, to the organizers and presenters that helped put on our workshops this fall, to Meaghan Blanchard and Vintage 2.0 for putting on such a great evening of entertainment, to Ken Williams for being the MC and to the volunteers at Crapaud Community Hall! Also, a special thank you needs to be sent out to Ann Wheatley from the Cooper Institute, she has done a wonderful job in facilitating our sustainability workshops!

ARCH Membership- To confirm that your hall has paid its \$50 annual membership fee (April-March) or to get your username and password for the website to access the events calendar and funding pages please contact Wayne at info@archpei.com.





ARCH is on Facebook

Recently ARCH created a Facebook page. This will allow any community member, any community board member, and/or anyone who would like to visit a community, to share and use information. To view the page please visit www.facebook.com and search Association of Rural Community Halls and press "like".

Minimizing Risk and Liability, along with Food Safety Workshops

Presenters: Tanya O'Brien, Rosalyn Sellick and Jerome Hannah

Thursday, November 17th- 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
The North Shore Community Centre- Covehead,
2120 Covehead Road (Route 25).

Tuesday, November 29th- 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Elmsdale Community Center- 1006 Dock Road
(Route 150)



Attention

Please register by sending your name and contact information to info@archpei.com or 393 2323 at least TWO days before the workshop you want to attend. Workshops are FREE but there must be at least six people registered for the workshops to proceed.



Entertainment Evening



There are kitchen parties every Sunday night at 8 p.m. at the St Margaret's Community Hall. The parties feature The Chaisson Trio, dancing, a lunch, a 50/50 draw and door prizes. Admission is \$6.00. 8 hander Card Plays are every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the St Margaret's Community Hall.

Milton Community Hall is hoping to buy new chairs, if any hall has stacking chairs on their wish list in the next few months they can contact
 miltoncommunityhall@gmail.com
 or 628-3292 and we'll see if we can get a better deal for pricing!

ProfitLearn PEI

ProfitLearn PEI provides current, practical learning dedicated to helping small businesses (such as community halls) succeed. Profit Learn PEI are hosting their next workshop Wednesday November 23rd, 2011!

Details are:

Where: Rodd Mill River Resort

When: November 23rd, 2011

Topic: Internal Fraud Prevention in Your Business

Time: 8:30am-12:00pm

Cost: \$25 + gst

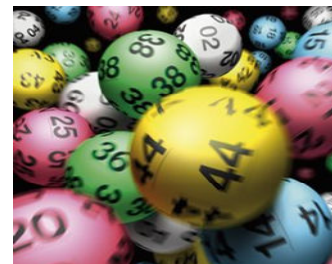
How to register:

Email:
 barb.macdonald@cbdc.ca

Lottery Fundraiser

The lists of prizes are growing! Please visit www.archpei.com to see the list of prizes. Ticket prices are \$5 or 5/\$20. Your hall retains 50% of the funds that are brought in from the tickets sold by your hall committee. Please email Wayne at info@archpei.com to request your tickets! Lottery tickets have to be returned to Wayne by no later than December 29th, 2011.

Halls are asked to donate tickets to a hall event or items donated by local businesses so ARCH can create prize packages. Please contact info@archpei.com as soon as possible with your donation, so the prizes can be publicized.



A Stage/Lighting Seminar will be presented if there is enough interest at St. Luke's Hall O'Leary Corner. Members or interested halls are to contact Perry Batten at peipennysaver@eastlink.ca. The presentation of the new theatre lighting demo is sponsored by the West Prince Arts Council.



Program

- New Horizons (Human Resources and Social Development Canada)
- Enabling Accessibility (Human Resources and Social Development Canada)
- Island Community Fund (PEI Fisheries, Aquaculture and Rural Development)
- Skills PEI (PEI Department of Innovation and Advanced Learning)
- Farm Credit Canada Agrispirit Fund (Farm Credit Canada)
- Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (Public Safety Canada)
- Seek out opportunities for corporate support

Contact information

- http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/community_partnerships/seniors/index.shtml
- http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability_issues/ef/cfp/index.shtml
- <http://www.gov.pe.ca/fard/index.php3?number=1037730&lang=E>
- <http://www.skillspei.com/>
- http://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/aboutus/responsibility/agrispiritfund_e.asp
- <http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/prg/em/jcpp/index-eng.aspx>
- <http://www.gov.pe.ca/jps/index.php3?number=1005259>
- Ask local businesses for funds and for goods, materials

3rd Annual Christmas House Tour

When: December 11th 6 p.m-9 p.m (Storm date- December 12th , 6 p.m-9 p.m) .

Where: 6 beautiful homes of all ages and styles being opened for the tour, as well as a living nativity at the Belmont Baptist Church . For directions to the homes please visit the Lot 16 Community Hall located at 38 Ferry Road or see contact info below. There will also be a fabulous lunch served at the Lot 16 Community Hall , with lots of door prizes.

Ticket information: Tickets are \$12 each.

Contact information: Phone 436-1220 (Lou-anne), 436-7845 (Edith), 436-5200 (Allison)

All tickets sold up until December 1st get their name in a draw for a \$100 basket filled with all kinds of goodies.





DECK THE SMALL HALLS RETURNS DECEMBER 3rd

Island-wide Christmas market of crafts, food, home-made goods and fun in community halls across PEI to run from 9am to 2pm.

It's back. Deck the Small Halls, an Island-wide Christmas market of crafts, food, home-made goods and fun is coming again to small community halls across Prince Edward Island on Saturday, December 3rd from 9 am to 2 pm.

Deck the Small Halls features home-made, home-grown products of vendors from local communities across the Island. "We are looking for truly Island-made products for this festive market. Island goods for sale may include crafts, art, books, toys, PEI Music, pottery, baked goods, jams, preserves and pickles, knitted or sewn goods, clothing, quilts and any other goodies made here in our gorgeous province," says Debbie Atkinson, Coordinator of Deck the Small Halls.

Participating halls and venues (to date) for this year's Deck the Small Halls include:

Linkletter Community Centre, Linkletter

Sterling WI Hall, Stanley Bridge

The Montgomery Theatre, North Rustico

Wheatley River Community Hall, Wheatley River

Grand Tracadie School Centre, Grand Tracadie

Rossiter Park Shelter, Morell

St. Peter's Courthouse Theatre, St. Peter's Bay

Orwell Corner Community Hall, Orwell

Belfast Recreation Centre, Belfast
(Hosted by Belfast Historical Society)

Plough the Waves Hall, Wood Islands

Cavendish Farms Wellness Centre, Montague
(hosted by Montague Skating Club)

If any halls or organizations are still interested in participating as a host venue for Deck the Small Halls, they can contact the Small Halls office at 892-2308 or info@smallhalls.com.

Vendors can book tables through participating halls. Vendors may purchase as many tables as they like in each hall or several halls. They are encouraged to check the hall contact list below or at www.deckthesmallhalls.com, and directly book the hall of their choice. Vendors can also contact Small Halls at 902-892-2308 or info@smallhalls.com.

"This is the third time we have organized Deck the Small Halls, and the responses from the participating halls and the public has been wonderful each time. Customers went hopping from hall to hall purchasing home-made goods for Christmas gift giving and entertaining," says Atkinson. "Deck the Small Halls promises to kick off the Christmas season in the halls with the ambience of sights, sounds, and aromas that are quintessentially Christmas on the Island. And remember....before you shop in a mall, come shop in a hall!"

Deck the Small Halls is organized by Small Halls Inc., the non-profit organization responsible for the highly acclaimed Festival of Small Halls in June.



HALL CONTACT LIST - DECK THE SMALL HALLS 2011

Linkletter Community Centre

1670 Route 11, Linkletter, PEI
Contact: David Linkletter 902-436-6146 or 902-439-2285 davidlinkletter@eastlink.ca
or Greg Waite 902-436-6643
gmwaite@gmail.com

Sterling WI Hall, Stanley Bridge

Stanley Bridge, PEI
Contact: Phyllis Carr 902-886-2223 or 902 439-8277 oysterbar@carrspei.ca
or Gail Carr 902-886-2342 gailcarr00@msn.com

The Montgomery Theatre, North Rustico

57 Church Hill Avenue, North Rustico
Contact: Anne Putnam 902-963-3847
anne@themontgomerytheatre.com

Wheatley River Community Hall, Wheatley River

16 Rackham's Lane, Wheatley River
Contact: Trudy MacDonald 902-621-0718
omega2@pei.sympatico.ca
or Janet Marshall 902-963-3700
marshallpaynter@yahoo.ca

Are you in the Christmas Spirit? Join friends and neighbors on the Christmas House Tours in North Milton. Enjoy visiting the beautifully decorated homes along the Rustico Road (and detour to one along the MacInnis Rd!). The homes will be open on Saturday, December 10 3:30-7:30 p.m. (storm date Sunday, December 11th). Proceeds are for renovations to the Milton Community Hall. To get your \$10 ticket, which includes a light lunch, call 368-3090 or email miltoncommunityhall@gmail.com. More information and maps will be posted at www.miltonvalepark.com.

Grand Tracadie School Centre, Grand Tracadie

16 Harbour Road, Grand Tracadie
Contact: Nancy MacKinnon 902-672-2204
nxmackinnon@edu.pe.ca or Patsy MacKinnon 902-672-3429
pab208@hotmail.com

Rossiter Park Shelter, Morell

23 Riverside Drive, Morell, PEI
Contact: Paula Sinnott (902) 961-3094
spudgal@hotmail.com
or Donna Glass 902 961-2709 dglass@irisreg.com

St. Peter's Courthouse Theatre, St. Peter's Bay

5697 St. Peter's Road, St. Peters, PEI
Contact: Will Seibert 902-961-3004 wseibert@eastlink.ca

Orwell Corner Community Hall, Orwell

98 MacPhail Park Road, Orwell, PEI
Contact: Tom LeClair 902-651-8513 tjl@eastlink.ca
or Mary Paquet 902-368-6602 mmpaquet@gov.pe.ca

Belfast Recreation Centre, Belfast

(hosted by Belfast Historical Society)
2794 Garfield Rd, Belfast
Contact: Donald MacDonald 902 659-2704
dorism@pei.sympatico.ca
or Hazel Davies 902-659-2276

Plough the Waves Hall, Wood Islands

13056 Shore Road, Wood Islands
Contact: Margo Stewart 962-2674
Margo_r_stewart@hotmail.com
or Sylvain De Lafontaine 902-659-2783
WIADC@woodislands.ca

Cavendish Farms Wellness Centre, Montague

(hosted by Montague Skating Club)
53 Wood Islands Road, Montague
Contact: Laurie Godfrey 902-583-2811
lgodfrey2@hotmail.com

For more information, contact:

Steve Horne or Debbie Atkinson
Deck the Small Halls / Small Halls Inc.
902-892-2308

steve.horne@smallhalls.com or debbie@smallhalls.com



Factors for Success



- **Financial Resources** – for upgrades, accessibility, maintenance and equipment
- **Momentum**– the hall needs to be used; regular events and activities
- **Visibility** – people in the community are aware of the hall and events taking place
- **Community participation** – volunteer committees, boards and helpers
- **Leadership** – an individual who is willing, passionate and available
- **Positive Attitude** – focus on moving ahead
- **Variety of events** – to appeal to residents and non-residents, young & old
- **Promotion** – of the hall as well as for events and activities taking place there
- **Accessibility** – for people of all abilities and ages

Recruiting and retaining volunteers



- Don't be afraid to ASK people
- Ask them to take on short-term projects
- Make a schedule so that they know what's expected, and when
- Make sure what you are asking them to do is something that will be interesting and fun and that it suits their skills and knowledge
- Create different groups or sub-committees to take on specific tasks
- Create a youth board to attract younger volunteers
- Register with the Community Services Bursary program (PEI Department of Innovation and Advanced Learning) – students get credit for volunteering

The workshops provide lots of valuable information for any organization that recruits volunteers. This information can be used with the Federated Women's Institute of P.E.I, The Lions Clubs, Knights of Columbus or any church halls.

Package # 1

Irving (University Ave) - \$10 gift card.

Canadian Tire- One gift that is to be announced. Value is \$30-\$35.

Page 11 Pub and Grill- A \$25 gift certificate.

Maid Marion's- \$20 gift certificate

Sobeys (beside Future Shop) - \$25 gift certificate

Free weekend, July 14-15, 2012, to stay at "Sunset View" cottage in Burton, western P.E.I. Value is \$200. Donated by Leona Dalton.

CBI Health Center- A free 60 minute massage. Value of prize is \$75.

St Louis Community Hall- A free pass to the 2012 campout June 15th- 17th.

Cymbria Lions Club- 2 tickets to a hot roast beef dinner.

Murray Harbour Drama Club and Friends - Admission for 2 to any Friday Night Ceilidh at the Murray Harbour Community Centre. Ceilidhs are held every second Friday, starting July 6th through to November 9th, 2012.

Vista Bay Golf Course- 1 green fee for the 2012 golf season.

Meaghan Blanchard CD "Chasing Lonely Again".

Milton Community Hall- 2 passes for a bean supper.

Sobeys (University Avenue) – 1 stainless steel water bottle- value- \$8-\$10.

Package # 2

New London Community Complex - 1 prizes of 2 tickets for a Sunday Brunch.

Crapaud Community Hall- Two free admissions for any event in 2012.

Small Halls Inc. - 2 tickets for an opening 2012 event.

Brehaut's Restaurant, Murray Harbour- A \$25 gift certificate for two.

Sam's- \$10 gift certificate.

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Atlantic Superstore- A \$25 gift certificate.

ESSO (Stratford) - \$25 gift card.

Sobeys (University Avenue) – 1 stainless steel water bottle- value- \$8-\$10.

Boston Pizza- \$50 gift certificate

Ultramar (Exhibition Drive) - \$25 gas card.

Green Gables Golf Course- 2 green fees for Green Gables or Anderson's Creek or Forest Hills for the 2012 season.

Milton Community Hall- 2 passes for an apple social.

Package # 3

North Rustico Lions Club- A \$40 Bingo certificate.

The Pearl- A gift certificate for a brunch for 2. Approximate value is \$40.

Phinley's Diner and Dairy Bar- A \$20 dinner for two gift certificate.

St Marks Parish- Lot 7- 2 passes for a Lot 7 ceilidh for the 2012 summer session.

Fox Meadow- Free pass for 18 holes of golf for the 2012 season.

D.P Murphy Inc. - 8 gift certificates of a free coffee and donut.

Red Sands Golf Course- 2 nine hole green fees for the 2012 golf season.

ESSO (St Peters Road) - \$25 gift card.

Milton Community Hall- 2 passes for a rhubarb social.

No Frills- A \$25 gift certificate.

Small Halls Inc. - 2 tickets for a closing 2012 event.

Pure Bliss Aesthetics- A \$40 gift certificate.

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Sobeys (University Avenue) – 2 stainless steel water bottles- value- \$15-\$20.

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