

## 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Burlington Community Hall

Saturday January 28, 2017

12:30pm Pulled Pork & Soup (free will offering)

1:15pm Meeting call to order



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Mission Statement: To host a welcoming space in our community that celebrates and enhances our local culture, economy, and quality of life.

### Our Vision

We envision a local community that is economically vital, resilient and self-reliant; is socially connected, nurturing and supportive; takes responsibility for its own health and wellness; honors and celebrates its heritage and culture.

North Mountain United Tapestry provides a platform for a Saturday morning Farmers Market, weekend Artisan Cooperative, an Eco-museum, monthly music nights June-October, workshops, a community bulletin board, and a weekly fibre circle.

We have repurposed the Harbourville United Church as our permanent home, and preserving the original character of the church is a high priority as we embrace the importance of craftsmanship, culture & community.

## AGENDA

- 1:15 (1) Call to Order
- 1:20 (2) Minutes of the previous annual general meeting,
- 1:25 (3) Consideration of the annual report of the directors
- 1:30 (4) Treasurer's Report
- 1:45 (5) Q & A
- 2:00 (6) The appointment of auditors
- 2:05 (7) Special Resolution; by- law amendment

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Change to:

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- 2:15 (8) Election of board members
- 2:30 (9) General business

## LOOKING BACK

Another year has come and gone! Tapestry has continued to grow, embraced by its vibrant community. We opened the season in May with a concert and the annual Farmers Market was not far behind, starting in early June. From there we continued to go strong with music nights each month until the end of September (which offered 3 incredible and very different musical performances) and a large variety of workshops throughout the summer. Tapestry also proudly delivered a well received speech to the attendees of the Nova Scotia Heritage conference. New this year and opening to a great and successful season is the North Mountain United Tapestry Artisan Cooperative with 14 local artists and artisans joining the Coop and ending the season with our 3rd Annual Christmas Artisan Craft Fair. 2016 also saw further maintenance/repairs to our beloved Harbourville United Church and its grounds. In closing, Tapestry is very grateful to our volunteers and supporters and would like to give them a big Thank You and we thank the County of Kings for their support via a \$4500 MEDF grant for operational support.

## 2016 EVENTS

**Saturday Morning Farmers Market** June 3 - October 15, 9am - 1pm, Kinnie Copeland  
Volunteer Manager  
**Artisan Cooperative** June 10 - Sept 23, 2pm - 7pm, Florence Wagg employee,  
Jasmine Lefler Manager  
**Fibre Circle** - held every Thursday night - Jasmine Lefler and Margaret Corrigan organizers

**April 10** - John Brazer hosted an evening of vernal pool discovery in his backyard  
**May 1** - Jenny Berkel with Rebecca Zolkower organized by Jeffrey Dreves & Kate Adams  
**June 3** - Received a Grant operating cost written by Pat Kemp  
**June 12** - Wildflower & Fern Guided Walk with Dr. Nick Hill organized by Pat Kemp  
**July 10** - Body Talk with Erica Spring De Sousa organized by Jasmine Lefler  
**July 17** - Harbourville United Church Service organized by Berwick United Church  
**July 17** - Fundy Folk Concert: Three Point Turn, The Lustre Brothers, Shore Tones and  
Cuckoo Moon organized by Kate Adams  
**July 24** - Felted Dryer Ball Class with Katrin Sommerfeld  
**July 31** - Journeying to the Celtic Spirit World with Judith Smith organized by Pat Kemp  
**Aug 7** - How to Recycle with Andrea Gibson Garrett of Valley Waste, and Backyard  
Composting with David Slabotsky  
**Aug 14** - Harbourville United Church Service organized by Berwick United Church  
**Aug 21** - Dave Gunning Concert organized by Kate Adams  
**Sept 1** - Seaside Park Hotel Exhibit researched and Displayed by Pat Kemp  
**Sept 2** - Gala Days Opening Gala & Baking Contest  
organized by Donna Conrad & Kate Adams  
**Sept 4** - Introduction to Brewing - Beer, Cider and Mead with Henry Franklin  
**Sept 11** - Eve Goldberg Concert organized by Kate Adams  
**Sept 22** - Heritage Nova Scotia Conference Visit - organized by Jessica Franey  
**Sept 24** - Manning Chapel Choir Concert Directed By John Scott organized by Jessica Franey  
**Sept 18** - Corey Isenor with the Easterlies organized by Jeffrey Dreves & Meagan Osburn  
**Sept 25** - North Mountain Geologist Russell Parrot, M.Eng. (Applied Geophysics),  
Patrick Whiteway and Tom Metcalf, M.Sc. (Geology) organized by Patrick Whiteway  
**Oct 15** - End of Season Market BBQ - Hamburger was donated by Bruce Brydon,  
Greg and Belinda Hamilton provided their BBQ, Alan Franey supplied the propane,  
Lenny LeVine gave a talk on growing garlic and donated 15 jugs of Apple Cider.  
Zanne Handley launched her book "Between the Bitter and the Sweet",  
live music performed by Caleb Miles and kids games hosted by Henry Franklin.  
**Nov 5** - 3rd Annual Christmas Artisan Craft Show  
organized by Katrin Sommerfeld and Jasmine Lefler  
**Nov 5** - Pulled Pork Lunch at the Hall organized by Jessica Franey  
**Dec 25** - Christmas Eve Service

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **BUILDING COMMITTEE (Jessica Franey)**

June 2016, the artisan shelves were painted and accommodated to the artisan's needs by Martin Hadley. Outdoor market tables were painted by Finn and Harrison Hamilton. The historic Harbourville Church sign was restored by Arnold Rosenbloom. A solar light was donated and installed in the outhouse by Doug Kemp. A clock was donated by Satya Tiani. Mikey Roberts was employed as our summer student. He prepared three sides of the church for painting. Annapolis Valley Painters were hired to paint the west, east and south side of the church exterior walls, trims and windows. Tom Metcalf was hired to put locks on all the windows, replace the main door lock, repair broken window panes and putty where needed. Martin Hadley restored David Hamilton's dorey "Old Whitey" located behind the church into a sandbox for kids. Greg and Belinda Hamilton donated a parking lot located across the street from the church to Tapestry.

Next year the repair of the foundation is the top priority, followed by addressing identified concerns about the heating system and repairing the steeple. Exterior painting is needed on the back of the church and in the front entryway as well as the trim around the interior of the church. Outside landscaping ideas: a picnic area outback, wildflowers behind outhouse, reseeding parking lot and mowing. Our new road sign will be erected.

If you are interested in volunteering with building maintenance and landscaping at Tapestry please send an email to [jessica\\_franey@yahoo.ca](mailto:jessica_franey@yahoo.ca) or phone 902.341.2223, we plan to be working most Saturdays in May and June. We are tons of fun and enjoy a hot cup of coffee on our breaks!

### **FARMERS MARKET (Kinnie Copeland)**

Our 2016 North Mountain Farmer's Market Season kicked off in June featuring our annual vendor Blackrock Trails Society Plant Sale. The inside floor plan was revised with tables forming a circle in the middle of the church, two tables on the stage, a table in the history section and of course tables were available to set up outside.

The summer granted us the most impeccable weather of sunshine or at the very least outdoor weather every Saturday morning. Bruce Brydon donated hamburgers for two BBQ fundraisers. Our Harvest Celebration BBQ in October featured music by Caleb Miles, a talk on "How to Plant Garlic" by Lenny LeVine, and a book release & reading by Zanne Handley. The kids games were a grand success and lots of fun and laughter was shared by all.

This season Farmers Market members consisted of 7 full time vendors, and occasional vendors ranging from 14 to 7 vendors, 9 on average.

Thanks to our Vendors who make the market viable and to our dedicated and royal consumers whose support generated \$21,000 of vendor revenue feedback into our local economy!

## **HISTORY COMMITTEE / ECO-MUSEUM (Pat Kemp)**

One of the highlights of 2016 for the History Committee was the addition of a permanent exhibit featuring Harbourville's Seaside Park Inn (1909-1929). The display consists of two large information panels, original hotel brochure, china & cutlery as well as the complete transcribed daily journal (1902-1923) of Hilda Acker, daughter of idella Cook Aker who ran the Inn.

Other activity in the History Corner this year included completion of the transcription of the original Sewing Circle minute books and an interview with Jackie MacPhee, the last president of the Circle. An information poster was compiled outlining the history of Harbourville's

lighthouse (1914-1961). Several old photographs of Harbourville were collected this year to be included in an upcoming display. Also in the works is the collection of further data on the old cottages (& people who used them) which stood on the site of the new McMahon-Greenwood construction which overlooks the north end of Hamilton Rd.

It was with great excitement this summer that we received the offer of a generous gift of clothing pieces dated 1860-1904 worn by Sophia A. Parker, daughter of the D.B. Parker family of Harbourville, owners of the Harbourville General Store in the late 1800's. The well preserved garments are being gifted by Joanne Burnash of Pittsford, NY, granddaughter of Sophia A. Parker and include a tea gown dated 1890, a moire jacket 1860, wedding shoes & corset 1904, handmade camisoles, petticoats and male & female nightgowns. Photographs and detailed relevant documentation accompanied the written proposal by Ms Burnash that Tapestry would be the perfect permanent home for these treasured family heirlooms. It is to ensure the preservation and to properly display these historic artifacts that we requested funding through a Canada 150 grant. Considering the fragility of these textiles, it is most imperative that they be preserved within museum appropriate guidelines. This demands custom built quality shadow-boxes with UV protection glass. Interpretation panels would also be necessary to relate the details, family genealogy & the historical significance of the textile display.

The Parker Textile Display will open with great fanfare during the Spring of 2017 and be celebrated throughout the season as we proudly transition from a history corner to a true community museum.

Significant plans are underway to proceed with NMUT's initial vision to create an Eco-museum which will house not only historical data & artifacts, but also explore past and current fiber artistry including textile displays & workshops. This exciting development will ensure the realization of one of the chief founding visions of Tapestry.

## **ARTISAN COMMITTEE**

### **NORTH MOUNTAIN ARTISANS COOPERATIVE (Jasmine Lefler)**

2016 saw the very successful first season of the North Mountain Artisans Cooperative - comprised of 14 artisans from the North Mountain and the shadow thereof. Each artisan was given a custom designed space inside the church to display their handcrafted wares, as well as a showcase/workshop date where they were able to set up following the Farmer's' Market and interact with visitors. The coffee shop stayed open on these afternoons, and this created a wonderful atmosphere inside our little church.

Tapestry's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Artisan Craft Fair was held on November 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm with 14 local artisans participating, offering a wide range of high quality arts, crafts and goodies. From the opening of the doors at 10, the fair had a steady stream of visitors and by the end of the day the artisans and customers were all happy with the event.

At the same time, NMUT offered pulled pork sandwiches, squash soup and cider at the Harbourville Hall and the food received high praises.

### **THE FIBER CIRCLE - formerly THE KNITTING CIRCLE (Jasmine Lefler)**

On occasion, the knitting circle would have more crocheters than knitters attending, and so with this in mind, and in the interest of including all forms of crafting, the participants decided to call it Fibre Night. The Fibre Circle met Thursday evenings from 7 - 9 pm at the church until mid October, when the nights became a little too chilly, at which time they agreed to move inside, and now they continue to meet at member homes until spring.

For more information, or if you would like to be added to the email list, please contact Jasmine at [draeghonfysh@gmail.com](mailto:draeghonfysh@gmail.com) or Margaret at [mcorregan@gmail.com](mailto:mcorregan@gmail.com).

## **CONCERT SERIES 2016 (Kate Adams)**

In January of 2014 North Mountain United Tapestry developed a strategy framework and our concert series became a tool for nurturing some of our identified priorities within that framework. Our music evenings create and nurture positive relationships within our community, give opportunity for our community to enjoy both local musicians and higher profile musicians and give vital financial support to our society. Some performers give 100% of the donations received at the door to the society and others take a much smaller percentage of the door revenue than they would usually receive for other public performances. All of our performances are "free will" allowing everyone equal opportunity to enjoy our concerts. In 2016 we adopted a policy of suggesting a minimum donation of \$10.

This year I enjoyed organizing four concerts, one in each month of our summer season plus a Gala Days Opening and Dessert Contest in September. I contacted performers, negotiated fees, created posters and did promotion for each event. For three of the concerts I also found accommodations. I also ensured there was a pre-show meal for the performers.

The Gala Days Opening is not a fundraiser for our society but creates much camaraderie and good will between our mountain and valley communities. This was the final year for us hosting this event as it will move to Woodville in 2017.

Three additional concerts were organized by other folks. Two concerts, Jenny Berkel & Rebecca Zolkower and Corey Isnor were organized by Jeff Dreves and The Manning Chapel Choir concert was organized by Jessica Franey.

The music series brought in a total of \$2407.65 after expenses.

I am grateful to the performers and volunteers for donating their time and talents.

**May 1** Jenny Berkel and Rebecca Zolkower (Jeff Dreves organizer): \$103.00

**June 19** Laura Smith: \$519.80

**July 17** Fundy Folk 100% of donations to Tapestry: \$864.55

**August 21** Dave Gunning (with the Easterlies as openers) – Dave was hosted by Volker and Christiane Rosenberger of Fundy Bay Log Homes: \$599.95

**September 11** Gathering Sparks -It was a lovely evening but we hosted a smaller than usual crowd with low donations at the door. It was decided and approved by board members present at the concert that 100% of the donations go to the performers.

**September 25** Corey Isnor (Jeff Dreves organizer): \$117.75

**October 2** The Manning Chapel Choir (Jessica Franey organizer): \$202.60

**September 1 Gala Day Opening Ceremony and Dessert Contest.**

Special thank you to our North Mountain judges, Meagan Osburn and Kinnie Copeland, and to Sarah Callow Fisher for cutting and arranging flowers with me. As always it is a team effort. It takes a village!

## **THE NORTH MOUNTAIN NEWSLETTER (Katrin Sommerfeld)**

2016 was another very successful year of a great and unique collaboration between the Burlington Community Club, the Harbourville Restoration Society and North Mountain United Tapestry. In 2015 we decided to combine all three newsletters into one edition, the North Mountain Newsletter, establishing a very productive and rewarding working relationship of all 3 communities. In 2016 we were able to grow and expand the newsletter and to extend the delivery area to Black Rock and Morden.

For the summer edition in late June the Fridgie was born, which showed all events on the North Mountain in one glance. The idea proved so popular that the Fridgie is being carried forward into every newsletter from last October on.

2016 also saw 3 full editions of the newsletter (mid-February, mid to late-May and early-October) and BCC, HRS and Tapestry secured a MEDF grant for \$1000 supporting the printing and distribution costs, until the newsletter is self-sustaining. To achieve this goal, sponsorship is sought by all three societies either in form of ads from local businesses or sponsorship by the community. The newsletter is also open to written content contributions.

## **FIRE SAFETY REPORT (Pat Kemp)**

A FIRE INSPECTION was carried out at Harbourville United Church on Nov 23, 2016 by the Municipality of King's County Fire Official Erin Schurman-Kolb. Present during the inspection were Keith Menzies (Berwick United Church treasurer) and Pat Kemp (Tapestry secretary). A letter was subsequently forwarded to Tapestry & BUC outlining the deficiencies noted. The identified concerns were addressed by Tapestry. Also requested, a custom FIRE SAFETY PLAN was submitted to Ms. Schurman-Kolb which was approved and sent to the Berwick Fire Dept. for their records. As recommended, a copy of the FIRE SAFETY PLAN will be kept at the church and emergency lighting & fire extinguishers will be inspected regularly. The Municipality also required an inspection of the existing heating system.

On December 17, 2016 community volunteers Heath Jordan, certified oil burner technician, and Doug Kemp, WETT certified retired hearth product store owner, together did this inspection. A follow up letter to Ms. Schurmann-Kolb identified the deficiencies and estimated the necessary changes would cost a minimum of \$5000.

A heat pump was suggested as a more cost effective approach given that the building was customarily heated less than ten days/year.

## MEMBERSHIP

We encourage and welcome your participation in North Mountain United Tapestry, as a means to empower our community and to reinvest in our local economy. We believe that taking advantage of the opportunity to connect with your neighbours, learn a new skill, purchase handcrafted gifts or locally grown produce, can create memorable experiences, strengthen our community, and help educate our children on our local skills and capacities.

North Mountain United Tapestry annual membership and sponsorship represents the privilege to vote at our AGM. Thank you to our primary contributors of our successful 2016!

### Board Members

Katrin Sommerfeld - Interim Chairperson	inspiredcreationsinfelt@gmail.com
Pat Kemp - Vice Chairperson - Secretary	patkemp@hotmail.com
Jasmine Lefler - Treasurer	draeghonfysh@gmail.com
Kinnie Copeland	kinnie@eastlink.com
Henry Franklin	hfranker@hotmail.com

### Members (one vote per membership)

Judith Smith	Florence Wagg
The Whiteway Family	Martin Hadley
Kate Adams	Margaret Corregan
Brian Adams	Alex Bezanson
Doug Kemp	Marie Armstrong
Paul and Marilyn Cameron	Charley McBride
Meagan Osburn	Nistal Prem de Boer
Emily Rogers	Keith DaRocha
Sarah Callow - Fisher	Blue Sky Pottery
The Geser Family	Barb Reynoldson
Robin Spidle	Cathy van der Woerd
Humble Homestead	Debbie Greenwood
Tigerlily Creations	Mike McLeod
Bruce Brydon	Adelle MacDonald

### Employees

Coffee Shop - Jessica Bearden-Rogers & Florence Wagg  
Executive Director - Jessica Franey  
Website and Marketing - Kate Adams  
Summer Student - Michael Roberts

### Contractors

Annapolis Valley Painters  
Martin Hadley  
Tom Metcalf



