



**NORTH MOUNTAIN
UNITED TAPESTRY**

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

**UNITED CHURCH
HARBOURVILLE, N.S.**

APRIL 12, 2026 1:30 PM TO 3:00 PM

CHAIRS STATEMENT



As we reflect on 2025, it is with a deep sense of pride and gratitude that we share what has truly been a remarkable year for North Mountain United Tapestry.

After several years of planning and effort, the completion of the steeple repair stands as a defining milestone. To look up now and see it restored is both moving and symbolic of what can be achieved through shared vision and perseverance. This accomplishment would not have been possible without the generosity of our donors and the ongoing commitment of our community, who continue to show up, participate, and support our fundraising efforts.

This past year was also rich with programming and creativity. We hosted our first one-man play, celebrated the completion of a book on the homes of Harbourville, and saw an exhibition featured at the Kings County Museum. Our space came alive with musical performances by Mark Riley, Rita Johns, Joe Henry, The Hupman Brothers with Caleb Miles, and Terra Spencer. We welcomed artisans at the farmers market, inspired young artists through children's painting workshops, held four church services, and hosted two successful holiday markets.

Looking back, it has truly been a fulfilling year, one that reflects the spirit, talent, and dedication that surrounds Tapestry. Looking forward, we are excited to have the market open for its 12th season!

We would both like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the community for the privilege of being part of North Mountain United Tapestry. Your continued support ensures that this historic space remains vibrant, relevant, and deeply connected to those it serves.

With sincere appreciation,

Co-Chairs

Raymond O'Neill and Amy Balzer

MISSION STATEMENT

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

OUR VISION

We envision a local community that is:

- environmentally vibrant, resilient and self-reliant;
- socially connected, nurturing and supportive;
- takes responsibility for its own health and wellness; and
- honours and celebrates its culture and heritage.

AGENDA

Annual General Meeting

North Mountain United Tapestry Cultural & Heritage Society

Sunday April 12, 2026

United Church, Harbourville, N.S.

- Welcome (Ray O'Neil)

- Business Meeting (Meg Raven)

- Call to Order
- Introductions
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from 2025 AGM
- Board Member Nominations

- Chairs' Report for 2025 (Ray O'Neil & Amy Baltzer)

- Financial and Fundraising Report (Andy MaGee)

- Committee Reports

- Market Report (Kate MacInnes Adams)
- Music Report (Kate MacInnes Adams)
- History Committee Report (Pat Kemp)

- New Business for 2026 (Meg Raven & Amy Baltzer)

- 2026 Market Manager and new season changes
- Survey update
- Church interior renovation: phase one
- Volunteers: Christmas Eve service, Church flower boxes, Outhouse

- Adjournment

Following Meeting - Social Coffee

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FARMERS MARKET

by Kate MacInnes Adams



NORTH MOUNTAIN MARKET
2025



In 2025 the North Mountain Market vendor family held 12 seasonal vendors and 18 casual (part time) vendors. Our opening day on May 31 found 15 of these vendors in Harbourville selling their wares. The following 19 weeks averaged 15 vendors. Some markets had a dip to 13 vendors setting up their market booths. These were in August and Sept. With a vendor pool of 30, our active weekly presence settled around 15 vendors, which is actually quite healthy for a rural market. The slight late-season dip is normal as late summer holidays are enjoyed by some vendors. The average we feel is well within a sustainable range.

Breakdown of Seasonal and Casual Vendors

Seasonal Vendors 16-20 markets

1. Kate's Pantry
2. Paintings by Kathy
3. Silvery Moon Alpaca Farm
4. Chase Lane Creations
5. Wandering Farm
6. Valhalla Farm
7. McConnel House Antiques
8. The Knotty Tapper
9. Holisticious
10. Paintings by Arnold
11. Woodlawn Hollow Homestead
12. North Mountain Uprising



Casual Vendors 1-2 markets

1. Rediscover Nova Scotia - 2 markets
2. Christine Faour -Author- 1 market
3. Coast Mountain Designs - 1 market
4. Theresa MacLean -Author- 1 market
5. Life on Harmony Street- 1 market
6. Naturally Grown Garlic-1 market
7. Shyrina Rose Ceramics-2 markets
8. Bougie Sisters Co- 2 markets
9. Molotov Cuisine-1 market

Casual Vendors 5-10 markets

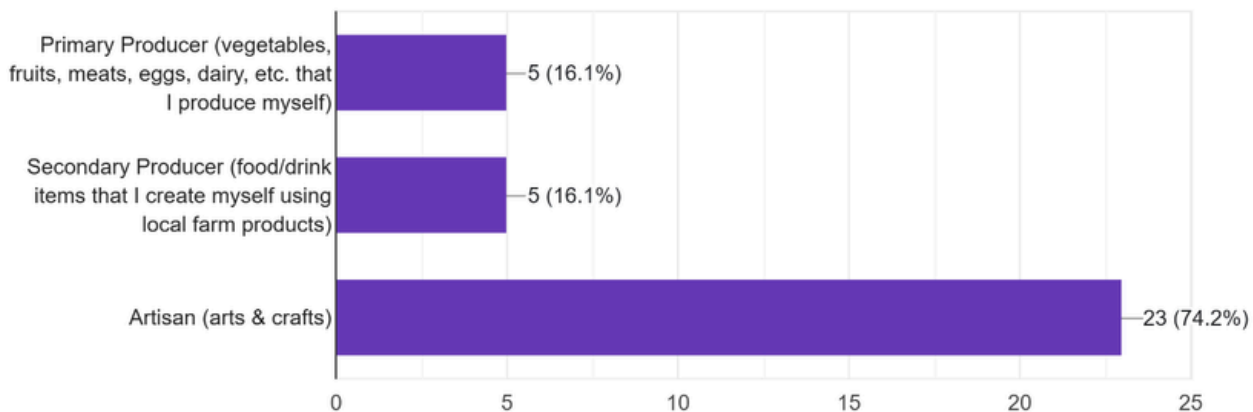
10. Not Just Leather Repairs- 7 markets
11. Two Rivers Pottery- 6 markets
12. Wings and Things- 5 markets
13. The Harbourville Flower Fairy-9 markets
14. Briny Stitcher- 10 markets
15. Perkins Polyculture -5 markets
17. Sew and Sew- 5 markets
18. Rainbow Stiches -7 markets

A total of \$4005 in vendor fees was realized for the season. This is a slight decrease from 2024 (\$4440 in 2024) Kate's Pantry (that's me) was given their market stall in exchange for management of the market. Other considerations were given to vendors experiencing financial challenges.

When we opened our market in 2014, we set out with an ambitious vendor mix in mind: 50% primary producers, 30% secondary producers, and 20% artisans. Over time, our market has taken on a vibrant artisan identity, and while growing the food producer sector has been challenging, it's also opened the door to new ideas and opportunities.

I am the following type of vendor:

31 responses



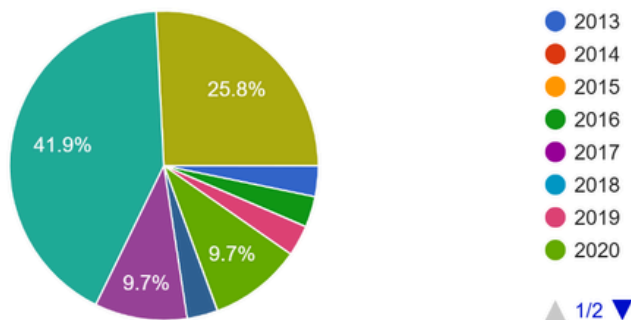
To boost interest for both vendors and visitors, Tapestry introduced an antiques and collectibles corner in 2025—and it brought a fresh spark of interest. We’re continuing to build on that momentum as we support our community, look to strengthen our local economic vitality, and champion a welcoming, food-secure environment for everyone.



Our Market is lucky to have such a devoted family of vendors. As the chart below shows, 41.9% of them have been with the North Mountain Market since 2018 – a testament to the relationships, trust, and shared purpose that keep this community growing strong.

Have you been a vendor with us before? If so, please select the first year you were a vendor with us.

31 responses



The North Mountain Market is a member of the Farmers Markets of Nova Scotia (FMNS) Cooperative. The Cooperative works to grow and support our region's farmers' market sector. Again, this year we participated in the FMNS School Voucher program. Students across Nova Scotia received a \$10 Nova Scotia Loyal Voucher, which was redeemable at participating farmers' markets across Nova Scotia. We also received a \$50 honorarium for participating in the program.



The North Mountain Market participated in the Nourishing Communities Program this year. Through a partnership with Schools Plus in Cambridge, we were able to deliver a weekly food box to households in our community facing food insecurity. With a \$2000 grant from FMNS, we purchased fresh, local food directly from our vendors – keeping support flowing through our market family while getting good food to neighbours who needed it.

Our customers also stepped up with heartfelt generosity, contributing cash to help fill the boxes, and several vendors added extra treats each week. It was a true community effort, and we're grateful for every hand that helped make it happen.



We joined other member markets of the Cooperative celebrating Farmers' Market Days in July. North Mountain Market Vendors stuffed delicious treats and fun surprises into a FMNS canvas bag which we raffled off. The winner was this loyal market supporter, Linda Baltzer.



Folks were also invited to watch skilled artisans at work during live demonstrations with weaver Donna Vernest, spinners Carrie Clem (flax) and Cathou Larocque (Alpaca fibre), sewing with Sheila Richardson and blacksmithing with Carmen Legge. Our Creation Station welcomed kids to create a paper bag book or a clay seed pod.

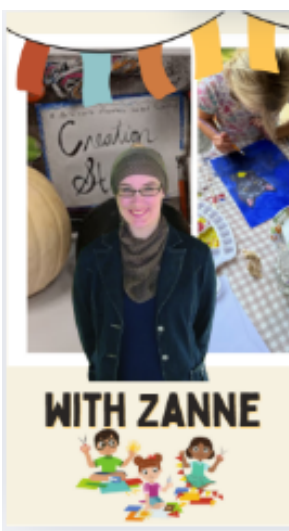
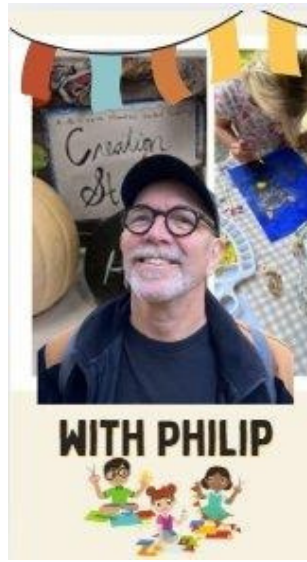


For the young market goers, Kathy of Paintings by Kathy generously offered very popular painting workshops for our young market goers throughout the season.



Our Children’s Creation Station added a joyful spark to the market each week – a place where little hands could paint, glue, imagine, and dress up to their hearts’ content. We supplied the paper, paint, costumes, and craft materials; the kids brought the creativity and curiosity

A heartfelt thank-you to Zanne, Philip, and Judy, our wonderful 2025 guest artists, and to Kayla, who showed up most market mornings to organize supplies and keep the space welcoming. Deep gratitude as well to Tiffany, whose creative energy inspired the Station from the start. And of course, we’re endlessly thankful for our own dedicated volunteer and board director, Andy, and Tapestry co-chair, Raymond – always bright and early for market setup and always ready to help build something special for our youngest makers.



On Sept 20th our community booth welcomed Danny Arnold Memorial Fund collecting for the Berwick Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who supported through the purchase of the Lantern bouquets. from Danny's folks, John and Valerie who are wonderful supporters of our market wrote us this message.

"\$566 was raised for the Berwick Food Bank. We are touched that people would be so generous to donate in Danny's memory. This is the biggest amount raised by far. Lots of people gave \$10 for one bundle. We had \$200 in donations from four individuals. It was a very generous day."





Music is one of the heartbeat elements of our market. Every week, we welcome a musical guest to our outdoor stage, and many of them return year after year. Just like our beloved vendors – both familiar faces and brand-new makers – these musicians help shape the atmosphere that makes our market feel so very welcoming.



Our final market of the season was October 11, Thanksgiving weekend. We celebrated with a pumpkin painting palooza for the kids and a turkey give away. Our turkey was generously donated (for the second season in a row) by Bruce Brydon and won by Vicki Theagene.



In 2025, our farmers' market celebrated its eleventh season, and we're feeling all the gratitude. To our incredible North Mountain Market community: thank you for showing up, cheering us on, and choosing to 'buy local' with such enthusiasm. Your support keeps our passion projects – the farm, the garden, the bakery, and the studio – thriving. You help keep our families grounded, joyful, and able to do what we love.

We're grateful for every visit, every conversation, every shared moment. Here's to many more seasons together.

To close, I want to offer a personal heartfelt thank-you to the entire North Mountain United Tapestry community and to our North Mountain Market family of vendors. Your spirit, dedication, and generosity are what make this place feel like home.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate MacInnes Adams, 2025 Market Manager

MUSIC REPORT

by Kate MacInnes Adams

Beginning in 2014 our music evenings have created and nurtured positive relationships within our community, provided opportunities for our community to enjoy both local musicians and higher profile musicians while giving vital financial support to our society. North Mountain United Tapestry has an established fee schedule for our concert series. Each year the governing board reviews the fee schedule and adjusts as necessary. In 2025 the invited performing arts are offered a list of the available services and accompanying fees. These include promotion, sound support and venue rental. Each performer chose services appropriate to their needs.



March 16
Annapolis Guitar Quartet



May 24
The Mark Riley Band



June 22
Joe H. Henry



July 24
The Hupman Brothers



August 24
Terra Spencer



October 18
Rita Johns



Overall the concert series raised \$1210 from the venue fees to contribute to the ongoing work of United Tapestry. The remaining ticket sales went to support the livelihood of our musical artists. Thank you to Andy Magee for helping ALWAYS with set up, clean up and taking tickets at the door and to Raymond O'Neill for the donation of our sweet new stage.



Respectfully submitted,
Kate MacInnes Adams
Concert Series lead 2025

HISTORY CORNER

by Pat Kemp & Kate MacInnes Adams

It was our great privilege to host a comprehensive exhibit entitled Harbourville Throughout the Years at the King's County Museum in Kentville for their full 2025 season. We took elements from all past Tapestry history displays and created one exhibit that captured many aspects of Harbourville's history. All parts of the exhibit were interconnected and together told a comprehensive story of the community's past.

The exhibit officially opened on August 20 to a jammed pack house! Garnet spoke at length to the large assembled crowd who were very engaged in his informative message. Garnet commented how so many people in the Annapolis Valley and beyond have had such strong connections to Harbourville over the years. Several visitors shared how pleased and impressed they were with the entire event and that it took a lengthy time to peruse and absorb the extensive interesting display.

Prior to the opening, Kate, Garnet and I were interviewed by journalist Kirk Starratt who subsequently prepared a full page article for the Annapolis Valley Register paper (Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025). This detailed piece comprised of lengthy text, quotes & pictures no doubt contributed to the huge interest and attendance at both the official opening as well as throughout the season. Museum staff reported that there was much public interest & attendance for Harbourville Throughout the Years during 2025 .



FESTIVE MARKETS

November 29, 2025, Holiday Market

We extend our gratitude to Carolyn Low and her helper this year, Meg Raven, for their commitment and dedication to North Mountain United Tapestry. Carolyn has organized our November Holiday Market for a number of years, and 2025 marked another successful market with 17 vendors and a raffle resulting in a generous \$525.00 donation to support Tapestry. We deeply appreciate Carolyn's time, energy and passion for Tapestry's mission. Volunteers like Carolyn are the heart of the organization and we are incredibly fortunate to have her support.



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**12th Annual Artisan
HOLIDAY MARKET**
November 29, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
3201 Long Point Rd, Harbourville
Locally made original art & crafts,
herbs, baking, food, hot drinks,
free admission/parking and more!
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Harbourville Christmas Market
Saturday, Dec. 13
10 am – 2 pm
3201 Long Point Rd

ANNA makes wreaths and more
VIRPI crochets snowflakes and earrings
CHRISTINE makes potholders, quilted items, purses
JACQUIE makes naturally fermented breads and herbal wellness and healing products
ANGE Bay of Fundy colouring books and postcards

SAM sells coffee, tea, hot apple cider and baked goods
LORI creates gentle bath small-batch bath and body products
ROGER One-of-a-Kind lamps, clocks, art pieces made mostly of wood
JUDITH makes jewellery inspired by Celtic symbolism and nature

HILDA crochets stuffed for charity
KATE • PETE family table with tea, wheatgrass, cupcakes, jewellery
AMANDA on-the-spot custom earrings
DONNA makes table-woven straps
LESLEY makes cards, jewellery and gifts
MEG makes wheel-thrown stoneware and porcelain pottery
KATRIN weaves towels, napkins and more, using natural fibres
HELENA knits mittens and more
VIRVE makes traditional German Christmas baked goods, hand-crafted caramels and chocolates
VIRVE cooks lunch

VIRVE 2025

December 13, 2025, Harbourville Christmas Market

Our sweet little church here on the bluff hosted the Harbourville Christmas Market in early December. This event was once again organized and hosted by Virve Whiteway, a dedicated supporter of North Mountain United Tapestry. She is a visual and fibre artist, and an amazing cook. Virve once again created the beautiful poster for a market that celebrated "Handmade for the Holidays" with weavers, bakers, crocheters, Celtic jeweller, potters, and knitters. There were beautiful wreaths and centrepieces to celebrate the season. Of course the delicious lunch offerings made by Virve herself completed the day.

Thank you also to Philip Hare and Kirk Robillard for once again decorating the interior of the church for the holiday season. They have a wonderful eye for décor, and their efforts never go unnoticed. We hope both these markets continue to be annual events in our community!

STEEPLE REPORT



In 2021, our community came together for the first fundraiser to support the renewal of the steeple on our historic church. The journey began with the suggestion and initiative of community member Bill Wilson, whose vision set everything in motion.

Four years of dedication, generosity, and shared purpose brought us to our goal in 2025. At the journey's end, the carpentry skill and artistic vision of Alex Bezanson restored new life to the iconic Harbourville steeple, ensuring it will stand proudly for generations to come.

In our first year of fundraising, 2021, the community raised \$500, thanks in large part to an afternoon of music, sweets, and tea generously hosted by Tapestry.

In 2022, another \$500 was realized through a generous donation, helping us continue the momentum toward restoring the steeple of our historic church.

By our third year, 2023, a small hole was discovered in the steeple. The Board of Directors quickly obtained repair estimates and launched an ongoing fundraising campaign to address the growing concern.

Unfortunately, by the spring and summer of 2024, the damage had worsened. The hole had expanded, allowing rain and snow to enter the structure and putting the church's interior at serious risk heading into the fall and winter of 2024-2025. In response, our fundraising efforts intensified. Through an art auction, painting workshops, and the donation and sale of crafted items, the community raised over \$4,000, demonstrating remarkable dedication and creativity in the face of urgency.

To mitigate immediate damage, NMUT engaged a local carpenter to install a temporary interior patch. However, it was clear that a full repair would be necessary in 2025. NMUT subsequently contracted a North Mountain carpenter, Alex Bezanson Carpentry, to complete the restoration. Alex did an excellent job, incorporating a creative and thoughtful design that both resolved the structural issue and respected the character of the building. The steeple repair was successfully finished in August 2025. A commemorative plaque will be installed inside the church to recognize the generous financial support of Kings County (through the Community Hall Assistance Program), a private donor, and the many fundraising efforts of the NMUT community and members.



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FINANCE REPORT

by Katrin Sommerfeld and Andy Magee – Treasurer

NMUT has been working to ensure the society's continued financial health, and we focused our efforts on the repair and refresher of the church's steeple, a great season and the Nourishing Community's Program.

| Income | Total |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Grants | \$4,539 |
| Market Vendor Fees | \$4005 |
| Concert/Theatre | \$4,945 |
| Donations/Gifts | \$12,982 |
| Fundraising | \$1,560 |
| Miscellaneous | \$2,924 |
| Sub-total | \$30,955 |
| Expenses | |
| Memberships | \$591 |
| Insurance | \$879 |
| Heating | \$478 |
| Internet | \$1,466 |
| Concerts/Theatre | \$3,935 |
| Market Musicians | \$2,100 |
| Fundraiser Supplies | \$95 |
| Building Maintenance | \$21,043 |
| Nourishing Communities | 1,539 |
| Banking | \$244 |
| Honourium | \$898 |
| Miscellaneous | \$531 |
| Sub-total | \$33,343 |
| Total | -\$2,844 |

The primary 2025 expenses consisted of: building and ground maintenance - the steeple repair, internet service, concert and market musician fees.

In 2025, thanks to previous years fundraising efforts, a \$2,500 grant from the County of Kings under the Community Hall Assistant Program and a generous anonymous donation, we were able to repair the steeple and give it a beautiful new life.

Thank you so much to our Anonymous Donor, the Board and the community is very grateful for your generosity.

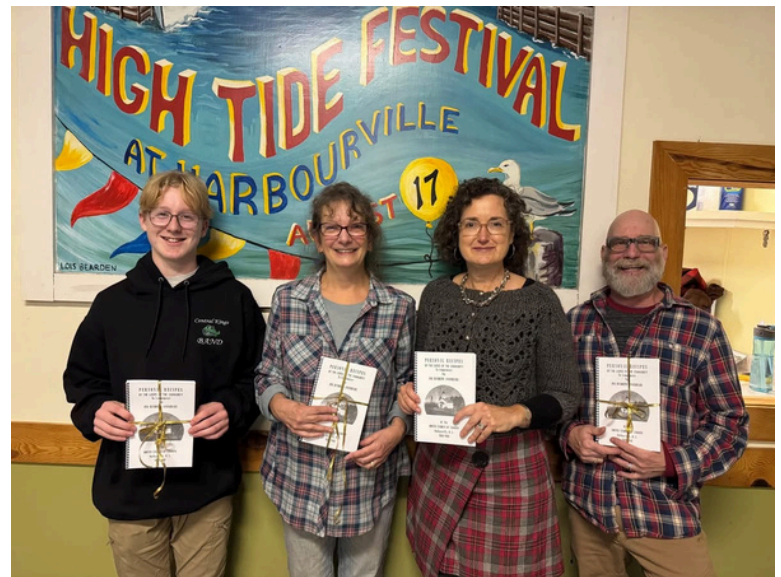
In 2025 NMUT's Farmers Market participated again in the Nourishing Communities Food Coupon Program, created by the Farmers' Market of Nova Scotia Cooperative. This program provides participating households with regular allotments of an alternative currency (food bucks) redeemable at farmers' markets, allowing low-income Nova Scotia households purchase fresh, healthy and locally produced food.

FUNDRAISING

Tapestry would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all who contributed their time, energy, and generosity over the past year. Through a wide range of community efforts, including the Chili Cook-Off, proceeds from a theatre performance, a pottery sale, memorial donations made in loving memory of a cherished member, a grant from Kings County, collections from the four church services held at Tapestry, and a raffle at the Holiday Market; we have been deeply supported.

We are also especially grateful to an anonymous donor who generously covered the remaining balance of the steeple repairs.

Your commitment, dedication, and spirit of giving have played a vital role in sustaining this space. Sincere thanks to each and every one of you for helping to keep Tapestry alive and thriving.





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