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## New community paper

The board of directors for the Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association would like to take this opportunity to invite you to submit articles to our community's new monthly publication: The TownCryer.

The Musquodoboit Valley is an active community that hosts several events throughout the year. If your group or business would like to let others know what you're doing, this is your chance! One of the missions of the tourism association is promote local attractions and events, services and goods. What better way to communicate with each other than through our own community paper?

We need to know what you're doing! Please, phone 384-2413 and leave a message about your event, business or group. Or email [info@towncryernews.ca](mailto:info@towncryernews.ca) with your submission. The deadline for submissions is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

For now, this monthly publication will be free, although donations to help off set the printing costs will always be gratefully accepted! Please indicate on your cheque: TownCryer donation.

The MVTA looks forward to hearing from you. Remember: This is **YOUR** paper – help make it happen!

## Join today!

### **BENEFITS OF BELONGING**

It pays to belong to the MVTA! With a business membership you will be entitled to *one month free* advertising in a display box at the Musquodoboit Valley Visitor Information Centre and have your business ad included on the MVTA website. As a business member, your name will be displayed at all MVTA events.

You will also receive a membership certificate to display at your place of business that shows your support of the Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association. Individuals and groups also benefit with a membership to the MVTA.

If you join by April 1, 2007, you will be entitled to a 10% discount on all MVTA merchandise. (Does not include book and cd sales).

Keep in mind that staff at the Musquodoboit Valley Visitor Information Centre is working for you! Visitors to this area are encouraged to discover not only the great scenery and attractions, but also local services and goods available in our community.

**DON'T DELAY  
JOIN TODAY!**

## About MVTA

The Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association (MVTA) is a non-profit group that has been promoting the Musquodoboit Valley for 24 years. The volunteer board of directors for the MVTA is primarily responsible for managing the Musquodoboit Valley Visitor Information Centre, Middle Musquodoboit and the Moose River Gold Mining Museum, Moose River. But, the MVTA is also responsible for providing historical information to anyone interested in his or her genealogy or community's history. Besides, the MVTA is committed to attracting visitors to this area through special events such as the 50-Mile-Route of Yard Sales, which has been recognized by the Tourism Industry of Nova Scotia, and Rally in the Musquodoboit Valley.

The MVTA is proud of their past achievements. MVTA volunteers have catalogued all names of those buried at various cemeteries in the Musquodoboit Valley. Interpretative panels have been installed at the Moose River Gold Mines Museum and Park through the effort of MVTA volunteers. As well, the MVTA participates in the Adopt-a-Highway program and the Halifax County Exhibition. It was MVTA volunteers who assisted with two MRHS reunions.

By being a member in the Antigonish-Eastern Shore Tourism Association, the MVTA is better able to promote our local attractions, businesses and events to travelers.

If you wish to learn more about the Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association and the good work that it does in the Musquodoboit Valley please visit [www.mvta.net](http://www.mvta.net) or contact one of the board members.

### MEET THE DIRECTORS

At the Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association annual general meeting held in November, 2006 the following people were elected to the board of directors for the MVTA:

Donald Dillman, president  
Bruce Fulton, vice president

Amy Ashley, secretary  
Sheila Fisher, board member  
Barbara Dillman, board member  
Gordon Crowe, board member  
Alvin Blades, board member

The MVTA board of directors holds regular monthly meetings. These meetings are open to the general public. If you wish to attend, please phone Donald Dillman: 384-2003 to confirm the next meeting date.

Board members wish to welcome Ellen McFetridge as the new staff supervisor at the Musquodoboit Valley Visitor Information Centre. The Musquodoboit Valley Visitor Information Centre is located at 12390 Hwy 224, within the Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre and Cultural Centre. It will be open from May to October. You are encouraged to drop by to see the displays, pick up travel information or, just to say hello!

For the past several years Claire Castle has done an excellent job as staff supervisor. The board extends their sincere thanks to Claire for her commitment to the tourism association and this community.

## MVTA upcoming events

**March 31:** Touch of Class: Art Auction and Tea between 1pm and 4pm at the Forestry Education Complex, Middle Musquodoboit

**April 14:** MVTA Jeopardy at the Meagher's Grant Park and Recreation Centre 7pm

**April 15:** MVTA Jeopardy at the Upper Musquodoboit Community Hall 2pm

**April 21:** MVTA Jeopardy Play-Off at the Bicentennial Theatre at 7pm

**April 27:** Merchandise Bingo at the Bicentennial Theatre

Phone: 384-2006 for info

## Bit of a giggle

Police arrested two kids yesterday, one was drinking battery acid and the other was eating fireworks. They charged one and let the other one off.

## 2007: the year of the arts

Each year, the Musquodoboit Valley Tourism Association (MVTA) picks a theme to build their events around. This year, The Year of the Arts will kick off with A Touch of Class: Art Auction and Tea on March 31 between 1pm and 4pm at the Forestry Education Complex, Middle Musquodoboit. Art, produced by students at Musquodoboit Rural High School and paintings donated by Halifax artist, Gary Castle will be featured. As well, members of Artisans of the Heart will have items on display and for sale.

This summer, we are planning Pocket Park Parties to be held on Sunday afternoons at the Elderbank, Middle Musquodoboit and Upper Musquodoboit park areas.

If your community group has plans for special events this year, please contact the MVTA and keep in mind The Year of the Arts theme. Together, we can promote our area to visitors and encourage them to discover our scenic rural community and the talented people who live and work here.

## For sale

If you're looking for something special with a Musquodoboit Valley connection, drop by the Musquodoboit Valley Visitor Information Centre.

Listed below are items available for sale:

A Collection of Nova Scotia Firsts	\$15
A History of Moose River Gold Mines	\$25
Errand Boy in the Mooseland Hills	\$20
Complete set of Musquodoboit Valley Histories	\$54
Halifax County Exhibition Spoons	\$2
History along the Old Guysborough Road	\$15
History Disc or CD	\$29
Is it just me...	\$8.50
Markland Books	\$15
Markland CD	\$12
Memories	\$30
Millennium Calendar or Flags	\$1
MRHS Reunion Books	\$5

Musquodoboit Family Album	\$8
Musquodoboit Pioneers	\$55.50
Musquodoboit Valley Assorted Histories	various prices
Musquodoboit Valley Calendars	\$5
Nova Scotia Bags	\$1.25
Nova Scotia Cherubs	\$4
Nova Scotia Pins	\$1 or \$2.25
Nova Scotia Tartan Pins	\$4
Post Cards	.75
Recollections of Little River	\$5
Reflections of the Halifax County Exhibition	\$15
MRHS Reunion Pins	.50
Selection of CDs by various local musicians	\$20 each
Selection of clothing	various prices

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