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# April 25, 2017 ACA NEWSLETTER

May 8, 2017 ACA NEWSLETTER

Hi ACA Members,

There are plenty of opportunities and events happening this spring and summer. Be sure to take advantage of all the offerings!

### **Deadlines for Grants:**

Arts Nova Scotia has a deadline for Grants for Individuals on **May 15th**:

<https://artsns.ca/grants-awards/grants/grants-individuals>

Important updates on the [Canada Council for the Arts' portal for online grant applications](#)! Following the latest testing, they have detected errors that could compromise the online application process. This is a risk they do not wish to take and will therefore not be opening the portal for submissions this month as planned. All April and May deadlines have been deferred. Please refer to their website for all the new deadlines per program component. The new launch date for online applications is now **June 5, 2017**.

<http://canadacouncil.ca>

**Submit Applications:**

***Gathering of the Arts***

2017 Call for Projects



Application Deadline: June 13th, 2017. The exhibition is open to artist members of ACA working in all visual media. All pieces must be new submissions to the Gathering of the Arts. A jury of peers from the Nova Scotia arts community will select the works to be exhibited.

Find more information on submissions at <http://www.antigonishculturealive.ca/gathering-of-the-arts-2017/>

*“Twenty years of GoArts, twenty years of culture in Antigonish. To celebrate our 20th anniversary, GoArts will be showcasing 20 art installations in 20 unique venues around Downtown Antigonish. Art allows us to examine ourselves and ask questions of the world at large. This year we aim to bring GoArts out of the Library and into your everyday world.*”

*We are seeking dynamic, interactive project proposals from professional artists or groups for our 2017 festival. One of our aims is to get as many different mediums into the show. We all need some change, don't we?"*

***Antigonight ~ Art After Dark***

***Submission Deadline has been extended to May 26<sup>th</sup>!***

***Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm-8:30 is a meeting with Amberlee Bouton, Antigonight Coordinator, at The Alaya Chan Centre (319 Main St.) for any interested people looking to get involved with the festival.***



**2017 Call for Projects**

Antigonight Art After Dark is an interactive, contemporary art festival that takes place in Antigonish, Nova Scotia every September. We are seeking dynamic, interactive project proposals from professional artists or groups for our 2017 festival. Please see the "Previous Years" section below to get an idea of the kinds of artist we've had involved with Antigonight in the past. Click on <http://www.antigonishculturealive.ca/antigonight/> to download the application. Application Deadline: May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Email the completed form to [info@antigonishculturealive.ca](mailto:info@antigonishculturealive.ca) or mail to: Antigonish Culture Alive, PO Box 1175,

Antigonish, Nova Scotia, B2G 2L6, Canada

Since its inception in 2010, Antigonight Art After Dark has been Antigonish Culture Alive's most recognizable and popular public art event. It is specifically designed to offer the public an opportunity to appreciate art in a public venue. The festival provides both the opportunity for artists to display their work and become known within the community but also gives the community the opportunity to interact with contemporary artwork of different mediums, such as dance, theatre, music, visual arts, and other forms of live artistic interaction. Annual attendance at the festival has been around 3,000 for the last two years. The festival takes place annually in September and is free, open to all, and accessible by wheelchair and stroller. Art projects are positioned around downtown venues including parks, closed-off sections of Main Street, and the public library where visitors have easy access to the exhibits. Exhibits and performance are found on sidewalks and in storefronts, alleyways and nooks and crannies of the downtown. Each year, artists are invited to submit proposals and selected to present projects that are participatory in nature. Over the years, projects have including music, dance performances, painting, sculpture, workshops in visual art, storytelling, and theatre.

***ANTIGONISH ART FAIR***

A poster for the 2017 Antigonish Art Fair. The background is a textured blue. The year '2017' is written in a large, red, serif font at the top. Below it, the word 'ANTIGONISH' is written in a white, serif font. At the bottom, the words 'ART FAIR' are written in a large, red, serif font.

# 2017 ANTIGONISH ART FAIR

*"The Antigonish Art Fair is a non-profit organization which has three simple goals. First, we work to support new artists, of all ages, in our community. Secondly, we aim to build a reputation as being the cultural centre of eastern Nova Scotia. Finally, the Art Fair works to bring more activity to downtown Antigonish.*

*To achieve these goals, the Antigonish Art Fair presents a set of five events celebrating the artists of Nova Scotia. We welcome everyone to join us at Chisholm Park on:*

*June 23rd 6-9pm*

*July 7th 6-9pm*

*July 21st 6-9pm*

*August 4th 6-9pm*

*August 18th 6-9pm*

*Chisholm's Park will be full of fantastic performances to view and an array of wonderful*

art, artisanal goods, and multicultural food to purchase. Admission to the park is free!  
Interested in registering click here - <http://antigonishartfair.ca/registration/>

If you're needing any support building a website, learning how to better market yourself, how to network, or anything else we will be available to help you. Our office is at 218 Main Street Antigonish (Just above Marie's Flowers) and we are there from 9-5pm Monday through Friday. You can also always email us to set up a meeting.

On another note, if you know any artist, artisan, or individual that enjoys creating art, please pass along their contact information as we would love to have more people participating!

We are super excited for the 2017 year and can't wait to see what's in store."

\*The AAF is looking for volunteers to help passers-by and visitors to the fair learn more about the event and the artists who are presenting their work. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer on any/some/all of the evenings listed above, please contact Josh and Evan [antigonishartfair@gmail.com](mailto:antigonishartfair@gmail.com)

### **Canada 150 Celebrations**

We need your voice!



The Town of Antigonish and Municipality of the County of Antigonish are presenting an outdoor extravaganza for the Canada Day 150 celebrations on the StFX campus on July 1, 2017.

The Canada Day 150 Committee (Chairperson, Councilor Andrew Murray) is searching for local voices to participate in the creation of an SATB choir for a one-time performance at this event. Under the direction of Ryan Billington, this choir will be a central element of the Canada Day 150 celebrations ceremony, which will be held at the StFX Oland Stadium.

All singers (ages 16 and above) with choral and/or solo experience of varying levels are invited to lend their talents for this special occasion. Interested persons must commit to the rehearsal and performance schedule\*, and must also be committed to learning the music thoroughly. In order to create a well-balanced choir that appropriately fits the stage restrictions, we may not be able to accommodate all applicants.

Please email us at [rbilling@stfx.ca](mailto:rbilling@stfx.ca) and provide the following registration information:

Name

Phone number

Email address

Voice part

Number of years of experience

Music reading level: beginning, intermediate, advanced

T-shirt size: S, M, L, XL

Comments/Questions

Information must be complete for applications to be considered. If you have questions that you would like answered in person, call [902 867 2268](tel:9028672268).

\* Rehearsal and Performance Schedule

Rehearsal Schedule: **Immaculata Auditorium, StFX Campus**

June 12 7:00 – 9:00 pm

June 19 7:00 – 9:00 pm

June 26 7:00 – 9:00 pm

June 30 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Event Schedule: Saturday, July 1st

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Final choir rehearsal – **Immaculata Auditorium**

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Tech/Stage Rehearsal and Dress Rehearsal – **Oland Stadium**

**Ceremony call time – 7:30 pm – Oland Stadium (exact location – TBA)**

Ceremony starts at 8:00 pm

Rain date options: same schedule as above

Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> or Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

### ***Workshops***

#### ***VANS 2017 Spring Workshops***

Visit VANS Workshop page when registration begins on April 13th for details on topics, registration, and schedules. As a special rate in celebration of VANS 40th Anniversary, each of our workshops will be priced at \$40 for everyone!

Visit For more information please contact:

Carri MacKay, Programming Coordinator 902-423-4694 / 866-225-8267

[communicate@visualarts.ns.ca](mailto:communicate@visualarts.ns.ca)

A list of Workshops can be found at <http://www.visualarts.ns.ca/programs/vans-workshops/>

#### **Plein Air In The Spring - A Workshop with Roger Savage**

**June 19/20, 2017**





PLEIN AIR is the fastest growing art movement in North America. It's popularity is growing in leaps and bounds, as more and more people are coming together to jump into the deep end of the creative pool for the chance to put their personal response to the world onto canvas in the open air in real time.

As an added feature to our Parrsboro International Plein Air Festival, June 17-19, we're offering an opportunity to work with Roger Savage, one of the best Plein Air painters in Canada.

With decades of experience under his belt, Roger knows the craft of plein air inside out and he knows how to teach it. His workshops are relaxed, people-friendly, and highly informative. Roger is a master at not only sharing his knowledge of the techniques of painting, he also understands how to help each individual to hone his/her ability to capture the spontaneity, freshness and immediacy of the particular motif.

"PLEIN AIR IN THE SPRING" - An opportunity to spread your creative wings in a truly spectacular location! Twice a day, 160 billion tons of water flow in and out of the Bay of Fundy. Twice a day, the sea rises and falls 40 feet. The results are some of the most stunning sea/landscapes on the planet.

Presented by ART LAB STUDIOS & GALLERY & Parrsboro Creative

Course Details & Registration: <https://www.parrsborocreative.com/events/plein-air-in-the-spring-roger-savage/>

[902-254-0617](tel:902-254-0617) / [info@artlabstudios.ca](mailto:info@artlabstudios.ca) / [www.artlabstudios.ca](http://www.artlabstudios.ca)

Hope to see you in June!

Robert More

Executive Director  
Parrsboro Creative  
[902-728-2007](tel:902-728-2007)

**Sign Up:**

**Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre Camps**



# SUMMER THEATRE CAMPS

**AGES 6 - 9**  
***Creative Drama for Kids***  
**August 14 - 18, 1 pm - 5 pm daily**

Wolves, brave kids in the woods, and magical creatures will come to life in this drama camp for kids. Through games, improvisation and theatre exercises designed especially for this age group, students will exercise their bodies and their imaginations. Using traditional Fairy Tales as inspiration, students will explore characterization and storytelling in a cooperative atmosphere. A short presentation on the final afternoon will round out the experience.

**Cost: \$140**

**AGES 9 - 13**  
***Acting Out***  
**August 21 - 25, 9 am - 4 pm daily**

Students will create their own mystery story in this exciting full-time camp. Fun exercises and games are designed to build characters and learn how to stage a play. Vocal and physical improvisation will help build confidence, engage the imagination and develop presentation skills, all in an atmosphere of fun and friendship. Students will present their newly created play on the final afternoon of the week.

**Cost: \$250**

**AGES 13 - 17**  
***Musical Theatre***  
**August 7 - 11, 9 am - 4 pm daily**

If you have a passion for singing and dancing, this workshop is for you! Led by local professionals, this workshop is for those who want their fun to come from the joy of working hard and developing skills. Half of the workshop time will be devoted to singing technique, and the rest of the time will be spent learning Broadway-style dance moves. A presentation at the end of week will showcase your talents.

**Cost: \$280**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 15th, 2017!**

**For forms and details, contact:  
[boxoffice@festivalantigonish.com](mailto:boxoffice@festivalantigonish.com)  
(902) 867-3333**

Looking for summer camps and don't know where to go? Check out the details of our three exciting theatre camps with something for every age. Registration forms will become available on April 15th. Limited spots!

For forms and details contact: [boxoffice@festivalantigonish.com](mailto:boxoffice@festivalantigonish.com) (902) 867 3333

**Wanted:**

**Carpenters/Handy Folks, Tools and Workshop**



In preparation for a fun workshop on the weekend of August 12-13, we need the expertise,

tools and workshop of folks in the Antigonish area. Sharon Bayly, a clown and stilt walker from BC, will be on the eastcoast this summer and available to do a stilt walking workshop. She will teach us how to walk on stilts 101. She has sent us the plans and materials needed.

From Sharon's recent email: "Attached are the stilt plans finally! I've included as much detail as I think you'll need, but I'm sure there will be questions, so please don't hesitate to ask. And when you find a local carpenter/maker, feel free to put them in touch with me if they have questions. I've also included a couple of links to sites that refer to materials needed, specifically rubber flooring for the bottoms of stilts (or you can cut up old bike tires too!), and high density foam needed to pad the knee brace, and 4" nylon strapping and velcro needed to brace yourself onto the stilt. The nylon strapping may be challenging to find, so you might want to source it soon. There used to be a place in Vancouver I could get it no problem, but they've gone out of business, and so I looked online for other sources and haven't found any in Canada yet that have 4" strapping or webbing. I'll keep looking and let you know!!"

["Shark Tooth" Heavy-Duty Floor Mat](#)

<https://www.comfortfoam.ca/product-page/2-0lb-medium-density-foam>

[4" - VELCRO® Brand Loop 3610 Knit Nylon Sew-On - Black](#)

If this is something you may be interested in helping us with, you can contact me, Rachel Power, at [info@antigonishculturealive.ca](mailto:info@antigonishculturealive.ca) and I can show you the sketches and discuss the details.

**Venues:**

**Old Barn Gallery**



The OLD BARN GALLERY is located on a 300-acre farm in Pomquet, Antigonish county. They've been in business since 2010 and have three venues (an old barn, a newish barn and the former carriage house) for displaying art at this gallery.

The owners are interested in talking with local artists who would like a place to display their art. They can offer space as well as a very attractive environment with fabulous roses and perennial gardens. Also, two charming Norwegian Fjord horses.

They are also interested in possibly hosting art events at our Beaver Dam Farm, and the venue even has a wonderful parking, toilet.

If interested, please contact Carol Rivoire  
The Old Barn Gallery & Boutique at Beaver Dam Farm

[beaverdf@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:beaverdf@ns.sympatico.ca)

[902-386-2304](tel:902-386-2304)

[352-459-8537](tel:352-459-8537) (cell)

### **Loonsong Cottage Retreat**

Loonsong offers a quiet, inspiring, reflective and creative time away where nature speaks to the body and whispers for it to slow down and move in natural time. Its proximity to town makes for an easy, maybe even spontaneous, trip where 48 hours can feel like a week.



Loonsong is a small retreat place about 45 minutes south of Antigonish in Country Harbour, 'where' Art, Nature, Movement and Wellness serve as holistic connections to the body. Within the grounds of Loonsong, Kathi Ryan, proprietor, created the, "Life As Art Studio which can accommodate a small group of up to 10 artists who want to create together with water and woods a few steps from the door. Available on site for overnight stays is an open concept 3 bdrm cottage...that can sleep 8-9 comfortably. More sleep options available beyond beds as well.

This summer Kathi Ryan will be offering Nia events on Sundays that will include a potluck lunch to follow class and a free afternoon to use the Life as Art Studio or the surrounding area for inspiration to create. Many Nia students are artists as they understand and are drawn to the creativity and freedom within it. Other options for the afternoon would be Massage Therapy, resting in a hammock, swimming, kayaking or just taking time to BE.

Loonsong Cottage is available to rent directly through Kathi or on Airbnb or Cottages in Canada. Workshops and retreats are posted on the website as they are created and in order to learn about these as they arise it is a good idea to register your email on the website. You may find out more about Nia and Loonsong upcoming retreats and workshops on the website or the Nia In Antigonish FB Page

Perhaps this is a venue that you could foresee using for your own workshop? Contact Kathi to discuss the details and the possibilities.

[www.loonsongcottageretreat.ca](http://www.loonsongcottageretreat.ca) or at 902 318-5410 for a conversation. You can also find Loonsong on Facebook at Loonsong Cottage Retreat.

*Venue(s) requested:*

### **Maritime Marionettes**



Heather and Darryll Taylor, originally from Antigonosh county, are staying here this summer on the family farm in Afton, and are wondering if there is interest in communities and venues where they could perform their marionette shows.

If interested, you can contact them directly [taylor@maritime-marionettes.com](mailto:taylor@maritime-marionettes.com)

I've had a look at their website and YouTube page, and their work looks beautiful and very engaging for children.

Please visit their website <http://www.maritime-marionettes.com> for photos and information on the shows and feel free to call [1 \(902\) 893-7626](tel:19028937626) or email with any queries.

[taylor@maritime-marionettes.com](mailto:taylor@maritime-marionettes.com)

**Events:**

**Armchair Travelers**

**When** Thursday, May 11, 2017

**Where** Antigonish Town & County Library, 283 Main St, Antigonish, NS B2G 2C3, Canada  
( [map](#) )

**Description** Armchair Travellers - Antigonish Thu, May 11, 7pm – 8pm Antigonish Library, 283 Main Street, Antigonish, NS (map) Travel around the world without having to leave the library by listening to the adventures of others! All are welcome.

**Definitely Not The Muppet Show Dinner Theatre @ Heatherton Community Centre**

**When** Saturday, May 13, 2017 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

**Where** Heatherton Community Centre ( [map](#) )

**Description** A great Mother's Day Gift!! Take your wife, your mother, your girlfriend, your friend and yourself out for a fun evening!! Enjoy a delicious three course meal and live theatre at the Heatherton Community Centre May 13 at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m. "The Company You Keep" Theatre group will entertain you with live theatre and music. Tickets are \$40 each and available by calling (902)232-2144 or (902)386-0094. In support of St. Matthew's United Church.

**Historical Documents – Mayfest**

**When** May 13, 10AM - 2PM

**Where** Bloomfield Centre, StFX University

**Description** Simon Aucoin will make accessible historical documents including Wills, Deeds, Survey Plans and Historical mapping. 1685-present

Make a donation to the St Marthas Hospital Auxiliary

**Irish Traditional Music Session at the Townhouse Pub**



**When** Sun, May 14, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

**Where** Townhouse Brew Pub & Eatery, 76 College Street, Antigonish, NS B2G 1X7, Canada ( [map](#) )

**Description** Irish Traditional Music Session, no cover

### More Events!

Be sure to check out Antigonish Culture Alive on Facebook and Twitter and the Calendar of Events on our website <http://www.antigonishculturealive.ca> for the latest events in our community. If you have something you would like to add to our events calendar, please send us an email at [info@antigonishculturealive.ca](mailto:info@antigonishculturealive.ca)

Wishing you a wonderful week,

Rachel

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