

Cliff Notes

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NOTEWORTHY



Dr. Melissa Grey, JFI's Curator of Palaeontology, will be attending and presenting her research with her Honours student (and past JFI Interpreter), Max Chipman, and collaborator, Dr. Peir Pufahl (Acadia University), at this year's Canadian Paleontology Conference in Calgary!

ArtScape: JFI's Artist-in-Residence



Sophie Jaillet, the first ArtScape Artist-In-Residence spent six weeks, from July 31 to September 8 at the Joggins Fossil Centre. She was on the beach daily at low tide drawing a portion of the cliffs; constructing home-made paper; participated in the Kids' Summer Camps and hosted an artist talk and open studio. Sophie was an excellent addition to the Centre and she will be missed. Best of luck in the future Sophie.

ArtScape was made possible with funding from the Municipality of Cumberland County and ArtsNS. Thank you!



Events at the Joggins Fossil Institute

- **Science Literacy Week** (September 21) Major Melissa Reyes and "Evolving Canadian Armed Forces Operations through Science." 11:00 a.m. Sponsored by the Dept. of National Defense.
- **United Nations' Day Volunteer Luncheon** (October 24) 12:00 noon.
- **Scary Stories for Grown-ups** (October 30) 7:00 p.m.
- **Halloween Treats** (October 31) 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
- **Centre closed for season; open by appointment from Nov 1 to April 21.**
- **Christmas Sale** (November 19) 11:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Education and Outreach at the Centre

The **JFI Children's Summer Day Camps** were a big success again this year. Over six days in July and August fifty-nine registrants enjoyed yoga, drawing, crafts, story-telling, writing, fossil finding and lots of fresh air and sunshine.

Laurie Glenn Norris, Education and Outreach Manager, will attend the **Association of Nova Scotia Museums Symposium and AGM** in Liverpool in September. In October at the **Conference of the Association of Science Teachers** in Halifax she will introduce the new travelling display unit and make a presentation to teachers promoting the JFI school adventure programs.

2017 Summer Season Review

The 2017 summer season was a huge success! We had new and returning staff who helped to guide us into an **11% increase** in admissions. Seasoned professionals like Interpreters Dana Brown, Calvin Pratt, Rebecca Beardsley and Stephanie Mawdsley, café "chefs" Joyce McAloney and Cathy Hoeg, and Custodian Darren Doncaster all worked their magic to contribute to this year's success. New staff, Mel Hatter, Langille Weatherbee, and Nicole Smith were also wonderful additions to the team and left their mark in many positive ways. We literally cannot do what we do without the skill, enthusiasm and passion of our staff!



Tripadvisor quote from a Boston visitor:

"We found this UNESCO site amazing -- the exhibits, introductory film, the building itself, are all very nice. But the truly fascinating thing is when you go down to the beach and learn from the knowledgeable guide, where to look and what the things were millions of years ago".