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Joggins Fossil Institute Cliff Notes E-Newsletter Autumn 2021



THE SUMMER IN REVIEW

Once again, the COVID-19 lockdown delayed our season, and we welcomed guests back to the Centre on June 16. Additional complications to opening included a running series of beach access delays that were finally sorted out on opening day.

At the beginning of the season the only visitors on site were those contained in the Atlantic Bubble. As the Summer progressed, and boarder measures relaxed, we could welcome back guests from various Canadian provinces. In the fall, our visitor origin statistics will be compiled, at this time, however, we can say anecdotally that the parking lot featured plenty of Ontario, Quebec, and the occasional Alberta license plate (these being our typical high traffic provinces outside the Maritimes).

We are still adapting to changes imposed by COVID-19 regulations and procedures. Some positive and, possibly, long overdue changes have resulted from these actions. We finally committed to an online tour booking system, primarily to afford guests as much certainty to their visit as possible. It also allows our staff to better plan the daily and weekly schedules. Our opening hours for the public changed from 9:30 am-5:30 pm to 10:00 am-5:00 pm. Note that no staff hours were cut in this process. It simply meant that, instead of starting their day at either 9:00 or 10:00 am, all staff now begin at 9:30 am. (we schedule 30 minutes on either end of the day to open/close.) Two positive changes, during a difficult time, that will likely be permanent improvements.

The 2020 season was, again, accomplished with a skeleton crew of staff, a result of uncertain visitor traffic combined with stringent funding conditions. And, again, JFI can point to the front facing staff (our guides, admission personnel, custodial, grounds keeping) as the key to this success. If a positive review is posted online, or more importantly, a guest leaves with a wonderful memory of their visit, it is entirely thanks to interactions with our staff!

Jordan LeBlanc
Director of Operations

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday September 18

1:00-4:00 PM

All About Memoir: Writing workshop with Sandra Phinney*

If you can talk, you can write. We all have stories. Biggest problem is where to start.

Sandra will give you lots of prompts and jumping off places to start writing your stories.

Please contact Laurie to register.

This workshop is free to all, however, Sandra is encouraging participants to make a suggested \$10 donation to the Joggins Fossil Institute.

Tuesday September 21

2:00-4:00 PM

Fibre Arts Friends**Thursday September 23**

11:00 AM

Science Literacy Week Programme - "Risk Takers and Innovators "

with Sandra Phinney*

Learn about some great Canadian inventors (since 1950 onward) as Sandra shares stories from some of the people she interviewed for her book, *Risk Takers And Innovators*. This is an illustrated presentation.

Space is limited. Please contact Laurie to reserve your seat.

Saturday September 25

Time: 1:00-4:00 PM

13 tips for taking WOW photos! Photography Workshop

with Sandra Phinney*

It matters not if you have a point-and-shoot, I-phone or expensive DSLR camera. Sandra says it's all about composition and she'll give you tips on taking memorable photos.

Bring a camera! You'll be experimenting inside and outside.

Please contact Laurie to register for this event.

This workshop is free to all, however, Sandra is encouraging participants to make a suggested \$10 donation to the Joggins Fossil Institute.

Tuesday October 19

2:00-4:00 PM

Fibre Arts Friends

Tuesday November 16

2:00-4:00 PM

Fibre Arts Friends

*The ArtScape Artist-in-Residence programme is generously supported by the Municipality of Cumberland -All programs are free and open to the public.

Any existing Provincial COVID-19 protocols will be in place for all programs.

For more information and to register for an event contact:

Laurie at 902-251-2727 ext. 224 or glennnorris@bellaliant.net

FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT

**Support the Joggins Fossil Cliffs this fall with a chance to
WIN a Joggins Fossil Cliffs Gift Basket!**



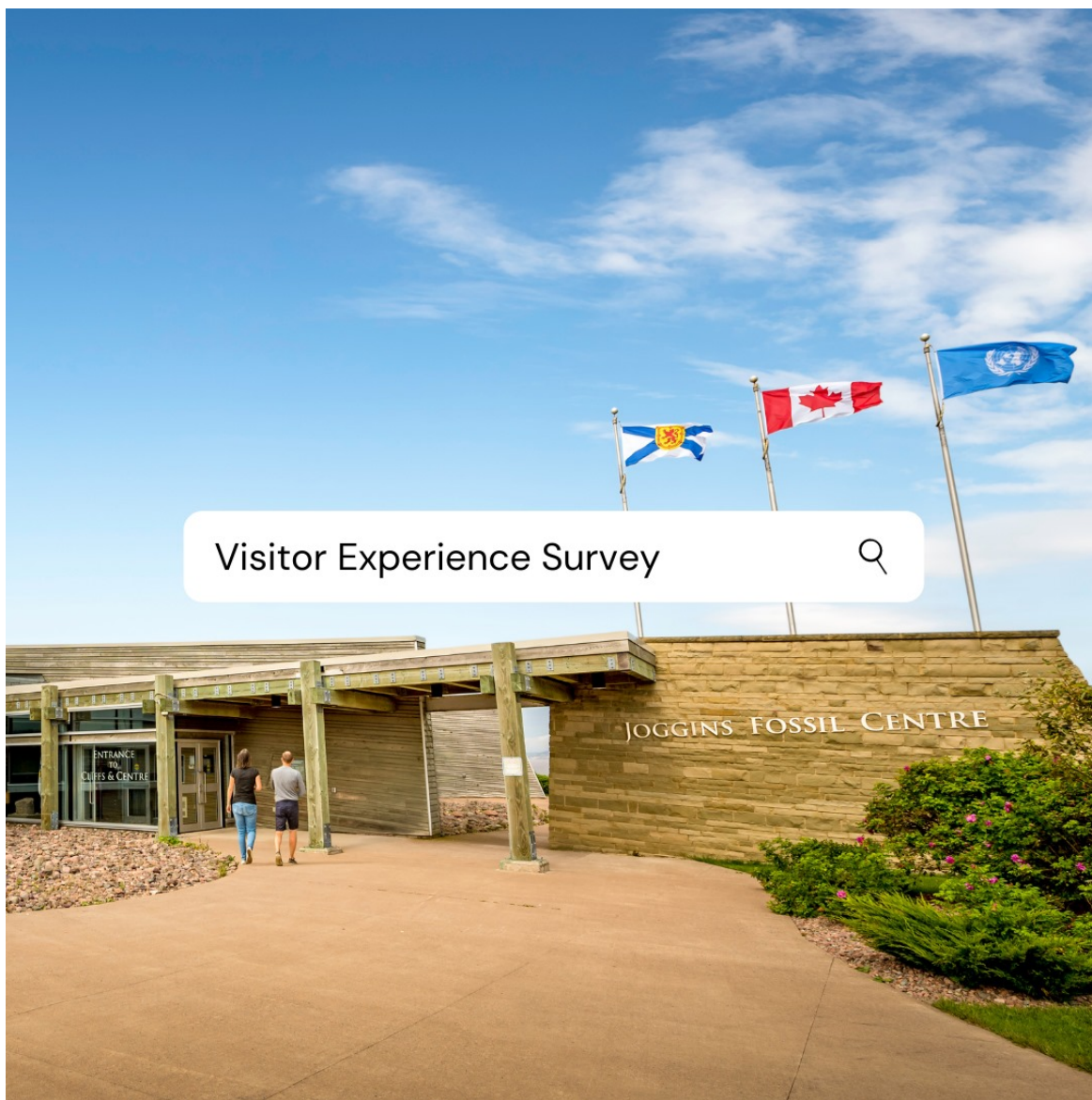
Totalling over \$150 in value, items include 2 hoodies, 2 t-shirts, 4 travel mugs, and 4 note pads.

**Tickets are 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5.
All proceeds in support of the Joggins Fossil Institute!**

Draw date: Oct 24th

**Tickets available at the Joggins Fossil Centre,
or by calling 1-888-932-9766.**

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Did you visit the Joggins Fossil Cliffs in 2021? Tell us about your experience! Visitor Survey participants will be entered in a draw to win a Joggins Fossil Cliffs prize pack. <https://jogginsfossilcliffs.net/forms/survey/>

Did you know?

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EDUCATION & OUTREACH

September 20-26, 2021 is Science Literacy Week. According to the website, <http://www.scienceliteracy.ca/>, this special week showcases "the many ways kids and families can explore and enjoy the diversity of Canadian science. Libraries, museums, science centers, schools and not-for-profits come together to highlight the books, movies, podcasts and events that share exciting stories of the science, discoveries and ingenuity shaping our lives. It's about each and everyone's unique relationship with science and how they live it."

At the Joggins Fossil Center we are celebrating Science Literacy Week for the sixth year,

with a presentation by author Sandra Phinney, "Risk Takers and Innovators" on Thursday, September 23 at 11:00 am.

Sandra will discuss a number of Canadian inventors and their inventions, including George Klein, "Canada's Edison" who is credited with approximately 2000 inventions, like the motorized wheelchair; Bill Boyle from Amherst, NS, who co-created the Charge Coupled Device (CCD) which led to developments in video and digital photography, HD television, and deep space exploration; and Gina Gallant who invented PolyAggreRoad (PAR) a road paving substance composed of asphalt, crushed rock and plastic waste. She came up with that idea when she was thirteen years old.

"Risk Takers and Innovators" will be available for viewing on the Joggins Fossil Institute's Facebook and website after the live event, for those who are unable to attend.

This event is part of ArtScape Artist-In-Residence programme and supported generously by the Municipality of the County of Cumberland.

The Science Literacy Week presentations are always suitable for all ages. Space is limited. Any individual or group wishing to attend are asked to contact Laurie at 902-251-2727 ext. 224 or education@jogginsfossilcliffs.net to register.

**Laurie Glenn Norris
Education & Outreach Manager**



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