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GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2009; 2010 HAS MOMENTUM: BY JOHN MEISNER

As we are now well into 2010, we look forward to another very exciting year for MICA.

Looking back, some recent activities have propelled our organization forward. The Gala Dinner and Auction was an overwhelming success - the fundraising was a record, we had new corporate sponsors, the art work and auction items were spectacular and everyone had a blast!! It gives us great momentum for planning the 2010 GDA.

The recent St Cecilia Concert, very generously sponsored by Barbara Butler and Rudy Haase in support of MICA, was an outstanding evening of music, food and fellowship.

On a personal note, Janet and I recently enjoyed the generosity of our friends Nancy and Harry Balcome, who had bid for and won the exquisite 5 course dinner donated by Chef Eddy O'Neill and his partner Jenni-



Early in the New Year, Barbara Butler and the St. Cecilia Concert Society hosted a special musical fundraiser for MICA at her home in Oakland. A special thank you to Rudy Haase for generously sponsoring the musicians - Marc Djolic, violinist and Lynn Stodola, pianist, who gave a delightful performance. Jane Ritcey Moore and Senator Wilfred Moore lent their culinary talents to the delicious buffet dinner. It was a packed House and a memorable evening! Pictured above (l-r) Lynn Stodola, Marc Djolic, Barbara Butler, Sherrill Harrison, MICA and Rudy Haase.

fer Swinamer.

Looking ahead, we will be launching our Membership Survey to obtain input on the future direction and activities of MICA - please respond. Our committees are all very busy in their areas of activity and we are working on identifying

our next acquisition project.

I again offer a sincere thank you to our Directors, our committee members and all the supporters of our organization who have committed so much time, energy, talent and resources to make MICA what it is today.

Thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 1: 2010 membership due

Feb 18-21: Halifax Boat Show, Exhibition Park.

June 8: MICA Annual General Meeting, Lunenburg Yacht Club

June 25: MICA sponsors Happy Hour at LYC.

July 1: The MICA/LYC Three Islands Race

July 14, 21 & Aug 4: Evening islands tours out of Mahone Bay in partnership with South Shore Boat Tours

July 29 - Aug 1: Mahone Bay Classic Boat Festival

Sept 15, 7 pm: Mahone Islands History evening at the Mahone Bay Centre

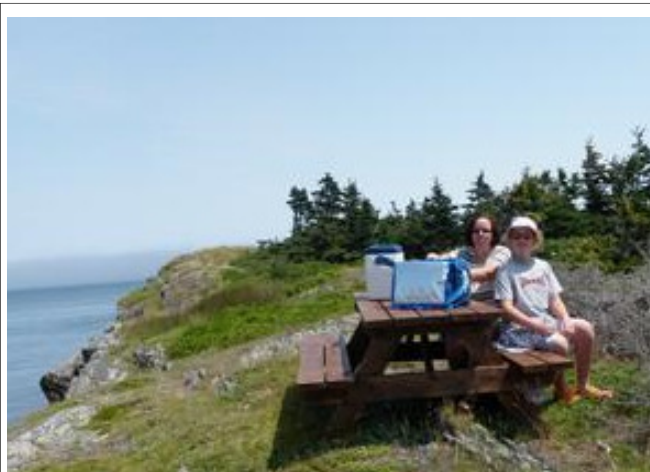
Oct. 29: Gala Dinner and Auction, Oak Island Inn and Spa

STEWARDSHIP NEWS BY BRYAN PALFREYMAN

A formal stewardship agreement between the Government of Nova Scotia, through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and MICA is now in place for Andrews Island. Similar formal agreements are expected for each of the islands purchased by the Province in partnership with MICA.

MICA's role is to advise DNR on stewardship issues and regular meetings are held to facilitate exchange of views and ideas and to determine actions to be taken.

As part of MICA's stewardship, volunteers removed a large amount of "materials" during a



For the enjoyment and convenience of island visitors, in July 2009 MICA's Stewardship Committee placed picnic tables on Andrews, Backman's, Covey, Masons, Long and Sacrifice.

clean-up of Sacrifice Island last October.

Picnic tables have also been placed on all MICA islands and we hope that you will enjoy using them. As always, please follow MICA's

guidelines for island use. They appear on our web site and on the islands.

Also, please consider donating to MICA for our continued stewardship responsibilities.

NEXT YEAR WITH A TWIST BY BROM HART

Plans are underway for this year's Gala Dinner and Auction scheduled for Oct. 29, at the Oak Island Inn and Spa. After last year's success, how could we not host another event this year?

We are planning to make this an even more enjoyable and better affair with some new twists.

For one, we will host

some of our premier items on the MICA web site and allow on-line bidding. This will improve the Live Auction, giving more exposure to items beforehand and quickening the pace. (See we listen to our audience!)

We also hope to have two video screens so items will be more visible.

We welcome your suggestions to enhance the evening and ask you to consider donating items for the auction. Last year, we had vacation packages, musical groups and a wonderful Mouette sailboat, as well as artwork.

For more information or to submit suggestions call me at 634-3749 or hart@eastlink.ca

FLOTSAM & JETSAM

Renew membership

Remember to renew your membership in MICA and spread the word to others people who enjoy the water and the beautiful view of the islands. Fees are due Jan 1, and can be paid online at www.mahoneislands.ns.ca/membership.shtml.

Gift cards

Don't forget we have a very nice gift card with a photograph of Sacrifice Island for donations, gift mem-

berships or *in memoriam* tributes. Check www.mahoneislands.ns.ca/helping/giftcards.shtml or call our Treasurer at (902) 624-8474 or email treasurer@mahoneislands.ns.ca.

Web updates

Watch web site for updates like aerial photos from the 1940s and 50s of the islands and other historical spots in Mahone Bay.

Mahone Island Conservation Association MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Principal contact: _____

Address _____ City/town _____

Prov/State _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Telephone(H) _____ Telephone(W) _____

Email _____

Additional names: _____

Number of Memberships	Length of membership:	Fee
_____	x 1 year (2010): \$10__	
	x 2 years (2010-2011): \$20__	
	x 3 years (2010-2012): \$30__	\$ _____

I would like to donate toward MICA's efforts: \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

A charitable tax receipt will be issued for all donations other than membership fees. Please make cheques payable to "Mahone Islands Conservation Association"

GATHERING THE 411 - BY MICHAEL ERNST

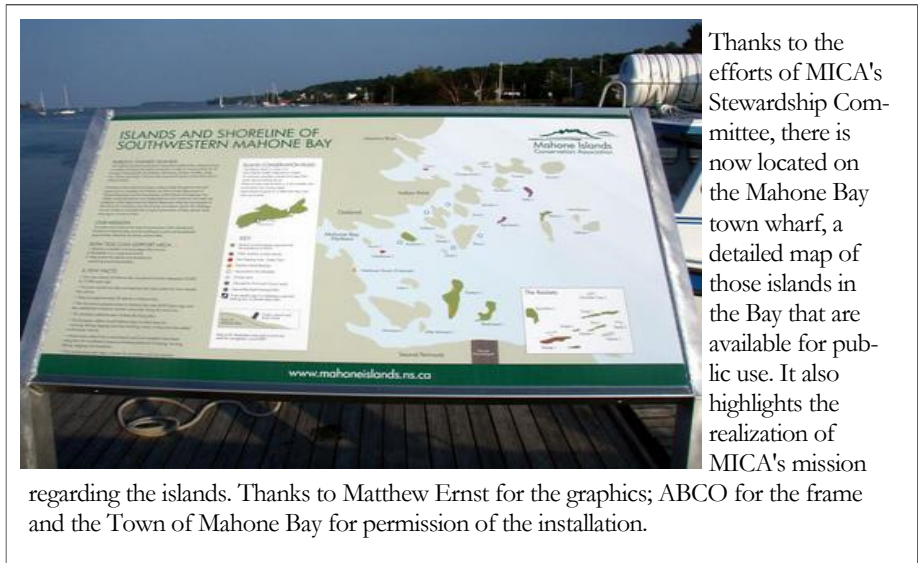
The MICA Resource Documentation Committee has been formed to:

‘Document marine lands including information such as name, location, size, flora and fauna, history, ownership, development and the like and make available for communication to members and the like.’ (MICA Bylaws)

Since the organization began in 2003 a lot of material has been collected about the history and natural environment of the islands and shoreline in South West Mahone Bay. One way that we will make this information available to the membership is through our web site. The aim is

to have a comprehensive collection of maps, aerial photos, newspaper articles, personal memorabilia, reports and other documents for anyone to access.

We welcome any additional material, or comments that you may have and would like to share with us.



Shoreline Cleanup Data Card

Please fill out this form & return to MICA

Cleanup Location

Location _____ Shoreline/Beach ___ Underwater ___

Date _____ Number of Helpers _____

Items Collected (approximate #)

Bags _____ Bait Containers _____ Cups/Plates/Utensils _____ Lighters _____

Beverage: Bottles _____ Cans _____ 6 or 8 pack Holders _____

Bleach/Cleaner Bottles _____ Oil/Lube Bottles _____

Clothing: Caps ___ Shirts ___ Shoes ___ Rope _____ Shotgun Shells _____

Buoys/Floats _____ Crates _____ Toys _____ Building Materials _____

Fishing Line _____ Fishing Nets _____ Other _____