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## Gala Dinner & Art Auction / Sacrifice Island acquisition

The 6th Annual "Experience the Islands" celebrated a milestone in raising approximately \$35,000 towards the purchase of Sacrifice Island, far exceeding the 2007 record of \$25,500.

For details of the event, check [www.mahoneislands.ns.ca/events/aad\\_2008.php](http://www.mahoneislands.ns.ca/events/aad_2008.php)

We offer a huge THANK YOU to all volunteers, donors, bidders and participating local companies who made this event so successful and fun. Proceeds from this event will be applied towards the Sacrifice Island acquisition fund.

We are pleased to report that we have reached over 50% of our financial goal for the acquisition of Sacrifice Island of \$200,000 in pledges and donations by year end 2008.

We felt that amount was attainable and would allow us to attract a major funding partner for the balance required to make the purchase.

To date, we have received slightly over \$50,000 in pledges for this campaign. THANK YOU to those of you who have responded to our appeal. As a result of our successful GDA, we now have approximately \$110,000 in pledges and cash available to be applied towards this important acquisition.

We are now pleased to advise

our American friends that **US tax receipts for charitable donations of US\$1000 or more can be issued** through Tides Foundation. Please call our Treasurer at 624-8474 or email Sherry for details at [treasurer@mahoneislands.ns.ca](mailto:treasurer@mahoneislands.ns.ca).

Acquiring Sacrifice Island is dependant on our success in obtaining a partner. We have not yet reached agreement with a major funding partner, but we are optimistic. The more funds we can bring to the table, the better likelihood there will be of a partnership acquisition. We expect confirmation early in 2009.

If you believe it is important to include Sacrifice Island in our group of protected islands available for traditional use, please come forth with a pledge. Please be assured that all pledges and donations are handled with the highest degree of confidentiality.

We fully understand that this is a challenging time to be fundraising; however, this acquisition would be a wonderful legacy to leave to future generations. It is a very solid investment in the future of our community and we believe important to bring into public ownership.

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Local artisans continue to be major contributors to the annual MICA Gala Dinner & Art Auction.

Here are some longtime contributors: (l-r) Ward Isnor, photographer; Kate Church, fabric artist; and Ozzie Hardy, woodturner. Absent, Barry Coutts of the Whirlygig Factory.  
Photo: Sherrill Harrison



## Sacrifice Island pledges

Pledge online at: [www.mahoneislands.ns.ca/helping/pledge.php](http://www.mahoneislands.ns.ca/helping/pledge.php) 2.  
Or fill out and return the form below. Tax receipts will be issued for all honoured pledges.

## Gift cards for donations

In previous years a number of donations were generously made to MICA as Christmas gifts for a friend or loved one. This year, we are pleased to report that we have developed a very nice gift card with a photograph of Sacrifice Island for donations, gift memberships or *in memoriam* tributes.

Check [www.mahoneislands.ns.ca/helping/holidaygiftcard.shtml](http://www.mahoneislands.ns.ca/helping/holidaygiftcard.shtml) should you wish to make a gift with a lasting significance.

Thank you for your continuing support of MICA.



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I pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards the purchase of **Sacrifice Island**.

This pledge is made with the understanding that it is a statement of intent and is not a legally binding contract on myself, my heirs or assigns. My name will be kept anonymous and will not be publicized or shared with other agencies.

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(Signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Mailing Address)

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(Telephone No.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Email)

I would like to join MICA. I enclose \$10.00 for annual membership dues: \_\_\_\_