



ASSOCIATION DES ACADIENS-MÉTIS SOURIQUOIS

As AAMS moves forward, we are planning more inclusive activities and events for members, but we need **YOUR HELP** to make them happen. We know we have a very talented and diverse membership out there, so tell us about yourself! Can you sing or play a musical instrument. Are you good at organizing? Do you have good writing skills? Are you crafty or artistic? Do you just want to lend a hand to do whatever is needed? Members can join a volunteer list by contacting the AAMS Office by phone, email, or just by dropping by.

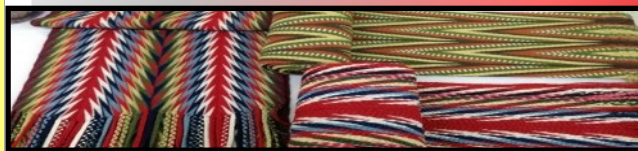
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L'ASSOMPTION SASH

A hand-woven sash was often worn by Acadian Métis and Coureurs de bois. Used as a belt around the waist or slung over the shoulder it had many uses as a sling to carry food, game, supplies, and even served as a medical aid. Known as the "ceinture fléchée de L'Assomption" the distinctive arrow design is unmistakable. The Acadians brought the hand weaving technique from France.

After the deportation, many Acadian women ended up in Quebec. The Governor of Quebec, not knowing what to do with all these Acadian women with idle hands, had them make sashes as a source of employment. The sashes then made their way west with the fur trade. Métis from Quebec and Western Canada claim the sash as their own historical invention, but Acadian Métis know the actual history.



Announcing the AAMS 2017 Bursary Awards!

Renée Muise recently completed her Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology at Dalhousie University. She has been accepted in the Masters of Science in Physiotherapy program at Dalhousie



Chantal Veinotte recently completed her BA with honours in Political Science. She will begin her doctorate degree in Law at Dalhousie University (School of Law) in Halifax this fall



THE NEW AAMS OFFICE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Located at 795 Highway 1, Comeauville, N.S. For easy reference, the office is located in the same building as the radio station CIFA. The office is open Monday through Friday 9am-12noon and 1pm-5pm. Call 902-746-3652, email: aams.office@gmail.com or drop in for a visit, the Office Administrator, Alice Comeau will be glad to show you around. The building, owned by the Municipality of Clare, houses other culturally based non-profit organizations such as Le Festival Acadien de Clare, La Société Acadien de Clare, Fédération Regional des Arts et du Patrimoine de la Baie Sainte-Marie, and Le Transport de Clare. This creates a virtual "Cultural Hub" at the location. Other small businesses and enterprises such as "Le Courrier", EMO, and CIFA occupy the remaining spaces in the building. Construction is ongoing on site and plans are in the making for a grand opening and new roadside signage.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

First things first...

I would like to acknowledge that all of the land, formerly known as Acadie (with the exception of dyked lands) is un-ceded Mik'maw territory. Occupation of this land is by the good will of the First Nation Mik'maw. Merci!

Canada 150 years
Wedgeport 250 years
Acadie 413 years
Mik'maki 13,000 years

Lots to celebrate!

Great strides are taking place this year to guarantee AAMS is a driving force well into the future. As described in the last newsletter, the Provincial START Program grant for \$11,500.00 pays 75% of the wages for the Office Administrator. AAMS has also received a grant from Culture and Heritage for \$5,000.00, plus a \$500.00 grant from the Municipality of Argyle. The Municipality of Argyle grant will be used as a tool to help defer operational costs.

The Culture and Heritage grant is to help celebrate AAMS' ten years in operation. I am glad to announce that this grant will be used to bring Robert Bourdon (AKA Robert Seven Crows) and his companion Joan Pawnee to our communities on September 15th and 16th. Robert is a Métis singer, song writer story teller, and all around great entertainer. Joan is an herbalist, and often joins in with Robert's storytelling and singing. See http://www.les-bouches-decoustues.com/pages/ROBERT_SEVENCROWS_BOB_BOURDON_Canada-1034433.html or simply Google Robert Seven Crows. More information on this great event will be distributed to AAMS members as the event dates grow nearer.

Joseph Jacquard
President of AAMS



Photo of Robert Seven Crows and Joan Pawnee

Sunday August 27, 2017 Bow Hunting Education Course

The Bowhunter Instructors Association of Nova Scotia will conduct the Bowhunter Education Course in Yarmouth, N.S. The course includes instruction on ethical responsibilities of bowhunters; laws and regulations; equipment; basic survival skills, first aid, and safety; when to shoot; and hunting. No bow required when taking the 8 hour Bow Hunting Education Course. Within a year after taking the course, the student must take a practical test with a bow to successfully shoot three out of five arrows into a 30 cm (12 inch) circle from a distance of 13.7m to 18.3m (15 to 20 yards) to receive their certificate. (Note: this course is not for Crossbow).

Cost \$40.00 + HST Tax \$6.00 = \$46.00

Age: 12 and over.

Deadline to register: August 18, 2017 (5 pm)

Contact: AAMS Office for more info: 902-746-3652 (Open 9am-12noon & 1pm-5pm)



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VARIOUS AAMS ACTIVITIES TO JULY 30, 2017

Volunteer Awards Celebration April 27/17



Earth Day - Tree Planting May 10/17

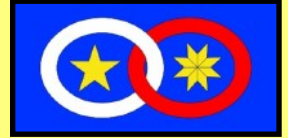


Weymouth July 1/17



Festival Acadien de Clare July 30/17





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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Aug 11, 12, 13, 2017 Grand-Pré

Regional Mi'kmaw Chief, Morley Googoo, has invited all AAMS members to participate in a four-day "Peace and Unity Gathering" of renewed Acadian and Mi'kmaw friendship commencing at 5 pm on August 10th and continuing on the 11th, 12th, and 13th at Grand-Pré, N.S. Plans include Rendez-vous Acadian tent, a cultural village with 15 teepees, a vendor market, culinary demonstrations, entertainment, and a dance circle. LINK: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/grand-pre-to-host-big-celebration-of-mi-kmaq-acadian-bond-this-summer-1.4031013>

August 20, 2017 Port Royal National Historic Site - Habitation

An invitation has been received for AAMS Directors and members to have demonstrations of drumming, singing and traditional Métis prayers (e.g. Seven Directions Prayer) performed at Port Royal National Historic Site (Habitation) for the tourists and visitors. August 20, 2017 from 1 pm to 4 pm.

September 15 & 16, 2017 AAMS 10th Anniversary

Association des Acadiens-Métis Souriquois 10th Anniversary Celebration.

Members and the Public are invited to attend this grand event. Event Schedule for these two days will be posted on Facebook and the AAMS Website.

NOTE: Other events are being planned. AAMS members will be notified when location and dates are confirmed.

<< Quand on est Métis, on n'est pas moins de l'un que de l'autre. On est plus que le premier et plus que le deuxième. On est la somme de deux cultures. On est Métis. >>

Auteur inconnu

FRIENDLY REMINDER:

Please remember to pay your YEARLY DUES

The AAMS Board of Directors is working hard to keep costs down while representing over 1500 members. There is strength in numbers, but everything has a cost

Join us on:

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Note: to find us fast on Facebook type "Souriquois" in Search

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