

## **Mahone Bay Father Christmas Festival Guide 2007 November 24th - Dec 2nd**

Enjoy the warmth and hospitality of our **Third Annual Father Christmas Festival**.

Showcased throughout the town will be over 60 larger-than-life Father Christmas characters. Each figure has been lovingly designed, stitched, hand painted & dressed in festive finery by volunteer artists and business owners. Shop the many stores, galleries, cafes, and restaurants and be amazed at the variety available.

Again, this year there are a variety of events for your enjoyment. The Yuletide Gourmet Market, Antique Fair, Decorated Homes, Décor & Entertaining Workshops and marketplaces of trees, wreaths and garlands will make your holidays inspired and easy. Children can decorate gingerbread houses, see Santa, watch a play and so much more.

A thank you to all the many volunteers, residents, businesses and others who make such an event possible and successful.

### **WIN YOUR WISH LIST**

**Over \$1500 worth of wonderful gifts!** This year might be your turn to win. The retailers of Mahone Bay are offering you an opportunity to win every item on your list for you and those you like to remember at this time of year. **Visit the retailers** listed on the Wish List and follow the rules to validate your ballot. Remember, you must take time to browse through **at least 5 of our establishments** and list items you'd like to have (no "gift certificate"). Ballots can be picked up at participating retailers, look for a sign in their window, and must be returned to participating retailers by 5:00pm. on December 16th..

**Fill all your Christmas stockings in Mahone Bay, the town of Christmas abundance!**

### **Horse-Drawn Transit**

Hop on the horse-drawn Mahone Bay transit and watch for a special guest on board, as it makes the shopping circuit. Shops filled with antiques, crafts and gifts will be festooned for the season. Our streets will be filled with music – it's starting to feel a lot like Christmas in Mahone Bay!

With five stops (see map) it's a great way to park and ride around the town for shopping! Children under 12 yrs. ride free, must be accompanied by an adult

\$2 with a day stamp

Saturdays & Sundays November 24th-25th & December 1st-2nd

12:00pm until 4:00pm

## **Yuletide Gourmet Market**

Saturdays 10:00am - 4:00pm and Sundays 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Breads, croissants, Christmas sweets, hors d'oeuvres, pâtés, terrines, local wines, vinegars, jams, jellies, preserves, smoked fish, local cheese, cranberries, truffles, fine chocolates, Christmas puddings & medicinal mushrooms are some of the delights to sample! (Suttles & Seawinds Barn)

## **CELEBRATING HOME**

Saturdays and Sundays 11:30 - 4:00

Tuesday, November 27th, 6:30 - 8:30

A team of talented Mahone Bay women creatively decorated two lovely Mahone Bay Municipal Historic Properties with fresh, fabulous and fun ideas for Christmas. You will be inspired with the spirit of holiday decorating.

**The Whitman House** 328 Main Street **The Heison House** 674 Main Street

Tickets \$7:00 for one or both homes. Purchase at the door. In support of The Food Bank

## **Decor and Entertaining Demonstrations at The Teazer Annex**

For reservations call 902.624.9097

All workshops \$7 per class. except Wed. class

All proceeds to The Father Christmas Festival

### **Saturday, November 24, 2007**

#### **Off The Vine**

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Join Winemaker **Gina Haverstock, of Gaspereau Vineyards** as she takes you through pairing wines with your holiday foods. You will sample the fine wines of the Gaspereau Vineyards paired with the fabulous gourmet tastes of **Fleur de Sel's award winning Chef Martin Ruiz.**

#### **From Nature to You**

3:00pm - 4:30pm

**Svenja Dee of Tulipwood** will show you how to deck the halls with wreaths, centrepieces and other decorations made from naturals. Her bouquets and whimsical designs are inspirational and well-known in Nova Scotia and beyond. You can count on being in awe.

### **Sunday, November, 25, 2007**

#### **Gifts of Good Taste**

2:00pm - 3:00pm

**Linda Flinn**, caterer and owner of the very popular **Kiwi Cafe** in Chester will delight you with lots of new and fabulous hints and ideas for your holiday parties. Just think of the lovely tastings you tried last year....you'll rave about them this year.

### **The "Greening" of Christmas**

3:30pm - 5:00pm

**Cancelled**

### **Wednesday, November 28th**

6:30pm - 8:30pm,

#### **Hands on Wreath Making**

**Master Florist, Penny Taylor of The Blossom Shops** will take you through the steps of creating your own fabulous wreath. Make it a group event with "the girls" or bring a family member. Materials provided. Bring your own personal touches eg decorations, pictures, favourite ribbons etc.

Cost \$20.00

### **Saturday, December 1st, 2007**

1:00pm - 2:00pm TBA

#### **Contained Spirit**

3:00pm - 4:00pm

**Crystal Godfrey of Oceanview Gardens** in Chester has some great ideas for your outdoor boxes and containers. She'll show you techniques and design ideas that will take you into the after - Christmas season too.

### **Sunday, December 2nd, 2007**

**1:00pm - -2:30pm**

#### **Bedecked with Festive Florals**

**Master Florist, Penny Taylor of The Blossom Shops** will create magic with innovative ways to use fresh florals inside and outside your home. This year she will inspire you with her talents at tree trimming. Penny has won first prize many times at the Festival of Trees in Halifax. There are many tricks of the trade.

**3:00pm - 4:30pm**

#### **The Hearth of the Holidays**

**Wade Gear of Seaside Flowers** in Lunenburg will show you how to add drama and beauty to the room by dressing the fireplace for the season. Be it the focus point of your living room, dining room or family room. Wade is brimming with ideas to make that mantle sparkle.

### **The Antique Market**

FIRST WEEKEND ONLY

Saturday, November 24th 10:00am - 6:00pm

Sunday, November 25th 12:00pm - 4:00pm

#### **Legion Hall, Pond Street**

If you are looking for a unique Christmas gift from yesteryear, don't miss this popular event. There are 12 dealers with a variety of antiques - from glassware to

furniture,  
primitives and artwork.  
Admission \$1.00

## **Christmas Marketplaces of Trees, Wreaths and Garland**

**Lions Club**, across from the Town Monument Dec 1 & 2nd

**Tom Ernst Forest Products**, Woodstock Road, Clearland (12km.out of town) Daily  
**Svenja Dee of Tulipwood** - A Holiday Extravaganza of Garlands and Greens, at The Eclectic Garage, 363 Maine Street.

Open daily 10:00am - 5:00pm Sundays 12-5

## **Music, Concerts & Choirs**

The streets, churches, stores and houses of Mahone Bay will be filled with music throughout the festival.

### **Sunday, November 25th**

2:30pm - 3:00 pm

#### **South Shore Chorale**

St. John's Lutheran Church.

Take a break and lift your spirits, with the **South Shore Chorale directed by Linda Jeffrey** and accompanied by pianist Sharon Gow Knickle

Donation appreciated.

### **Thursday, November 29th**

7:00pm - 9:00pm

**Ardyth and Jennifer** in concert; well known singers/songwriters/celtic harpists.

Trinity United Church

Tickets \$15 available at Kinburn Pharmasave and The Biscuit Eater Cafe

### **Saturday, December 1st**

10:00am

**"Men with Gloves", the "Blues"** with guitarist Scott Macmillan, bassist/vocalist John Chaisson and pianist Dave Staples. Enjoy the "blues" followed by a breakfast of blueberry crepes and other goodies.

Cecilia's Retreat, 1199 Oakland Rd.

Tickets \$15. Reservations 624-0506 or [barbara.butler@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:barbara.butler@ns.sympatico.ca)

## **Fun-Filled Activities for Kids**

### **'Twas the Night Before Christmas Reading**

**Both weekends**

Sat. 12am-4pm Sun. 12-4pm

Gary Bardon will delight children and adults with a reading of this holiday classic.

Upstairs in the barn at Suttles & Seawinds.

### **Gingerbread Decorating**

Saturday, November 24th & Dec 1st 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Bring your children or grandchildren to decorate a gingerbread person and little gingerbread house. The children will love this free activity provided by the Settlers Museum. Lots of fun and a guided activity. Pre-registration is advised for this event - ages 2-10. We ask that parents stay and participate with their child – donation appreciated.

Advance registration appreciated 624-6263

The Mahone Bay Centre #4

### **Father Christmas Party- Mahone Bay Centre**

Sundays 11:00am - 4:00pm

Make your way up the hill to the Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School Street. You'll be glad you did, because you will be a part of the Old School Market all decked out for the holiday festival with lots of music to entertain you, vendors of all sorts, free door prizes, a Kids' Korner with Santa Claus and stories, food to munch on, arts and crafts, a holiday sing song, demonstrations ...all waiting for you to enjoy!

For information call 624-0890 #4

### **Play - Rat and Mole's Christmas from "The Wind in the Willows"**

Saturday, Nov 24 & Dec 2

3:00 pm

See the wonderful Christmas play about Rat and Mole and their Christmas Caroling event. A dramatic short presentation of Rat and Mole's Christmas from "The Wind in the Willows" by students from Bayview School. Follow as we again take the famous Mouse Choir through the town, singing and swinging their tails.

Admission by donation.

The Mahone Bay Centre. #4

### **The Settlers Museum**

578 Main Street The museum is really in full Christmas swing. Visit the museum and see our Christmas Past exhibit - **Toys and Customs of Other Times.**

### **Homemade Ham and Bean Luncheon**

11:00am - 2:00pm Saturday, December 1st

St. James Anglican Church Parish Hall

Served by First Steps staff, Board member and several local personalities. \$9/plate, Children 5-12yrs. \$4.50/plate & under 5yrs. free Tickets 902-531-3500, Kinburn Pharmasave or <firststeps@eastlink.ca> On the day, tickets may be obtained through the parking attendant.

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## **At a Glance**

refer to full details \*Numbers refer to map locations

### **Saturday, November 24th**

#### **Pick up Wish List from participating shops**

10:00am - 4:00pm **Yuletide Gourmet Market** #13

10:00am - 5:00pm Svenja's Holiday Extravaganza of Garlands & Greens #17

10:00am - 5:00pm Settlers Museum open #2

10:00am - 6:00pm **Christmas Marketplace** - trees, wreaths & garlands #10

10:00am - 6:00pm **Antique Market** #5

11:00am - 4:00pm **Horse-Drawn Transit**

11:30am - 4:00pm **CELEBRATING HOME- Decorated Houses** #1 & 14

12:00pm - 4:00pm 'Twas the night Before Christmas reading #13

1:00pm - 2:30pm Gingerbread decorating #4

1:00pm - 2:30pm **Workshop -Off the Vine** - pairing wines with your holiday foods with Gina Haverstock and Fleur de Sel Chef Martin Ruiz #12

3:00pm Christmas Play about Rat and Mole's Christmas from "The Wind in the Willows".

The Mouse Choir will carol through the town

3:00pm - 4:30pm **Workshop - From Nature to You with Svenja Dee** #12

5:00pm **Tree Lighting at the**

#### **Bandstand**

### **Sunday, November 25th**

#### **Pick up Wish List from participating shops**

11:00am - 4:00pm Father Christmas Party - Mahone Bay Centre #4

11:30am - 4:00pm **CELEBRATING HOME - Decorated houses** #1 & 14

12:00pm - 4:00pm **Horse-Drawn Transit**

12:00pm - 4:00pm 'Twas the Night Before Christmas reading #13

12:00pm - 4:00pm **Yuletide Gourmet Market** #13

12:00pm - 4:00pm **Antique Market** #5

12:00pm - 5:00pm Svenja's Holiday Extravaganza of Garlands & Greens #17

1:00pm - 2:00pm **Workshop - Fresh Festive Florals with Penny Taylor #12**  
1:00pm - 5:00pm Settlers Museum open #2

2:00pm - 3:00pm **Workshop - Gifts of Good Taste with Linda Flinn #12**

2:30pm - 3:00pm The South Shore Chorale perform at the Lutheran Church #8

## **Tuesday, November 27th**

6:30pm - 8:30pm CELEBRATING HOME - Decorated houses # 1 & 14

## **Wednesday, November 28th**

6:30pm - 8:30pm **Wreath Making Class with Penny Taylor #12**

## **Thursday, November 29th**

7:00pm - 9:00pm **Ardyth and Jennifer** singer/songwriters/celtic harpists #9

## **Friday, November 30th**

10:00am - 5:00pm Settlers Museum open #2

3:00pm - 6:00pm "Holiday Cheer"tasting - Nova Scotia Liquor Commission

## **Saturday, December 1st**

### **Pick up Wish List from participating shops**

10:00am "Men with Gloves" blues concert/breakfast at Cecilia's Retreat #11

10:00am - 4:00pm **Yuletide Gourmet Market #13**

10:00am - 4:00pm **Trees and Wreaths at Lions' Marketplace #6**

10:00am - 5:00pm Svenja's Holiday Extravaganza of Garlands & Greens #17

10:00am - 5:00pm **Christmas Marketplaces- trees, wreaths, garlands & holly #15**

10:00am - 5:00pm Settlers Museum open #2

11:00am - 2:00pm Ham & Bean lunch at St.James Church Parish Hall #7

12:00am - 4:00pm 'Twas the Night Before Christmas reading #13

1:00pm - 2:30pm Gingerbread Decorating #4

3:00pm Rat and Mole's Christmas from "The Wind in the Willows". #4  
The Mouse Choir will carol through the town

3:00pm - 3:30pm **Workshop - Contained Spirit** Crystal Godfrey of

Oceanview Gardens will demonstrate technique and ideas for your  
window boxes and outdoor containers #12

## **Sunday, December 2nd**

### **Pick up Wish List from participating shops**

10:00am - 4:00pm Trees and Wreaths at Lions' Marketplace #6

11:00am - 4:00pm Father Christmas Party - Mahone Bay Centre #4

11:30am - 4:00pm **CELEBRATING HOME - decorated houses # 1 & 14**

12:00pm - 4:00pm 'Twas the Night Before Christmas reading #13

12:00pm - 4:00pm **Horse-Drawn Transit**

12:00pm - 4:00pm **Yuletide Gourmet Market #13**

12:00pm - 5:00pm Holly, wreaths & trees at the Greenery Marketplaces #10

12:00pm - 5:00pm Svenja's Holiday Extravaganza of Garlands & Greens #17

1:00pm - 2:30pm **Workshop - Bedecked with Festive Florals with Penny Taylor #12**

1:00pm - 5:00pm Settlers Museum open #2

3:00pm - 4:30pm **Workshop - The Hearth of the Holidays with Wade Gear #12**

### **We really appreciate & thank:**

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