

The Host Post

Fall 2010

PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada

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Summer Host Event BEACH DAY AT GREENWICH



Photo by: Marilene Urena

The Summer Host Event was held at Greenwich National Park this summer on the beautiful North Shore! Many newcomers and volunteers boarded two busses and journeyed to the white sand beach for an afternoon of fun. It was a beautiful summer day with lots of sun, a little breeze, a huge stretch of beach and rolling sand dunes.

Newcomers from more than 12 countries took part in games of pick-up soccer and volleyball. The surf was high and a few brave souls wasted no time body surfing or simply trying to stand up in the waves. Others enjoyed long walks on the beach with the background music of the waves against the shore.

For many newcomers this was their first time at a PEI beach and Greenwich was a great introduction! The PEIANC would like to thank Parks Canada for making this event possible. We also extend our appreciation to all the newcomers, Host volunteers and PEIANC staff who contributed to the day.



Volunteers needed for Charlottetown Events

Tourism Charlottetown is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with number of upcoming events this September and October.

The events and dates include: **Shellfish Festival** Sept. 17th-19th, **Jazz and Blues Festival** Sept. 23rd-26th, **Fall Flavours** Sept. 26th-30th and **BMO Nesbitt Burn PEI Marathon** Oct. 15th-17th.

Volunteers will get a FREE ticket to the event for which they volunteered and will have the chance to win BIG prizes including a flight with WestJet.

For more information please contact Erin Healey at 629-6601 or email ehealey@walkandseacharlottetown.com



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Experience
Charlottetown's

2nd Annual Pow Wow

Joins us and learn more about the aboriginal Mi'kmaq culture and their history. There will be drumming, dancing, crafts and more. Snacks and refreshments provided

A Pow Wow is a traditional gathering that joins both native and non-native people together to dance, sing and to renew old friendships and make new ones!

When: Saturday September 11th

Time: 12:30-2:30pm

Where: Confederation Landing Park, Charlottetown.
Meeting on site at 12:15pm by the Gazebo.

Contact Marilene or Joe at 628-6009 to sign up for the event.



World Facts

October 1st, 2010
National Day of People's
Republic of China

On October 1st, 1949 Chairman Mao Zedong solemnly declared to the world the founding of the People's Republic of China. This is the main national celebration in China which recognizes the birth of the modern Chinese nation and over 5000 years of history. Many Chinese have a week of holidays in the days surrounding October 1st. Events and activities on this day will include fireworks, concerts, gathering with friends and family, and public events and activities.



Welcome to our newest members of PEIANC!



Ginette Roberge



Joe Byrne



Katherine Craig

I am very happy to be working with the great staff at PEIANC, and to be a part of the Employment Assistance Service (EAS) team. Since starting, I've learned about the many wonderful things the organization does for newcomers. I am honoured to be a part of those initiatives. The joy I feel in working with fellow staff and meeting and helping clients really makes my heart sing! ☺

Over the years I have appreciated the contribution that the PEIANC makes to our Island community. It is a pleasure and a privilege to be able to work with the dedicated and professional staff at the PEIANC. I look forward to meeting many newcomers and volunteers. My hope is that during my time here that I too can make a positive contribution to welcome newcomers to PEI.

I am thrilled to be a part of such an amazing team of people. The staff are friendly, helpful, and care greatly for our clients. Working in the Canadian Life Skills Program and assisting clients during their first year in PEI is very rewarding.

Women's Happiness Group Visits Avonlea Village

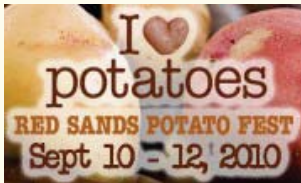
On a sunny July afternoon, a group of 40 women from more than eight countries visited Avonlea Village. For the members of the PEIANC



Photo by: Nancy Clement

Women's Happiness Group, it was an interesting glimpse into 19th-century PEI. It was also an introduction to many beloved and well-known characters on PEI...but not necessarily so familiar in Bhutan or Colombia! The afternoon featured fiddle reels, step-dance, a sing along including Island classics such as 'On the Red Dirt Road.' One of your younger members was invited onstage to act out a part in a song (in fact, according to legend, she may now actually be married to an Islander). Women and children alike had a wonderful time trying on the 19th-century Canadian clothing in the 'Avonlea Dress-Up'. We had a picnic under the trees, and played traditional games like hoop-and-stick, stilts and went for a ride on an old wooden swing. We just missed the pig-race, but there is always next time!

Red Sands Potato Festival



If you like potatoes, then stop by **The Red Sands Potato Fest** at picturesque Victoria-by-the-Sea this September! This event will celebrate the potato and showcase the unique and creative

ways it can be enjoyed.

Time: September 10th, 11th and 12th

Place: Victoria by the Sea

Admission: Weekend Pass \$12, Saturday Pass \$8 and Sunday Pass \$12



Host Post Survey

What do you like about our newsletter?

The **Host Post** has been standard source of information for the PEIANC since before the Association was formed in 1993. Lately, we have been wondering, "What do you like about our newsletter?" What type of information would you like to see included? Is there other information you would like hear about? Your feedback is important to us. In the coming week you will receive an e-mail questionnaire that we will ask you to complete and return. The results of your feedback will be revealed in the Winter Host Post.

We thank-you in advance for your help!



YMCA Youth Exchange—Charlottetown and Montreal

The PEIANC Immigrant Student Liaison team and 19 immigrant youth traveled to Montreal for the YMCA Youth Exchange in March 2010. It was an amazing experience for the participants as they were able to visit new places, learn new things



Photo by: Brad Murray

and make new friends. In June, the PEI students played host to their new Montreal friends and showed them much of what PEI has to offer. The exchange was a huge success and the ISL team is already planning the 2011 exchange! Thank-you to everyone who contributed to the many fundraisers that helped make this event possible.



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