



An Céitean/May 2008

Mìos na Gàidhlig/Gaelic Cultural Awareness Month

1 Diardaoin/Thursday - Là Mór na Gàidhlig/Gaelic Day

Highland Village will observe *Là Buidhe Bealltuinn*, the first day of May and beginning of Gaelic Awareness Month with a presentation by Lewis MacKinnon, CEO for the Office of Gaelic Affairs. He will speak on the history of Gaelic Awareness Month and its importance in bringing Nova Scotia's Gaelic language and culture to public attention. The afternoon will conclude with Gaelic singing by Jim Watson and friends and Gaelic storytelling. Light refreshments will be served. *Admission by donation (2-4 pm).*

17 Disathairne/Saturday - Òrain as t-Earrach (Songs in Spring) Gaelic Song Workshop

Come for an afternoon of traditional Gaelic song. This workshop, led by the Gaelic song specialist Jim Watson, will introduce you to singers, songs, and singing styles from around Cape Breton Island. It will feature filed recordings of some of the Island's most gifted bearers of the Gaelic song tradition. All with an interest in Gaelic song are welcome. Workshop take place in the Visitor Centre boardroom. Light refreshments will be served.

Cost: \$10 per person - public school students & tradition bearers free (1-4 pm).

An t-Òg-mhios/June 2008

Daily throughout the month - Special Demonstrations & Animation Activities

1 Di-dòmhnaich/Sunday – 2008 Season Opening Day

The Highland Village Museum/An Clachan Gàidhealach officially opens for the 2008 visitor season. Services include full animation and programming on site, Gift Shop, washrooms and picnic facilities. The site will be open 9:30 am to 5:30 pm daily until October 19, 2008.

9 Diluain/Monday - Là Fhéill Calum Cille (St. Columba's Feast Day)

Come and celebrate one of Gaelic Scotland and Ireland's most revered saints - *Calum Cille* or St. Columba. Highland Village will observe this special feast day with traditional sweet breads in historic buildings and video taped footage of Cape Breton Gaelic speakers representing the *seanachas* tradition (oral culture). This rare footage includes the late storyteller Joe Neil MacNeil. Light refreshments will be served.

Cost: Regular museum admission fees apply. (2-4 pm)

17 Dimàirt/Tuesday - Am Breacan Bòidheach Fasanta ("Mary's Bonny Plaid") Natural Dye Workshop -

Using natural dyes to add colour to the cloth and yarns that pioneer women made was an important aspect of 19th century life. If you have ever wondered what materials were used to produce such a wide range of hues, please join us for an afternoon of wool dyeing. Participants will learn about various dyeing techniques and will be able to dip a few small skeins of their own.

Cost: \$10 per person (2 - 3:30 pm).

An t-Iuchar/July 2008

Daily throughout the month - Special Demonstrations & Animation Activities

2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 Diciadain/Wednesday - Làithean Sona/"Happy Days" Children's Program

Take part in this special living-history program for children and get a sense of what life was like for Gaels in those special days. The program features special hands-on activities including chores, crafts, games, language, and song. Costumes are provided. For ages 8-12 only.

Cost: \$30 per child. Prepaid reservations are required. No refunds or discounts. (10am-4pm).

3 Diardaoin/Thursday - Highland Village at the Baddeck 100 Celebrations

Highland Village will help the Village of Baddeck mark their 100th birthday with a day of cultural activities. The morning will feature Spòrs (Gaelic Games) for the children (10 am to 12 pm) and the afternoon crafts and cultural demonstrations including a spinning bee, céilidh, textile display and more (1pm to 4pm). All activities will take place in Baddeck.

Free admission.

3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 Diardaoin/Thursday - Cuairt nan Coinnlean/Candlelight Tour

Come join us for an intimate evening featuring a storytelling tour of this living history site and Cape Breton sunset.

Cost: \$12/adult, \$28/family, \$5/students. Prepaid reservations required. No refunds or discounts. (7-9 pm)

4, 11, 18 & 25 Dihaoine/Friday - Spòrs: Gaelic Games for Kids

Join us for a morning of interactive games that focus on language, song, dance and other aspects of Scottish heritage. Gaelic games such as *Tunag Tunag Gàadh*, "Duck Duck Goose" center on basic Gaelic vocabulary and phrases which are incorporated into fun and engaging games for children. Spòrs is for children aged 5-10.

Free admission. (10am-12pm)

8 Diciadain/Wednesday - Ag Éirigh air Òran - Gaelic Song Session

Seumas Watson, Manager of Interpretation at Highland Village, will teach traditional Gaelic songs of Cape Breton, and be joined by friends. Samples of field work collected from traditional Gaelic singers of years gone by will also be featured during the presentation.

Free admission. (2 to 4 pm).

10 & 24 Diardaoin/Thursday - Na Deugairean/Living History for Youth

Partake in this special living-history program for teens and get a sense of the responsibilities and the lifestyles of young Gaels in days past. The program features special hands-on activities including chores, crafts, language and song. Costumes are provided. For ages 13-17 only.

Cost: \$30 per youth. Prepaid reservations are required. No refunds or discounts (10am - 4pm)

16 Diciadain/Wednesday - Hallaig/Gaelic Film Series

Join us in the Highland Village Theatre for a viewing of Hallaig, the film that explores visually Gaelic poet Sorley MacLean's classic poem "Hallaig. Originally composed in Gaelic it's words describe images of loss and memories of the Gaelic community on the Island of Raasay.

Free admission. (2 pm)

19 Disathairne/Saturday - Disathairne/Saturday - Feasgar an Truisg/Codfish Supper

Come satisfy your taste buds with a feed of salt cod, potatoes and all the trimmings of a traditional Cape Breton salt cod supper. If you don't cotton to cod, hot dogs are available upon request. Dinner fee includes admission to museum.

Cost: \$15 adult plate, \$8 child plate, \$2 hot dog. (Backstage, 3-6 pm)

27 Di-dòmhnach/Sunday - Anniversary Church Service - Malagawatch Church

The River & Lakeside Pastoral Charge of the United Church of Canada hosts their annual Anniversary Church Service in the Malagawatch Church.

Free admission to service. (3 pm)

29 Di-màirt/Tuesday - Musique Royal Concert with David Greenburg and the Chris Norman Duo

Musique Royale returns to the historic Malagawatch Church with a concert featuring David Greenburg (Cape Breton fiddle & baroque violin) and Chris Norman (flute, small pipes & vocals).

Tickets \$15 for adult/seniors, \$5 for students (7 pm).

30 July to 1 August - Gaelic Folk Life Festival - Stòras

Three days of presentations, interactive activities and crafts reflecting Nova Scotia's Gaelic tradition and cultural expression. Presenters will include Dr. John Shaw, School of Scottish Studies, University of Edinburgh, Mary Jane Lamond, Susan Cameron, Special Collections, St. Francis Xavier University, Eòsag Nic an t-Saoir, Jim Watson and the interpretive staff of Highland Village. *Regular museum admission fees apply.* Times of activities vary.

An Lùnasdal/August 2008

Daily throughout the month - Special Demonstrations & Animation Activities

1 & 2 August - Gaelic Folk Life Festival - Stòras

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1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Dihaoine/Friday - Spòrs: Gaelic Games for Kids

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Free admission. (10am-12pm)

2 Disathairne/Saturday - Là Mór a' Chlachain/Highland Village Day Concert

Join us for a fun, afternoon of Gaelic arts. Fiddlers, step-dancers, pipers, highland dancers, and more, come together to treat visitors to traditional Nova Scotia Gaelic culture in this outdoor concert overlooking the Bras d'Or Lakes.

Admission: \$10 adult, children free (2pm-7pm).

For more information check out <http://museum.gov.ns.ca/hv/hvday.html>

6 Diciadain/Wednesday - Gaelic Song Session - Ag Éirigh air Òran

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Free admission. (2-4 pm)

6, 13, 20 & 27 Diciadain/Wednesday - Làithean Sona/"Happy Days" Children's Program

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Cost: \$30 per youth. Prepaid reservations are required. No refunds or discounts (10am - 4pm)

7, 14, 21 & 28 Diardaoin/Thursday - Cuairt nan Coinnlean/Candlelight Tour

Come join us for an intimate evening featuring a storytelling tour of this living history site and Cape Breton sunset.
Cost: \$12/adult, \$28/family, \$5/students. Prepaid reservations required. No refunds or discounts. (7-9 pm)

20 Diciadain/Wednesday - Sgul gu Là - Cape Breton's Storytelling Tradition

Come listen to stories of the Gael! This workshop on Gaelic storytelling will be led by Jim Watson, Highland Village Manager of Interpretation. Transcriptions of recordings in the field will offer examples of the Cape Breton's Gaelic storytelling tradition.
Free admission. (2-4 pm).

23 Disathairne/Saturday - Disathairne/Saturday - Feasgar an Truisg/Codfish Supper

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An t-Sultuine/September 2008

Daily throughout the month - Special Demonstrations & Animation Activities

4 & 11 Diardaoin/Thursday - Cuairt nan Coinnlean/Candlelight Tour

Come join us for an intimate evening featuring a storytelling tour of this living history site and Cape Breton sunset.
Cost: \$12/adult, \$28/family, \$5/students. Prepaid reservations required. No refunds or discounts. (7-9 pm)

13 - Disathairne/Saturday - Pioneer Day

This afternoon festival of rural life is for the entire family. See demonstrations of flax processing, candle and soap making, and play horseshoes. Watch the Cash Carding Mill

demonstrations, treadle sewing, and a spinning frolic, fiddling, piping, Gaelic singing, step dancing, a céilidh and milling frolic. There will be a corn boil, horse rides and a whole lot more. *Regular admission rates apply. (Noon-5pm)*

29 Diluain/Monday- St. Michael's Day

St. Michael was the Scottish and Irish patron saint of horses, travel, sea and seafarers. The Day was celebrated enthusiastically in the Hebrides, where many of the people who settled along the Bras d'Or Lakes originated. *Program TBD.*

An Dàmhair/October 2008

Daily throughout the month until October 19 - Special Demonstrations & Animation Activities

10-18 - Celtic Colours International Festival

Every October the Celtic Colours Festival comes to the Highland Village. There will be special workshops, concerts and other events. Watch this space for more information on our Celtic Colours activities.

11 & 18 Disathairne/Saturday - Làithean Sona/"Happy Days" Children's Program

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Cost: \$30 per child. Prepaid reservations are required. No refunds or discounts. (10am-4pm).

16 Diardaoin/Thursday

Celtic Colours Concert - Join us in the Malagawatch Church for our annual Celtic Colours Concert. *More information TBD.*

19 Di-Dòmhnach/Sunday - Closing Day for the Museum site

This is the last day to visit the living history site for the 2008 season.

23, 24 & 25 Diardaoin, Dihaoine, agus Disathairne/Thursday to Saturday

Oidhche nam Bòcan/Night of the Spooks

Come and celebrate Halloween with a special evening tour of the Highland Village by lamp light, complete with storytelling, skits and special effects. The tour is followed by a storytelling session in "The Tuning Room" with fourag, oatcakes and more. This is a family activity enjoyed by all.

Prepaid reservations are required. No refunds or discounts. Cost \$12 per adult, \$28 per family, or \$5 per student. Call (902) 725-2272 for tickets. (7-9 pm each evening).

An t-Samhainn / November 2008

15 Disathairne/Saturday - Caint s Cànan/Gaelic Language Workshop

Want to learn Gaelic? Qualified instructors will lead classes in language and Gaelic song, for both beginner and advanced students.

Cost: \$10 per person. Participants should bring their own lunch. Public school students and tradition bearers receive free admission. (10 am to 3 pm)

An Dùlchadh/ December 2008

Annual Highland Village Christmas Program *TBD.*