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Recent News



LCN Coordinator hired for GNP



MFNL is pleased to announce the hiring of Ian Stone as our new LCN Coordinator for the Great Northern Peninsula region. Ian comes to us with 10 years of experience in the forest industry coupled with a degree in Business Administration from Memorial University. He has had extensive experience in project management and will be a great asset to the team.

We anticipate a start date for Ian to be just after Christmas and his office will be located with the RED Ochre office in Parson's Pond. Welcome Ian!

MFNL Presents to Senate

Model Forest of Newfoundland and Labrador was selected as one of 5 Model Forests from the Canadian network to represent the Forest Communities Program in Ottawa last month. On November 30, 2010 MFNL's General Manager, Sean Dolter, presented before the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, in Ottawa. The presentation addressed issues facing the forest sector in NL, and gave an overview of goals, objectives and current initiatives of MFNL (locally and internationally). Sean also spoke about our service to the FCP and our plans for the future. The senate committee will examine the FCP's contribution to rural, forest dependant communities and make recommendations to parliament on the future of the program.



Tipping a New Market: Tying up the Business Plan!



Green Valley Wreaths is an economic initiative of the Forest Communities Program, sponsored in part by MFNL and the Humber Economic Development Board. The FCP recognizes that sustainability in the forest sector must focus on rural communities where the residents interact directly with the forest resources. A new business is about to bloom! A group of women from White Bay South have decided that they want to see this opportunity

through. With the support of the LCN and its partners, these women have already started a plan with the goal to have a wreath production business established by 2011. The ladies held a local parking lot sale Dec 4th, to promote their product and test the market. Over the next year, they will be *hands on* in the business planning process and operation start up. Look forward to more products from this group in the next few years, and remember to show your support and buy local!



Researching the Changing Forest Sector in Newfoundland



Grenfell Campus of Memorial University is pleased to have Erin Kelly fill a post-doctoral position that will look at social values in forestry. Erin studied Forest Social Science at Oregon State University, and obtained a masters in United States Healthy Forest Restoration Act. Her last 4 months in Newfoundland have been spent meeting with forest stakeholders and those involved with rural community development, speaking with them about their perspectives on sustainable forest management. Her research examines past and current forest policy in Newfoundland, the forest industry, land tenure, forest communities and changes they have seen. Erin will begin a case study in the upcoming summer that will look closely at forestry and land tenure in the region.

Resolving Resource Management Conflict with Grenfell Students

Last month, first year Environmental Science students at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College assumed the role in an integrated resource management scenario. Prepped with information from the Humber Valley Land Use Authority, students were asked to identify the values and threats as seen by their assigned role. The main purpose of the event was to identify solutions to the conflict scenario, as a group. MFNL staff, along with Adam Anderson from Anderson and Yates Forest Consulting, facilitated the role play as an experiential learning event. Students were able to witness first hand the difficulties involved in the decision making process, when multiple stakeholders are involved. Not only did it educate the students on a current and local situation, it was also a lesson on conflict resolution and the challenges related to integrated resource management. The students were engaged and were able to identify key problems and provide ideas, while working towards a common goal of reaching consensus amongst all stakeholders. Hats off to the students for their success.



A Walk in the Woods

A total of 601 students (28 tours) walked with Krista McCarthy, Education Coordinator, this fall. An initiative under the MFNL legacy and education program, is our urban walking tour, offered each fall to students of all ages. It's a chance to visit and explore a piece of the boreal forest right in the back yard. The tour focuses on the ecology of the Boreal forest, as walkers are guided along trails in the Humber Valley—Bay of Islands region, to identify different ecosystems, tree species and other native plants. Upon request, tour content can be customized to compliment curriculum for a particular course or grade level. Tours run from mid-September till the end of October.



Web Site Additions @ www.mfnl.com



Model Forest of Newfoundland and Labrador has added new links to its webpage. Visit www.mfnl.ca and check out the new Kidzone featuring Marti the Pine Martin, along with puzzles, crosswords and other arts & crafts for the kids. Check out our photo gallery, updated monthly with pictures from a variety of events. Links to our newsletters and to the National and International network news are featured on our home page.

Read up on National NTFP news, the Forest Communities Program, and check out the link to the Newfoundland and Labrador Environment Network's (NLEN) schedule of environmental events going on throughout the island. Our home page has a link for everyone, including **RESULTS FROM THE FIRST ANNUAL GEO CACHE EVENT**, (National Forest Week 2010). Thank you to everyone who participated!



Look for our Newsletter, mid January, featuring MFNL Criteria and Training Initiative in Argentina

We Want to Wish a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe a Happy Holiday Season to You and Your Loved Ones!

From the MFNL Staff:

Sean, Glenda, Krista, Lindsay, Tammy & Nate!

