

THROUGH THE LENS OF OUR COMMUNITY

MCDC is extremely pleased to announce the funding of a joint endeavour between MCDC and VEQ. The Department of Canadian Heritage has agreed to fund a 5-month project in the amount of \$45,000 combined, with the purpose of inviting community members of all ages to submit a photograph that represents what the English-speaking community means to them and to write a short sentence to explain why. Workshops on the art of photography will be offered to community members to make this accessible to everyone. An ad-hoc committee will

select the photographs that will be displayed at an exhibit held in turn in Thetford Mines and Quebec City. All photographs included in the exhibit will be formatted on a DVD to allow for viewing by the greatest number of people.

This project will bring together two neighbouring communities, will provide English-speakers with creative opportunities to promote their region and their community and will increase the visibility of the English-speaking community through the art of photography.

More information will be made available in the weeks and months to come. In the meantime, we will be recruiting a part-time Coordinator for this project (see job posting below) as well as volunteers who would be interested in sitting on a Selection Committee to review all submissions and select the ones that will be included in the exhibit and the DVD. If you are knowledgeable about photography or have an artistic flair and would like to volunteer for this project, please contact Suzanne Aubre at 418-332-3851.



JOB OPENING – PROJECT COORDINATOR

The MCDC is recruiting to fill a new part-time position of Project Coordinator for the "Through the Lens of Our Community" project for a period of 5 months. The Project Coordinator will assume the following responsibilities under the direction of the Executive Director.

Main responsibilities:

- ▲ Promote the project throughout the community and invite community participation
- ▲ Recruit trainer and organize photography workshops for the benefit of community members
- ▲ Organize and coordinate meetings of the Steering Committee and the Selection Committee
- ▲ Work in close partnership with the VEQ Coordinator and the Exhibit Coordinator on all aspects of the project
- ▲ Make all logistical arrangements for the exhibit to be held in Thetford Mines

- ▲ Write and send invitations and press releases and organize a press conference for the opening of the exhibit and the launch of the DVD
- ▲ Keep the community regularly informed on the development of this project
- ▲ Write reports required by the funder
- ▲ Document and evaluate the results
- ▲ Ensure that the objectives of the project are met on time and on budget
- ▲ Execute any other related tasks

This is a part-time position and is based on a working schedule of 20 hours per week for 5 months (from November 2011 to March 2012). The person will be based in Thetford Mines but will be required to travel occasionally. The ideal candidate will meet the following criteria:

- ▲ Capacity to mobilize the community and encourage participation from all sectors, including the English school

- ▲ Knowledge and experience related to photography and/or with an artistic background
- ▲ Minimum of 2 years of experience in a coordination capacity
- ▲ Excellent communication, interpersonal and organizational skills
- ▲ College degree in a field related to the position
- ▲ Good computer skills (MS Office suite)
- ▲ Fluent in both French and English
- ▲ Access to a car

If this position interests you, please forward your curriculum vitae by 4:00 p.m., Nov. 4, 2011, to:

Executive Director MCDC
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Thetford Mines (Qc) G6G 6H2 /
Fax: 418-332-3153
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Seniors' Drop-Ins



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, Nov 6th : Clocks go back by 1 hour.

Thursday, Nov. 17th: Annual General Assembly of the Megantic Community Foundation (MCF) from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Community Resource Centre.

Sunday, Nov. 27th : Masons' Grey Cup Party being held at the ASJ High School Room of Champions, time TBD.

Wednesday, Nov. 30th : MCDC Book Club, 7:30 p.m. Community Resource Centre.

Monday, November 14th: **Kinnear's Mills**
Monday, November 21st: **Inverness**
Monday, November 28th: **Thetford Mines**



REGULAR ACTIVITIES:



Parents & Tots

Every Monday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; for more information please call Judy Lawrence at 418-332-3851.

Community Library

Opening hours are Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the MCDC Community Resource Centre.

Book Club



Monthly meetings. For more information call Hélène at 418-332-3851.



MUSIC FESTIVAL – DINNER & DANCE

MCDC is inviting the community to a day of music which will feature local talent from all age groups (young and old)

followed by a dinner & dance.

Saturday, November 5, 2011

at the Club Aramis, Thetford Mines

2:00 – 5:00 pm: Musicians, dancers, and singers Show

5:00 – 6:00 pm: Cocktails

6:00 – 8:00 pm: Dinner

8:00 – midnight Dance



Admission: Adults \$17.00;
Youth 12 and under \$8.00

Afternoon only: Free

Dance only: \$5.00

Deadline to buy tickets:

October 31st

During the event, MCDC will hold its annual Silent Auction to raise funds for its volunteer transportation service. Don't forget to bring your wallet to support a good cause!

Don't miss the various shows by ASJ students, community members (former and present), and dance to the music of the David McBurney Band.



Come and enjoy some scrumptious appetizers being prepared for us by the Pampered Chef representative. This event is being sponsored by MCDC and there is NO obligation for purchases.

It will be a nice way to finish off the week!

When: Friday, **November 18, 2011**

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Where: United Church Hall, Thetford Mines

Admission: \$ 5

A light lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Please **r.s.v.p. by Nov. 16th to Maureen at 418-332-3851 / 1-877-338-3851**



QUEBEC CITY SHOPPING TRIP FOR SENIORS to GALERIE DE LA CAPITALE

Date: Tuesday, **November 22, 2011**

Schedule:

8:45 a.m. United Church, Thetford

9:15 IOOF Hall, Inverness

9:30 HLM, Ste-Agathe

3:00 p.m. Leaving Quebec to come home



Price: \$12

Call MCDC at 418-332-3851 or

Jan Lowry 418-338-8312 to reserve.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CAPSULE



For the men in Canada, November is "Grow A Moustache" month. This is

your way of showing support for research into Prostate Cancer.

REGIONAL COOP SERVICES

COOP services allow you to get help at home at a very affordable price. Available services include:

Full scale house cleaning

Light house cleaning

Personal assistance

Hairdressing service

House maintenance

Lawn mowing, others...

You may even qualify for tax credits depending on your age and your situation. For more information, you should contact the organizations themselves, depending on the

territory you live in:

• **Appalaches:** Coopérative de services à domicile – 418-334-0852

• **Érable:** Solution Ménage de l'Érable – 819-621-3030

• **Lotbinière:** Coopérative de solidarité de services à domicile de Lotbinière – 418-728-4881.

However, if language is a barrier in accessing the services, MCDC will be happy to provide any information you may need and assist you in requesting these services. For help, call Chris or Hélène at MCDC 418-332-3851.



School News

▶ **Nov 1st:** Governing Board, 7 p.m.

▶ **Nov 11th:** Last day of Term 1

▶ **Nov 15th:** Fashion Show

▶ **Nov 17th:** Report Card Night

MILESTONES

— **Sincere condolences** to Joan McCammon and family on the recent passing of George McCammon.

— **Happy Birthday** to Grace Cox now residing at the Wales Home, and Dorothy Goulet – Nov. 27th (former St. Patrick's school teacher) now residing in Sutton, QC.

— **Get well wishes** go out to Jean Wright for a speedy recovery.



MCDC MEMBERSHIP

All members of the English-speaking community of Chaudière-Appalaches and l'Érable are invited to become members of MCDC. Membership is free and it is a great way to get involved and show your support for your community. For additional information, please call us at 418-332-3851 or 1-877-332-3851 or visit our website at <http://mcdc.info>.