

Association des Acadiens-Métis Souriquois

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2018 AAMS

Bursary Recipients

This year, AAMS has awarded bursaries to three applicants, who are deserving AAMS members and will pursue post-secondary studies.

EMILIE COTTREAU, École secondaire de Par-en-Bas 2016 graduate, completed two years at l'Université Sainte-Anne, in a Bachelor of Science.

Come Fall 2018, Emilie will be attending Dalhousie University to pursue a degree in a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (BScPharm).



COURTNEY DEVEAU is a 2015 graduate from Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School, and has since accomplished two post-secondary years.



Courtney is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) at the Dalhousie University School of Nursing Yarmouth Campus.

ANNIE DEVEAU, 2018 graduate of École secondaire de Clare.



The Nova Scotia Community College Burrige Campus, in Yarmouth, is where Annie will begin her post-secondary studies, in the Esthetics & Spa Therapies program, come September.

AAMS PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On June 12th 2018, in Yarmouth, the AAMS Board of Directors met with representatives of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC): André Guertin (Senior Policy Advisor, Métis Relations Directorate), Erik Anderson (Director of the Métis and Non-Status Indian Relations Directorate) and Dana Fraser (Manager, Individual Affairs & Governance). The two-hour meeting was to get to know each other. INAC is now well informed of AAMS goals, vision, mission, present day historical research and the Acadian Métis culture. The meeting was adjourned with promises of keeping in close contact with very friendly relations.

AAMS is now also a contributing voice to the newly created Nova Scotia Métis Alliance. The agreement of friendship was signed July 13th, 2018 and includes Highlands Métis Nation, Eastern Shore Métis Nation, Bras d'Or Lake/Unama'ki Voyageur Métis and l'Association des Acadiens-Métis Souriquois. Together, working on Provincial and National issues with a stronger voice and greater numbers.

An open letter, attached on page 4 of this newsletter, was widely circulated on social media in March 2018. It speaks for itself and was effective in bringing clarity on social media, such as Facebook and Twitter, in regards to the standards and by-laws of AAMS.

Yours in Acadiens-Métis fellowship,

Joseph Jacquard

Summer Solstice Celebration

June 21st, 2018 — Church Point Lighthouse, Nova Scotia

To celebrate Aboriginal Day and the 2018 Summer Solstice, AAMS gathered on the longest day of daylight, with more than 35 folks in attendance.

It was a beautiful sunny day, with a light breeze coming across the rarely calm Baie Sainte-Marie. The blue sky complimented the sun and the moon, which both shone from different directions.

Afterwards, supper was generously served by the Lisa T. Café, with fresh fricot, homemade rolls, and celebratory cake. In the meanwhile, live music by Alfred Saulnier and his grandson Leon Stuart echoed in the background of the chorus of conversing voices.



Upcoming Events

Festival acadien de Clare — Bazaar

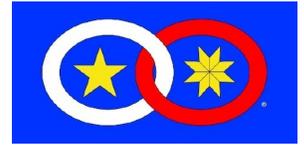
Sunday, July 29th, 2018 — 10am to 5pm
Université Sainte-Anne, Church Point, N.S.

Come visit the AAMS booth !

Trevor Gould

Mi'kmaw Dancer/Drummer/Singer
Thursday, August 2nd, 2018 — 3:30pm
Western Counties Regional Library (Pubnico Branch)
35 Highway 335 Pubnico, N.S.

This program is for ages 5 +
Trevor will speak about Mi'kmaw culture, share songs & dance.



Did You Know?

Since 2010, AAMS adopted 'Coureurs de Bois' by Phillip & Wendell d'Eon as the theme song of the association.

“— Je suis coureur de bois,
je connais les Mi'kmaq.
Leur sang — coule en moi,
— J'ai refusé de signer,
ce maudit papier,
Trahissant — mes valeurs.
— Mais maintenant je face,
de perdre un trésor,
ma langue — tirée d'un bord.
— Je suis le futur,
je porte la clé,
de l'avenir — de Grand-Pré.”

(ENGLISH Translation)

“— I am a woods roaming Metis,
I know the Mi'kmaq,
their blood — flows in me.
— I refused to sign,
that cursed document,
betraying — my values.
— Yet now I risk
losing a treasure,
my language — torn aside.
— I am the future,
I carry the key,
of the destiny — of Grand-Pré.”



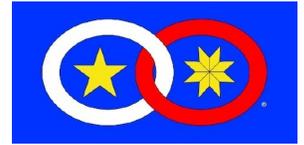


AAMS Office

We welcome two new employees!

Claire Robicheau, secretary, brings to AAMS more than 40 years of knowledge and valuable experience in the secretarial field, since retiring from l'Université Sainte-Anne.

Claire is at the AAMS office on *Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8:30am to 4:30pm.*



With the generosity of Canada Summer Jobs, AAMS received funds to hire their very first summer student.

Recently graduated from l'École secondaire de Clare, **Ramona Blinn** is the AAMS Activities Coordinator. In and out of the office, Ramona is applying her knowledge of languages, technology and research.

The **AAMS Office** is located at **795 Highway 1 Comeauville, Nova Scotia**, in the Cultural Hub/CIFA Radio Building. We are in good company!



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Are your 2018 DUES paid ?

Payment options available

Mailing Address:

**AAMS
P.O. Box 25
Mavillette, Nova Scotia
B0W 2H0**

E-transfers:

Email AAMS accountant
nick@tgrandyca.com
Use password: ***aams***

Thank you to all members who have already paid their dues !

Welcoming New Members!

AAMS offers a warm welcome to all our new members who join us in celebrating their Acadiens-Metis Souriquois ancestry!

If you know someone interested in becoming a member, refer them to the 'Join AAMS' page on our association website:

<http://acadiens-metis-souriquois.ca/join-aams>

Current Members

If you have ideas or events for us to consider including in future AAMS News-letters...

Please contact the AAMS Office by email or phone, as listed above at the centre of this page.

Thank you for your contribution !



March 21st 2018

This is an open letter in response to accusations, false information and abusive generalizations currently circulating on social media concerning Eastern Canada Métis.

L'Association des Acadiens-Métis Souriquois (AAMS) has never advocated or promoted any tax benefits from the issuing of membership cards. Members have consistently been advised that such tax benefits are the rights of the Mi'kmaw and others that come under the auspices and control of the *Indian Act*. Acadian Métis are not controlled by the *Indian Act* nor is it desired.

What is desired is peaceful co-existence with our First Nations friends and the recognition of the inherent Sovereignty of the Mi'kmaw Nation. We also seek respect for our people, traditions and customs. We believe that Indigenous peoples and traditions can better prosper together. However, we refuse all forms of intimidation towards our members and the denigration of our culture and history.

The following is a quote from the AAMS constitution which the AAMS board of directors and the executive consistently and strictly adhere to the letter.

Quote:

4. *To revive and promote relationships of mutual respect, friendship and support between the Acadian Métis People and the Mi'kmaw People, as they once were prior to effective British control of governance in mainland Nova Scotia;*
5. To enter into agreements with the Mi'kmaw People in order to negate any perceived or actual threat, conflict or competition associated with the objects of this Society. The Society does not wish to apportion the benefits and rights that belong to the Mi'kmaw People.

Unquote.

Sincerely,

Joseph Jacquard
AAMS President

