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RENAISSANCE SACKVILLE

New Community Engagement Coordinator

Meet Julia Feltham

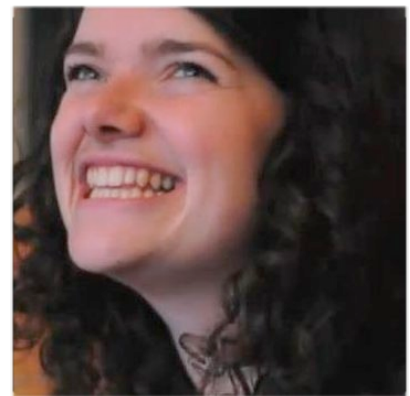
Stacey Merrigan was happily accepted into UNB's Law program and informed the board she could no longer be Renaissance staff. She is currently studying in Fredericton and visiting on weekends.

As of September October 1st, 2013 Julia Feltham from Halifax is our new Community Engagement Coordinator. Julia has a long history helping startup Non-Government Organizations & Not-for Profits, and has worked with all 11 Universities in Nova Scotia, running visioning workshops & conferences. Being a social entrepreneur herself, she believes strongly in community business and organizations being less grant-reliant. With a background in Art of Hosting facilitation work, she hired by Municipal, Federal & Provincial governments to help host conversations & build capacity of the voluntary sector & bridge the gap between grassroots community development and other interrelated sectors.

Julia is also a singing cellist, with a passion for the arts, and helps run The Hub Halifax-- a coworking space in Downtown Halifax.

"I am thrilled to be living in the town of Sackville. I was raised rural and fell in love with the town (and New Brunswick) when I did a contract with Community Forests International over the summer. I am truly honored by the opportunity, to do what I'm truly passionate about, and engage in all the fields I'm interested in. I look forward to connecting with The Town of Sackville, the great work that's already happening here & the gaps. I'm delighted to get to know you all!"

If you'd care to get to know more about Julia, visit juliafeltham.com or feel free to make an appointment to meet by e-mailing renaissance@sackville.com.



Julia's Passions include:

- Social Capital + Voluntary Sector
- Capacity Building + Networking
- Civics + Government Partnerships
- Sustainability + Food Security
- Local Business + Social Enterprise
- Community-Based Learning
- Entrepreneurship
- Rural Atlantic Canada

GEORGETOWN CONFERENCE:

From October 3rd-5th Julia attended The Georgetown Conference, held in PEI representing Renaissance Sackville. With delegates from across Atlantic Canada, the theme of the conference was "Redefining Rural" and the conference was hosted by Atlantic Newspapers. Julia was chosen as a youth delegate for St. Margaret's Bay but attended on behalf of Sackville & has many stories and resources to share.

"Sackville will be a vibrant, economically and environmentally responsible, aesthetically pleasing, caring, friendly & gracious community."

- The Bike Coop launched & hopes to bring MTA students + Sackville civilians together through bike rentals & repairs, safety, sustainability, exercise & more. Care to donate a bike? E-mail saccampuslife@mta.ca
- Representatives from Renaissance beautified Sackville Community Garden earlier this month: Adding copious trees, hostas, weeding & mulching in front of the lift station so that next year the garden will look in full bloom from the street curb to the edible forest.

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Carshare Tantramar

Renaissance Sackville has just granted Transportation for Tantramar Committee with a \$3000 grant to complete their 6 month trail period & membership drive for Tantramar Carshare. Their cars will serve Sackville as well as Dorchester, Port Elgin and Memramcook. After an extensive transportation strategy report done by EOS, it was considered needed and feasible to run a carshare program for the Tantramar region.

Pins & stickers are available at the EOS office and through Renaissance Sackville. Want to know more? Call EOS at (506) 536-4487 or e-mail their new Executive Director Amanda Marlin at: eos@nb.aibn.com

Economic Feasibility Report for United Church

As council is well aware, Renaissance helped with a feasibility study for The Sackville United Church on Main Street, a 134 year-old landmark of our town.

The study showed troubles, with current stake holders and options, saving the building. And, as the Sackville Tribune reported, stated that. "converting the United Church into a community centre does not make good or feasible sense."

The community still is hoping to save the building but are exploring other options.

Bike for BMX Park

The BMX park, which Renaissance has sponsored in the past, had an excellent launch this year on August 20th. We sponsored the BMC raffle, which involved giving away a custom-made bike valued at \$1000 in order to draw a crowd. The opening was a big success and according to the RCMP site "more than 200 young people between the ages of nine and 20 turned out to experience the obstacles the park has to offer and watch a demonstration from professional freestyle mountain bike jumper Matt Macduff."

Renaissance Gets Social Media Savvy

In an effort to gain more visibility in the community and engage a wider audience, Renaissance Sackville has joined twitter and started a Facebook page. If you are interested in further updates & local events, please follow us:



twitter.com/RenaissanceSack



facebook.com/SackvilleRenaissance

GARDEN UPDATES

Laura Mather's has been hired through our Environmental Trust Fund grant to run education programs at The Sackville Community Garden.

1. Native Pollinator Awareness Workshop

- Last Saturday individuals from Seeds of Diversity came to the garden and gave a presentation on the importance of our pollinators
- Now have a designated pollinator garden, which was funded through a Seeds of Diversity grant, at SCG.
- Demonstration site with an interpretative sign to encourage others to build pollinator gardens at their homes.

2. Mount Allison Students

Four MTA students are being trained & given a stipend to help close up the garden for winter.

3. Salem Elementary

The garden bed's are ready with soil & compost and two workshops with grade 3 classes will occur on October 22 & 24th, expecting at least 40 children to attend.

4. Tantramar High School

The garden is getting the soil built up, with lots of work to come. Nancy Mackinnon (Environmental Science teacher) plans to organize planting with her class while Laura is already organizing agricultural zine and silk screening workshops.

5. Marshlands Middle School

Due to construction, work on the garden has been postponed until Spring.

What's Next?

- The Renaissance Sackville AGM coming up!
- Grant Writing + Searches
- Agriculture + Food workshops
- Carshare Membership Drive
- Julia gets to know Sackville
- Planning with Bike Coop
- Food Security Grants + Meetings
- ...and much much more!

