



Learn while doing. . .

May and June
at the

Harrison Lewis Coastal Discovery Centre



Small classes, excellent instruction, delicious home-cooked meals, outstanding beach-side location, cabins for restful sleep, high-speed internet – no television!

May 6-8: GPS for Farm and Forest – With the help of topographical maps, aerial photos, a good compass or GPS (Global Positioning System) landowners learn how to find property lines; measure acreage; plan and locate access roads, patch cuts, and walking trails; delineate wet areas and wildlife corridors. On the farm, plot paddocks or determine fencing and fertilizer needs. Introduction to GIS (Geographic Information System). Instructor Andrew Ross (NSCC Natural Resource Environmental Technology). Limited enrollment. For more information or to register go to www.HarrisonLewisCentre.org, or phone 902-683-2763.

May 13-15: Grow and Know Mushrooms – Friday evening join mycologist Dr. David Boyle for a discussion of the role of mushrooms in nature, industry, and medicine – over a cup of Chaga tea if you like. Saturday, an introduction to mushroom taxonomy – hands-on identification using keys, guides, and spore prints. In the afternoon a field and forest walk to Sandy Bay beach collecting mushrooms and samples of soil mycorrhizae and dead wood fungi to examine under microscopes back in the lab. Sunday's focus is growing mushrooms including shiitake and oyster on logs, straw, sawdust, and even on waste paper. Sawing. Inoculating. Waxing. Sterilizing substrates. Making spawn, etc. Participants leave with their own inoculated hardwood log promising a future feed. For more information or to register go to www.HarrisonLewisCentre.org, or phone 902-683-2763.

May 16-22: Dalhousie Seaside program – Ornithology – Contact: seaside@dal.ca

May 27-29: Maritime Blacksmiths – Spring anvil banger gathering of Maritime blacksmiths working on a project for CanIron VIII July 28-Aug. 1, Fergus, Ontario. For more information phone 902-683-2763.

June 3-5: Portable Band Saw Mill workshop – Participants learn through informal talks and plenty of hands-on experience all aspects of mill operation, including basic maintenance, safety, and how to get the most lumber out of a log. Taught by Lew Dingwall, for many years the Ranger School's (Maritime College of Forest Technology) portable band saw mill instructor. Enrollment limited to 10. For more information or to register go to www.HarrisonLewisCentre.org, or phone 902-683-2763.

June 10-12: Birding by Ear – Learn practical aspects of identifying birds by their sounds with ornithologist Dr. Cindy Staicer, from Dalhousie University. Focus is on the songs and calls of songbirds, including the wood warblers, in Nova Scotia. These sounds are distinctive to species,

and often to males or females, which allows us to identify them, just by listening. This weekend course is for anyone interested in learning about the sounds birds make and how to identify the different species by ear. Guided walks at the Harrison Lewis Centre and nearby Thomas Raddall Park will be complemented by lectures. Activities begin before sunrise each day. Participants should have normal hearing ability and be able to walk at a leisurely pace for 2-3 hours at a time. No previous experience is required. This hands-on course starts at 7 pm, Friday, June 10, and ends at 2 pm, Sunday, June 12. For more information or to register go to www.HarrisonLewisCentre.org, or phone 902-683-2763.

June 17-19: Digital nature photography – Capture nature at its best guided by Len Wagg whose PixelPlus column appears monthly in the Chronicle Herald. Wagg's striking images in "Wild Nova Scotia" (Nimbus, 2007) delight and inform – we live in a beautiful and often unspoiled corner of the world! Friday evening through Sunday pm. Beach, forest, and open fields provide plenty of opportunity to photograph flowers, lush (and some rare) lichens, and plant and animal life for which the area is renowned. Evening sessions cover filing, storing, editing and printing techniques. Five home-cooked meals, plus overnight accommodations (bunkhouse or tenting). Small class assures plenty of one-on-one assistance. To register or for more information go to www.HarrisonLewisCentre.org, email HLC@eastlink.ca, or phone 902 683-2763.

June 19-24: Dalhousie University Seaside program – Applied Introduction to GIS. Contact: seaside@dal.ca

TUITION AND FEES - Tuition, \$165. Meals (five full, home-cooked meals plus snacks) \$50. Cabin bunk \$40 (tenting \$20). Register no later than three weeks prior to course/workshop date. \$50 deposit with registration. (Please, when registering, identify any dietary restrictions.)

MORE TO COME - Note: More programs - chainsaw for women, open chainsaw, homestead arts, nature writing with Harry Thurston, painting with Roger Savage - are on the drawing board for this coming season beginning in April at the non-profit Harrison Lewis Coastal Discovery Centre, a registered charity operating in Sandy Bay, E. Port L'Hebert, N.S. - RR 1 Port Joli, NS B0T 1S0. Limited enrollment (12 or fewer) guarantees plenty of hands-on instruction. Facilities are available for retreats, symposia, and other appropriate uses in keeping with the goals of the Society. Phone or write for more information, 902-683-2763, www.HarrisonLewisCentre.org, or join us on Facebook, Harrison Lewis Coastal Discovery Centre.