Christmas Mountains (cont’d)

Since the mountains are public land, New Brunswick's fell they had a fighting chance to save the area from clearcutting. Two dozen environmental groups in the province petitioned the province to implement a 15-year moratorium on logging and road building in the Christmas Mountains but they were unsuccessful. The Frank McKenna government, with Allan Graham, as Natural Resources Minister, broke its 1995 pre-election promise to protect the Christmas Mountains and signed away the forest to Repap.

David Coon, executive director of the Conservation Council of New Brunswick, broke the news to the public last week that the forest of the Christmas Mountains. "The government has sold out to the timber companies. They signed away the forest of the Christmas Mountains. Instead, we got two small ecological reserves and a "conservation area" established well outside the region," Coon said. "The clear-cutting, logging roads and started clearcutting over the next several years. They used the Miramichi timber leasing program to set up a logging operation in the area. In addition, the Christmas Mountains old growth forest was largely gone. Fornebu Lumber, a subsidiary of MacMillan Bloedel has been harvesting wood and is licensed to harvest wood from the area since 2009. The company was recently clearcutting an area near North Pole Stream.

Matt Sheridan-Jonah (second from the right) and members of the Friends of the Christmas Mountains celebrate their winning of the Conservation Council’s 1996 Milton F. Gregg Award that recognized their efforts to protect the forests of the Christmas Mountains. Photo: CCNB

Matt Sheridan-Jonah, while a student at Mount Allison University, and Friends of the Christmas Mountains celebrate their winning of the Conservation Council’s 1996 Milton F. Gregg Award that recognized their efforts to protect the forests of the Christmas Mountains. Photo: CCNB

Mental Health and Social Issues

Mental health and social issues have long been a significant concern in Canada. This page offers a glimpse into the ongoing discussions and issues related to these topics.

Community Calendar

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"Made in Dagenham" Screenings in Moncton and Fredericton. "Made in Dagenham" is a dramatization of the 1968 strike at Britain's Ford Dagenham car plant where female workers walked out in protest against sexual discrimination. These ladies were directly responsible for equal pay legislation across the globe – as small figures often are, especially in the male dominated world of late 1960s Britain. Moncton: Tues., Feb. 8 and Wed., Feb. 9 at 8pm at the Amphitheatre 163, Fredericton: Jacob de la Porte Theatre. Hosted by Far East Out Cinema. Fredericton: Mon., March 28 at 8pm. Tilley Hall, Room 102, UNB Fredericton. Hosted by the NB Filmmakers’ Cooperative.

"Easalay" Screenings in Harvey and Fredericton. "Easalay" is a witty and frightening investigation into natural gas extraction in the US. Harvey: Screening Tuesday, February 9, 7pm at the Conservation Council on Main Street. Fredericton: Hosted by Far East Out Cinema. Thursday, February 11, at 6:30pm. Tilley Hall, Room 102, UNB Fredericton. Hosted by the NB Filmmakers’ Cooperative.

2011 Red Tie Affair. AIDS NB presents the 4th Annual Red Tie Affair. Sat, Feb. 26 at 7pm-12:00am at the Fredericton Convention Centre. With special host, Steve Gidley and guest emcee, Rona Ambrose. The Red Tie Affair will be an elegant social evening of fine dining, entertainment and dancing with Pretty in Pink: That 80s Party. Tickets start at $25.00 (includes the four-course meal, wine, hors d’oeuvres, entertainment and dance entertainment). Tickets for the dance: $25. Each. Contact info@aidsnb.ca / 506-459-7515.

New Brunswick's Native Student Council will be hosting Native Awareness Days from Feb. 14-18 at St. Thomas University. Speakers include D'Arcy Vermette, Chief Hugh Aikai and Dr. Roland Christo. Contact: natsc@sttomast.nb.ca.

2011 Mailsie Moon Calendar. The 2011 Mailsie Moon Calendar is available to order online at www.mailsie.org. The calendar recalls the traditional means by which Mi’kmaq and most Indigenous Peoples around the world mark the lunar cycle. The Mailsie Moon consists of 34 moons each year, with each moon being 29.5 days long. There are 13 moons every year. Each moon begins on the new moon, and the first moon of the year (January) is always the New Moon (March 21). The remaining 12 moons are generally named according to activities or characteristics unique to each particular moon. The images for each moon in this calendar have been chosen to illustrate some of the oldest versions of a Mailsie origin story.

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