

May Chamber Chatter

Easter weekend came and went and it was a busy one judging by the masses of people arriving at the ferry terminal! Festival Active Pass has also passed and we want to thank everyone who contributed to the running of this festival. There were rave reviews from the festival feast and many an interesting fact learned from the tours! It is a great way to bring people to the island during a time that is still considered the shoulder season, and thus, less busy for island businesses.

We also want to give a shout out to Robin Cleator, who was our star tour guide and driver of the Community Bus during a recent island press tour. The Chamber worked with the Experience the Southern Gulf Islands initiative to take part in a three island press tour where journalists from the Toronto Star, Sunset Magazine, EAT Magazine, and The Province toured Salt Spring, Mayne, and Saturna Islands. They enjoyed exploring the beauty that our island offers through park, studio, and kayaking tours, and also experienced the hospitality of our on island businesses. Thank you as well as to Rob Underhill for taking the hikers in the group up Mt. Parke, and to Brian Dearden for ferrying the group onto Saturna; providing them with a marine tour along the way. This was a great group effort to show them all that our island offers and we hope to see some great press come from the visit!

Our AGM is happening on May 17th at the Agricultural Hall at 6:30pm. There will be tea, coffee, and treats provided by Sue Duncan. Please come to see what the Chamber has been up to, as well as to eat some of the treats because I'll eat them all myself if you don't!

Tour des Iles is coming up on June 23rd-25th and the Chamber will be supporting this initiative. It is a great way to introduce islanders to other islands minus the issues of ferry travel. It sounds like things are shaping up well and we are excited to see how it goes this year.

Thanks for shopping locally and supporting fellow islanders.

Until next time,

The Mayne Island Community Chamber of Commerce