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THE LARGEST KNITTER RUN EVENT IN THE WORLD!

On behalf of the *Cultural Craft Group of Partners* we are excited to be participating this year in *World Wide Knit Day* on Saturday, June 13th, 2015 as part of the 2015 Opening Celebrations for our sites.

Knitters can participate at any of the following sites:

In Elliston at the John C. Crosbie Home from the Sea Sealers Interpretation Centre & Museum; in Port Union at the Coaker Factory Interpretation Centre; in New Bonaventure at the Random Passage Site & Tea Room; or in Trinity at Trinity Crafts and Trinity Historical Society. Partnering with us for this event is the provincial historic sites located in (Mockbeggar Plantation and the Cape Bonavista Lighthouse). So it doesn't matter where you live, if you can knit we hope to see you there. All knitters have to bring to be a part of this world-wide event is yarn and needles - and of course a friend or two. As organizers, each site will provide a comfortable space outside to "Sit and Knit" (in case of inclement weather, event will be held inside.)

As a group, we are striving to create experiences that highlight the cultural craft industry on the Bonavista Peninsula, said Cyndy Stead, Cultural Craft Planner. "In doing so, we hope to inspire and encourage all knitters around the peninsula to come visit our sites to "Sit & Knit".

This event was created in 2005 and is the world's largest knitter run event that is celebrated around the world, so we are pretty excited to be a part of it, said Cyndy. "Over the years there have been local run events in Australia, China, England, Finland, France, Ireland, Norway, South Africa, Sweden, United States and so many more countries." In 2015 World Wide Knit Day will be celebrated in Newfoundland on ONE DAY only – JUNE 13.

"World Wide Knit Day began as a way for knitters to come together and enjoy each other's company", said Cyndy. "Knitting is such a solitary act that it's easy to knit alone somewhere and sink into your work without thinking about all the other knitters out there. Neighbours could spend all their lives never knowing that the other knits. This is a specific day to get out of your house and go to a local site (with your knitting in tow). Who knows you might bump into your neighbour! Consider this a spark, to ignite a fire; getting all of the closeted knitters out into fresh air. Be a part of the celebrations!"

"In the past some people have used this event as a means to show the general public that "not only grannies knit" and while that's great and all, keep in mind that without those grannies' we wouldn't have the wealth of knitting knowledge that we do. On Saturday however, "young and old alike, Newfoundlanders and visitor's - everyone is welcome to participate", said Cyndy.

For additional information, knitters can check contact Cyndy via our website at culturalcraft.com or via email at culturalcraftplanner@gmail.com.

<http://www.thepacket.ca/News/Local/2015-06-03/article-4169392/Casting-for-knitters/1>