



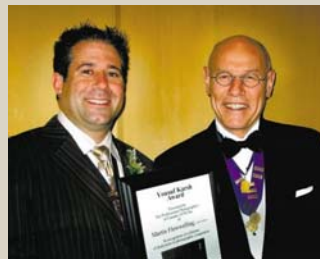
SAINT JOHN EXPLORER

NEWS FROM THE TOURISM & HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY OF GREATER SAINT JOHN WWW.TOURISMSAINTJOHN.COM

HIGHLIGHTS IN OUR INDUSTRY TOURISM AWARENESS WEEK 2009



Congratulations to Brian Clark who was awarded the prestigious Pioneer Award for his long time commitment and outstanding dedication to the promotion of tourism and the province of New Brunswick. Brian has managed the Fundy Trail Parkway since its opening in September 1998. Awards were presented at the Tourism Industry Association of New Brunswick's (TIANB) 26th Annual Conference held in Caraquet in May.



Local photographer, Martin Flewwelling, was presented with the Yousuf Karsh Lifetime Achievement Award by Chris Stambaugh, president of the Professional Photographers of Canada. The award is symbolic of ongoing excellence in photographic imaging.



Aquila Tours was recently recognized for outstanding service to passengers, crew or ships by the Dreamworld Cruise Destination. Aquila offers coaching and training programs to help tour operators and cruise destinations around the world achieve this same level of excellence in their businesses and ports. Aquila has been operating in Saint John since 1982.



Stephen Goddard and Keith Dunphy, co-owners of Pomodori Pizzeria recently competed at the 2009 World Pizza Championships in Salsomaggiore Terme, Italy. After little more than a year making wood oven baked pizza in Rothesay, Pomodori placed eighth in the world, competing against pizza makers who have been making pizzas for decades.



Mike Belliveau of Presentation Services Audio Visual was recently awarded Director of the Year in Canada for PSAV.



Executive Chef, Jesse Vergan from the Saint John Ale House was part of Team New Brunswick who won three Gold Medals. Culinary Team NB took top honours for Best Appetizer, Best Main Course, and won Best Overall Team for the senior division. It was the first time in four years that New Brunswick

had sent a team to the competition and the first time in 12 years that New Brunswick won. The awards were handed out at a conference of the Atlantic Canadian Culinary Federation held in St. John's on March 28th.



The staff of Tourism Saint John would like to extend their best wishes to Wendy Martindale, Head of Community Services at the New Brunswick Museum, as she undergoes another round of treatment. Good vibes, Wendy! Follow Wendy's journey at :

<http://wendyjourney.blogspot.com/>



This will be my final installment of the Saint John Explorer. After five years serving Tourism Saint John as editor as well as web mistress, I'm leaving to assume a new role as content coordinator for the City's communications department.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my years at Tourism Saint John. I have always been proud to work with such a dedicated staff and in an industry so passionate about our city. Thank you to all who have made this a truly rewarding journey both professionally and personally.

Got some news about your business that you'd like to share with the local tourism industry? Please send it to us so we can be sure to include it in our newsletter, which reaches over three hundred tourism and hospitality partners in the region.

Email: visitsj@saintjohn.ca

STAFF NEWS...

Kristin Wheaton was recently promoted to Meetings Manager at the Hilton Saint John.

Debbie Touchie assumes a new role at the Delta as Sales Manager of Association National and Provincial, Government, Entertainment.

Mark Gamble is new to the sales team at the Delta. Mark's portfolio includes Corporate IT, Corporate Group, Sport Market and Tour.

Wil MacLean joins the team as Sales Manager for the Fort Howe Hotel and Convention Centre.

Bill Eaton, Manager of Government Relations and Public Affairs adds Event Manager of the Cruise Terminal to his growing portfolio at the Saint John Port Authority. Bill will team up with consultant Ted Asbridge who will be lending his expertise in food and beverage over the months to make the Cruise Terminal an outstanding venue.
