

Job seekers connect with employers in Kings County

by Stella Shepard

Job Search

The third annual **Kings County Job & Career Fair** was held in April at the Montague Curling Club. The fair was organized by **Sara Roach-Lewis** and **Shannon Keenan** of **Harmony Training Center** in Souris.

“The event was very successful,” says Sara. “More than 400 people attended, mainly youth ages 15 to 30. There were about 40 recruiters and more than 500 jobs available. Workshops which gave tips for youth attending job fairs, preparing for job interviews, and about employment in the trades sector were well attended.”

The Kings County Job & Career Fair was funded by the Government of Canada’s Youth Awareness program.

Hiring needs of some local companies:

PEI Organic Fruit and Berries Ltd.



Evan Patkai, Marketing Manager

PEI Organic Fruit and Berries Ltd. in Alliston is in its second year of operation. The company works with scientists and local producers to produce high quality healthy berries and fruit through research and development.

“Recently, our company received funding from the PEI ADAPT for a sustainable pollination project,” says **Alan Hicken**, President. “Researchers across Canada will assist with this project. We hope this will benefit the entire agriculture industry, which depends on pollination.”

The company expects to hire eight full-time employees and 18 seasonal workers. “The positions include **Harvesting** and **Processing** fresh and frozen blueberries, **Shipping and Receiving**, **Quality Assurance Manager**, **Food Safety** and **Administrative** positions,” says Alan. “We will be using specialized technology to produce purees, juices and jams that will require us to also hire highly qualified **Technicians**.”

For more information about **PEI Organic Fruit and Berries Ltd.**, visit www.peiberries.com or contact **Alan Hicken** at 940-2010 or e-mail alan.hicken@peiberries.com.

Jasper Wyman & Son Canada Inc.



Wade Dover, Plant Manager

Jasper Wyman & Son Inc. is a family-owned company that has been growing and marketing wild blueberries for over 125 years. The fruit comes from over 10,000 acres of wild blueberries from Maine, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

The processing plant in Morell employs 20 full-time year-round staff and 60 to 70 seasonal **Line Workers** and **Machinery Operators** from August through September. The company also hires about eight **Harvest Operators**, **General Labourers** and **Truck Drivers** for the blueberry farm operations in Mount Vernon and Fortune.

To produce fruit, blueberry plants must be pollinated by bees. To make sure that the plants are pollinated, the company has about 1,000 bee hives and has hired a full-time **Beekeeper**. He is willing to train a person for part-time employment caring for bees.

For more information, contact **Wade Dover** at 961-3330 or visit www.wymans.com.

Rodd Hotels and Resorts



Jamie Rice, Banquet Manager (left), Mary Lou MacFarlane, Human Resources/Quality Assurance Manager, and Blair Smith, General Manager.

Rodd Hotels and Resorts has six locations on PEI. “About 125 staff will be hired for seasonal employment at **Rodd Crowbush Golf and Beach Resort**,” says Mary Lou. “About 200 staff will be hired for the **Rodd Brudenell River Resort**.”

Positions include **Front Desk Agents**, **Switchboard Operators**, **Bell Persons**, **Maintenance Staff**, **Room Attendants**, **Public Spaces Cleaner**, **Servers**, **Banquet Staff**, **Canteen Staff**, **Beverage Cart Operators**, **Banquet Captains**, **Line Cooks**, **Club House Cooks**, **Pastry Chef**, and **Chef Garde Manger**. They also hire part-time staff for special events and banquets.

“People in the tourism industry represent the company they’re employed with. They also represent the community and the province. When hiring, I look for people who are outgoing, friendly and have a positive attitude.”

For more information, contact **Mary Lou MacFarlane** at 629-2328 or visit www.roddhotelsandresorts.com