

St. Mary's River Association July Update

By Matthew Smith

My name is Matthew Smith I am 17 years old from Sherbrooke. I grew up next to the beautiful St. Mary's River. I enjoy fishing and being outdoors. My favourite spot to fish is Arm Brook, because of all the rainbow trout and brook trout.

This summer I am working at the St. Mary's River Association Education & interpretive Centre (Salmon Museum) as a museum assistant. I really enjoy working here because of all the heritage behind the river. My great grandfather, Walter Smith, was a guide on the river back in the late 1800's. He would take people out every day and show them where to find salmon all along the river.

I am currently working on a new display for the museum about the First Nations and how they benefited from the river long before the early settlers. The First Nations would use the St. Mary's for fishing and hunting. They would often catch salmon using spears and pole rods. Make sure you come in and learn more.

This summer we have a lot of new changes to the museum. We have a new sign and butterfly garden. Come in on Sunday July 17th at 2pm and check out the new butterfly display by Jenny Kaiser and her power point presentation on Monarchs and local butterflies.

I am very eager to meet new people this summer and share with them the heritage of the St. Mary's River. So don't forget to stop in and see us this summer. We are located at 8404 Highway #7 Sherbrooke.