



The Marquis Project Newsletter

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Fair Trade Feast Returns in March

The Marquis Project board are proud to organize another Fair Trade Feast dinner event at The Dock on Princess on March 11, 2018. Raised funds will contribute to continued partnerships with TSAEE and support local fair trade committee initiatives. Beny Mwenda from TSAEE will be in attendance and will report on the current Marquis/TSAEE/CARES partnership project, "Mitigating Young Adult Migration in Tanzania Through Local Economic Development". The dinner event will include a silent auction and 50/50 draw. Last year's event sold out, so get your tickets early through Ten Thousand Villages, The Dock, or a Marquis board member. See page 2 for details on the Fair Trade Feast.

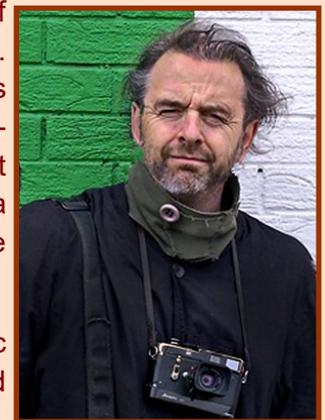
Wendell Phillips Revisits Brandon May 10

The Marquis Project is honoured to host former Brandonite and award-winning photo journalist Wendell Phillips for an evening of photography and stories of Global Impressions. Mr. Phillips is no stranger to audiences in Westman – his last event provided audience members with an awe-inspiring evening back in 2011. One of his first overseas photography ventures was being part of a Marquis Project tour to Nicaragua in 1985 when he was a Brandon Sun photographer.

This distinctive ninety-minute photographic presentation illustrates the diversity of the life and explores the human condition in seventy two countries. Phillips enthusiastically shares his socially engaged photographic approach and personal philosophy through visual narratives that cross boundaries of language and culture to capture serious and light-hearted stories putting a human face on current events.

Visit Wendell's website to view some of his photos and a list of the 31 awards he has received: <https://www.wendellphillips.com/index>

More information about this event will be provided in next issue of the Marquis Newsletter.



Wendell Phillips

(Photo Credit: Wendell Phillips website)

Brandon's Fair Trade Feast - 2018

The Marquis Project and the Brandon Fair Trade Committee are pleased to announce the Fair Trade Feast Fundraiser on Sunday, **March 11, 2018 at The Dock on Princess, 1133 Princess Avenue, Brandon.** The three-course meal is being prepared with a wide use of certified fair trade ingredients most of which have been generously donated by Brandon's Ten Thousand Villages store. The Dock is providing creative menu design, food preparation, and hosting:

Appetizer: *Coconut breaded black tiger shrimp with pineapple salsa and a mango jalapeno sauce. (vegetarian- coconut breaded cauliflower)*

Main Course: *Coffee rubbed petite tenderloin of beef with crushed baby potatoes and roasted parsnips and carrots finished with a red wine reduction (Vegetarian- Coffee rubbed portabella mushroom)*

Dessert: *Milk chocolate panna cotta with mint and vanilla infused whipped cream and fresh blueberry compote.*

Fair trade ingredients used:

Shredded coconut, Dried pineapple, Dried mango, Coffee (dark roast), Red wine, Milk chocolate, Vanilla

Tickets for the dinner are \$50 per person and include a charitable tax receipt for a donation of \$25 to The Marquis Project. Tickets are available for pre-sale at the following locations until February 27 or until they are sold out:

- The Dock on Princess, 1133 Princess Ave, Brandon.
<http://www.thedockonprincess.com/>
- Ten Thousand Villages, 829 Rosser Avenue, Brandon.
<https://www.tenthousandvillages.ca/store/4105>
- Members of The Marquis Project board and the Brandon Fair Trade Committee

Funds raised at the dinner will be used locally to support the ongoing commitment to Fair Trade in Brandon and globally to support projects between The Marquis Project and its Tanzanian partner in rural development, agriculture, and women's entrepreneurship.

The Brandon Fair Trade Committee, a Marquis Project initiative, formed in 2013 has received national recognition by demonstrating strong commitment to fair trade from its community stakeholders, including Brandon City Council, businesses, community groups, and individual members. Brandon proudly became Manitoba's second Fair Trade Town on May 20, 2014, and is one of only 22 Fair Trade Towns in Canada to achieve this status. In 2014 and 2015, Brandon was named Fair Trade town of the year by Fairtrade Canada.

More information about Fair Trade and a Products Directory is available at The Marquis Project website at <http://www.marquisproject.com/>.

City of Brandon Fair Trade Town 2017 Update!

by Mireille Saurette

The City of Brandon Fair Trade Town steering committee submitted the annual Fair Trade town renewal form during June 2017. It highlights that our committee participated in over 40 community events, engaged with over 2,000 community members and received ongoing support for the campaign from 30 community groups and businesses! Way to go team!

Treasure Hunt for Fair Trade Chocolate September 7, 2017 at the Global Market

75 participants stopped by our booth during the last car show to purchase coffee, iced tea and/or an assortment of fair trade baking including banana muffins, banana bread, banana cookies (using 100% Fairtrade certified, organic bananas), Camino golden cane sugar, Camino coconut, Camino semi-sweet chocolate chips, and Camino Muscovado.

Photo depicts the Fair Trade Town booth during the event and includes some of the fancy cars from the car show.

Photo Credit: Dinah Cepelis



Manitoba Fair Trade contingency meeting in Winnipeg at the Human Rights Museum:

Approximately 20 people from Manitoba, Ontario and even BC were present. We began the day sharing success stories. We also discussed some challenges faced in the fair trade movement in Canada. The workshop ended highlighting major achievement thus far this year:

- ◆ Winnipeg is designated Canada's 25th Fair Trade Town
- ◆ There are now 28 Fair Trade Campuses and 18 Fair Trade Schools
- ◆ 32 workplaces are now designated Fair Trade Workplaces
- ◆ There are 3 Fair Trade Faith Groups
- ◆ In 2017 alone, 28 events have been designated Fair Trade Events

Fair Trade Canada has a wide range of resource material such as educational brochure, posters and merchandising material for businesses and community organization. Best of all, they are free! You can easily order yours at [**Fair Trade Materials and Resources**](#)

See [**Fair Trade programs**](#) for more information on how to become a Fair Trade workplace, faith group, school or campus or how to designate an event a Fair Trade event.



Mitigating Young Adult Migration in Tanzania Through Local Economic Development

**79 of 80
Tanzanian
youth
participants
remain in
project.**



Participants and instructor during a field training day.

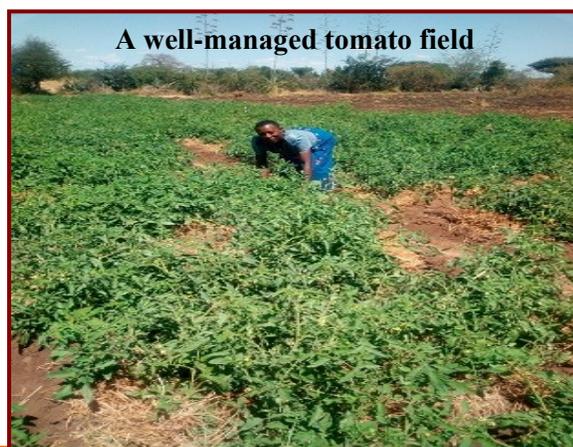
The Marquis Project and the Canadian Agricultural Rural Extension Society (CARES) has partnered again with the Tanzania Society of Agricultural Education and Extension (TSAEE) on a new project in the Lake Zone of Tanzania. The current project seeks to retain Tanzanian youth in rural areas by providing them with entrepreneurial skills to develop the local economy and thereby mitigate migration. Tanzania reports that the Shinyanga Region leads in youth exodus from rural communities; youth head to mines and to cities like Dar es Salaam and Mwanza seeking employment. As a result, TSAEE developed a program to assist young Tanzanians in the Kishapu district (villages of Songwa and Buganika) of Shinyanga region to gain skills in income generation and leadership.

To date, eighty rural youth in two villages have participated in a series of training seminars on entrepreneurship, leadership and life skills, agricultural skills, environment, climate change, HIV and AIDs awareness, and gender equality.

After training on basics of entrepreneurship, participants identified tangible goals they wish to achieve and then choose an income generating project to implement. Projects undertaken by group members include growing major crops (cotton, sorghum, and green gram) and horticultural crops (tomatoes, onions, and watermelon) and establishing tree farms and orchards. Horticultural crop training took place in the Songwa community and included spacing, choosing the right variety, diseases, pests, and field management through a combination theory, discussion, and practical demonstrations.

Songwa horticultural groups have started to implement their Tangible Goals which include building a modern house and starting new businesses. Seventy-nine of the original eighty participants remain active in the project; one participant left seeking employment in Zanzibar. Although the project only has resources for eighty participants, many youth who are not part of the project are seeking to join the project. Some in the Buganika region are following project participants; Mwigumbi, a nearby community, has requested to be included in the project.

Marquis and CARES thanks the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation through its Manitoba Government Matching Grants Program who provided funding for this project from the Theme Fund. The current project is at capacity and will wrap up in March; however many more Tanzanian youth in the area are seeking to join the project and we hope to expand it in the coming year. We look forward to working together on many more projects.



A well-managed tomato field

Photos and update provided by Beny Mwenda.

Beny Mwenda Returns to Manitoba in March 2018 for Speaker's tour

The Marquis Project has been a long-time project partner of the Tanzania Society for Agricultural Education and Extension [TSAEE] in the Lake Zone of Tanzania. When the Marquis Project learned that TSAEE's Rural Development Coordinator Mr. Beny Mwenda was receiving the 2018 Assiniboine Community College alumni award for community service ([ACC 2018-alumni-award-recipient](#)), we asked Beny if he could provide Marquis Project members and friends with first-hand accounts of how our projects are making a difference in the lives of Tanzanian women and youth. We would like Beny to participate in International Women's Day events in Manitoba, school-based activities, and community events, and we want to help him celebrate his alumni award.

We last saw Beny in February-March 2016 in Manitoba when he participated in 48 different events ranging from school presentations to students in Grade 2 to 12, college, and university and community presentations totaling over 1430 students, educators, community members and fair trade conference delegates.



Beny Mwenda

(Photo Credit: ACC Alumni Relations)

Beny Mwenda will have an opportunity to meet with friends of Marquis at the Fair Trade Feast on March 11. To accomplish the goal of bringing Beny to Manitoba in March 2018, the Marquis Project would like to raise funds of \$2500 to support the costs of Beny's travel from Mwanza, Tanzania to Manitoba. With your financial donation to The Marquis Project, we can continue to learn about the Global South and support development activities in Tanzania. Any funds that are not used for the speaker's tour would be applied to Marquis' ongoing project work in Tanzania.

Donate to help bring Beny to Manitoba

Donations can be made by cheque to The Marquis Project, P.O. Box 50045, Brandon, MB R7A 7E4 or online through PayPal at <http://www.marquisproject.com/donate>.

Please be sure to indicate that your donation is for the 2018 Speaker's Tour.

All donations above \$10 will receive a tax receipt issued by the Marquis Project. Pledged funds for the Speaker's Tour would need to be sent to Marquis by the end of April 2018.

[Donations can be made at any time to support ongoing project work.]

Contact

For more information or to arrange a speaking event with your community group or organization while Beny is in Manitoba, please contact Marquis Project members Judy Bartel at judy.bartel@gmail.com or Dinah Ceplis at Dinah.ceplis@gmail.com.



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the Developing World*

Stay Connected

Visit our website or join us on Twitter or Facebook for more details on the work of Marquis and updates on the Fair Trade initiatives. Join us for the March Fair Trade dinner event. If you are receiving this newsletter via Canada Post, please consider sending us your email coordinates so we can simplify the process of staying connected. Thank you!

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New School Year for The Marquis Project Education Program Samantha Dellezay

The Marquis Project has been continuing its important work throughout Brandon and Westman classrooms. In 2015 our program was lucky enough to have Beny Mwenda speak to many students about life in Tanzania. We are excited to announce that he will be returning once again and speaking to over 12 different schools! Teachers are eager to have Beny speak to their students and bring a real-life and personal perspective to curriculum outcomes.

A sincere thank you to Manitoba Education for again investing in The Marquis Project's education program to support the 2017-2018 school year. Manitoba Education's continued support enables Marquis to continue "Linking Manitobans with the Developing World" with programming linked to Manitoba Education's Social Studies Curriculum.

To book a presentation session, or to learn about our program, contact the Marquis Education Facilitator, Samantha Dellezay, by email marquiseducator@gmail.com or via telephone at 204-727-5675.

New Grant Application by The Marquis Board

The Marquis board is preparing an application for a grant. The grant proposal includes three cooking classes (one entree; one vegetable dish; one breakfast dish) and one preserving class (jam ; chutney; sauerkraut) using as many free trade products as possible. Each class will have 15 students.

If you would be interested in teaching one or more of these classes or if you know anyone who would be, we would like to hear from you. We anticipate knowing by the beginning of May if the grant application has been successful. Dates of the classes will be negotiable.