

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

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Freecycling

Freecycling is an initiative that promotes waste reduction and helps save the landscape from being taken over by landfills. The network provides individuals and non-profit organizations an electronic forum to "recycle" unwanted items. One person's trash can truly be another's treasure!

When you want to find a new home for something -- whether it's a chair, a fax machine, piano, or an old door -- you simply send an e-mail offering it to members of the local Freecycle group or if you're looking to acquire something yourself simply respond to a member's offer, and you just might get it. After that, it's up to the giver to decide who receives the gift and to set up a pickup time for passing on the item.

There is one main rule: Everything posted must be free, legal, and appropriate for all ages. For more information go to:

<http://www.freecycle.org/>

There is a Sydney based Freecycling Program that advertises through a web based Yahoo group. Staff are reminded that access to Yahoo groups on Parks Canada computers is prohibited and therefore they should only access via home computers.

As well, there is an FOL Freecycling initiative. Frances will maintain a log in Stores for anyone wanting to trade or give away personal

household items. The employees will contact each other for further information. Let's do our part to reduce the amount of material going to landfills - freecycle!

FOL Green Committee

News from AGB

Excerpt from a letter from Dr. Alexander Graham Bell (at Beinn Bhreagh) to Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell (in Washington DC), 1894:

My dear little wife:

What can I do to show you that I really love you and think of you when you're away? You are always so thoughtful of others -- whereas I -- somehow or other appear to be more interested in people wholesale -- rather than in persons individual. What can I do? I am afraid it wouldn't be very much proof of affection to drop everything here, and rush right off to meet you and Elsie and Daisy, especially after the demonstration you have given of your perfect ability to travel alone and look after yourself. I was very proud of you my dear when you set right off for Washington the moment you heard of the operation. Nothing could have shown more clearly your love for your dear Mamma ... I am going out now to look round and see what I

can report to you that will be of interest, and in the meantime I send off this little note, to catch the mail, and show you that you still have a husband, and that he thinks of you sometimes.

Your loving,
Alec.

Sometimes it is amazing to ponder the vast amount of written primary resource material we have at AGBNHSC from which to tell our story. The Bell's personal letters really make them all the more human. Such letter legacies are surely becoming a thing of the past now replaced by telephone conversations and email.

Harvest Home

Our annual Harvest Home event has come and gone with an afternoon of great weather and lots of folks on hand to enjoy the entertainment



which included Razzmatazz, Bubbles the Clown, Celtic music with Rachel Davis and Clarence Long, games, a tetrahedral kite workshop and more. After many years of participation, the Baddeck Playground Committee was unable to organize the food concession so our co-op association provided the service this year.

Marconi NHSC

Sharon, Anne and Linda helped staff the Marconi site on most week days during its last 2 weeks of operation replacing the student staff who had returned to school and couldn't put in full days. Although a small site with relatively low visitation it is quite a dynamic spot. Amateur radio operators, sound engineers etc. who visit

are so enthusiastic about it. Two couples from France visited the Site on September 11th and while the women headed off to check out the area the men (Joël Sutterlin and Jean-Pierre Kaeuffer) set up their portable 30 foot high antenna and laptop computer and began transmitting outdoors at 2 pm. They brought a generator along but were able to tap into the electricity on site. Their first contact was from a radio operator near Poldhu in England which was the area that received Marconi's first official wireless message transmission in December 1902. They were thrilled. They took hour long turns transmitting until closing time at 6 pm. and made 350 contacts all over the world including Russia, Israel, USA, Portugal, Japan, Canada and Sweden. They were in Canada for 3 weeks travelling roundtrip from Montreal to the east transmitting from islands (Islands in the Air program) along the way including, Lameque NB, PEI, CBI, Hoag Island and Big Tancook Island.

They also transmitted from Canso Islands NHSC (Georges Island) and were so pleased at the assistance they received from Tom at the Site. Some of the islands they transmit from are very remote so they get to them with the assistance of people in nearby communities who have fishing boats. Joël Sutterlin travels the world doing this and hopes one day to transmit from Antarctica. As of 6 pm September 15th, both Marconi and Canso closed for the season.

CTC Jet Media Fam

AGBNHSC was very pleased to be included in the recent Canadian Tourism Commission Jet Media Fam on September 14th. Ten media from the USA participated in this coast to coast to coast tour of Canada which took place over 15 days. After a

museum FAM and enhanced power point presentation on Bell's Baddeck home, this group had the good fortune to be able to visit Beinn Bhreagh – outdoors around Beinn Bhreagh Hall and up the mountain to the gravesite. It was a chance to view the Village of Baddeck and area from AGB's perspective. Their guides were 2 of AG Bell's great-grandsons.

ECMT Meeting

The Eastern Canada Management Team met at Inverary Inn in Baddeck during the third week of September to talk about improving visitor experiences. On September 20th they spent the afternoon here at AGBNHSC. After guided tours of the museum all proceeded to Mr. Bell Theatre for oatcakes and raspberry vinegar (2006 style) and, fully refreshed, they became inventors in a 4-celled tetrahedral kite workshop. Kite decorating was innovative including one kite whose creators chose to put sentences on each paper cell such as, "This is the most productive thing we've done all year". It was a fun and informative visitor experience. Pictured below is Carol Whitfield, Hughes Michaud and Brendan McDonald making their kite.



AGB Management Plan

The Management Plan for AGBNHSC was distributed this month.

Now, while the Management Plan is definitely a real page turner, the major news at AGBNHSC is that (oh, darn it! the party's over – just kidding, of course) **Aynsley returned to work** on Monday, September 25th. She's starting out part time and hopes to be back at it full tilt soon.

Welcome Back Aynsley!!

Louisbourg's Harvest

The Animals & Gardens staff graciously did up baskets of their harvest for Carol and Georgina. In the basket were various herbs and loads of fresh heritage vegetables such as Bull's Blood Beets, Purple Dragon Carrots, Crookneck Squash, Windsor Broad Beans and Blue Pod Capucijner (peas). It was beautifully arranged and appreciated by Carol and Georgina.



Condolences

Sincere condolences to Mark Lawrence and his family on the death of his father, Philip Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence passed away on Sept. 17th. He was a former employee of the Fortress who worked here during the reconstruction phase in the 60's and early 70's. He will also be missed by nephew, Morgan Storm who is a soldier on site.