



# HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

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## *Health & Safety Day, 2008*

The third annual Health & Safety Day was held at the Fortress of Louisbourg NHS on September 18, 2008. The theme for 2008 was “Hazard Prevention”. Guest speaker for this event was Nancy MacLean, Atlantic Health & Safety Representative with Public Service Alliance of Canada.

Health & Safety Day was started with a welcome and remarks from our Field Unit Superintendent, Chip Bird. Following this, he presented several Safety Award Certificates to employees who were chosen by the Occupational Health and Safety Committee, for carrying out their duties in a safe and efficient manner, thereby ensuring the health and safety of their co-workers. Recipients included the Ambulance Procedures committee (Ruby Fougere, Alex Campbell, Karen Pink, Ian Harte and Jim Clements); Site Waterline Repair (Utilities and Excavations crews); Fire Extinguisher Project (Fire/Watchstaff); VRC Workstation Improvement (Heritage Presentation and Asset Management staff); Destouches Roof project (Carpentry and Masonry crews ); Road Maintenance (Roads & Grounds crews). See pictures on last page of newsletter.

Nancy MacLean presented an overview of Part XIX, Hazard Prevention Programs, from the Canada Occupational Health and Safety Regulations (Canada Labour Code, Part II).

She spoke on the importance of not only identifying hazards in the workplace, but ensuring that any hazards, accidents or near-misses are reported and corrected; also, the roles and responsibilities of various groups,(unions, employees, employers, policy committees, labour officers and workplace OHS committees) in workplace health and safety and also discussed the components of an Hazard Prevention Program.

Nancy’s presentation was followed with the video “Remember Charlie”. This is Charlie Morecraft’s dramatic story in which he talks about his journey from death’s door following a refinery explosion, to his position as the world’s leading presenter on why we all should follow safety procedures precisely.

On behalf of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee, I would like to thank management for their support of this event and a special thank you to the employees who attended our third Health & Safety Day.

Valerie White  
Health & Safety Advisor

## *Cultural Resource Management Along the North Shore*

As everyone is aware, alder growth along the North Shore adjacent to Route 22 continues to be a problem. As the alders grow and the root



structures expand, the Level 1 cultural resources are damaged and displaced. Since these resources represent the Site's national historic significance, active management is required to ensure that they are not impacted.

Later this week, three members of the La Mauricie National Park fire crew will be on site to begin the process of cutting the alders. These crews routinely travel to parks and sites requiring vegetation management and forest fuel modification.

An environmental assessment for the project has been completed in order to ensure that the activity will not adversely impact the cultural and natural resources. Strategies for the long-term management of the area, including a return to prescribed burning, are currently being examined.



### ***The Louisbourg Symposium***

The Louisbourg 2008 Symposium, commemorating the second siege of Louisbourg, was a tremendous success. Researchers from Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and New York states, as well as the Fortress, shared their findings and insights with teachers, education students and Louisbourg enthusiasts from Cape Breton, mainland Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Our program was a success thanks to the support we received from the highly professional and dedicated staff of Parks Canada, the Fortress of Louisbourg and the Atlantic Service Centre, the Fortress Louisbourg Association and Cape Breton University.

The members of the planning committee would like to extend our profound thanks to all of our colleagues who helped us with the event. The staff of Asset Management, Heritage Presentation, Watchstaff, Cultural Resources, Administration, Management and the Fortress Louisbourg Association all provided enthusiastic support and courteous professionalism throughout the long and sometimes challenging process of planning and carrying out the symposium.

Thanks again,  
Sandy Balcom  
Rebecca Duggan  
Anne Marie Lane Jonah

### ***2008 CANADA SAVINGS BONDS***

This year's Canada Savings Bonds Campaign is about to begin. It starts on October 4 and will end on October 31. Anyone wishing to buy a bond for the first time or would like to make changes to your existing plan, should see Anne Marie Coutinho in Central Registry as soon as possible.

### ***News from AGB***

*"I said that I do believe in reading many books. I do; and among those I enjoy are detective stories! If you should run across me when I am taking a railway journey, the chances are that you would find me deep in a 'Sherlock Holmes' story, or something of that sort. And I am only one of thousands who enjoy a good detective yarn.*

*But what is a detective story, if it is not a record of observing, remembering, and comparing facts – and of then drawing conclusions? Practically all of us enjoy reading these books, because, while we read, we ourselves are all the time observing, remembering, comparing and trying to draw the correct conclusion.*

*We can pursue knowledge in just the same way, and can have even more pleasure doing it. The great advantage in pursuing knowledge is that we may capture something which will contribute to the welfare of the world."*

**Excerpt from a 1921 article interview of Dr. Bell by The American Magazine titled “How to Keep Young Mentally”.**

### ***Harvest Home Festival***

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Harvest Home event was held under sunny skies on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and included lots of games, a food booth, courtesy of our co-operating association, Celtic music, Bubbles the Clown and a much enjoyed performance by the Maritime Marionettes.



Rosalynd Ingraham, Heritage Presenter shares a special moment with Bubbles the Clown at Harvest Home

### ***Children’s Festival***

We are preparing for participation in the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia’s Children’s Festival to be held in November. Staff will be on site to provide tetrahedral kite-making workshops. We are also providing some flight related artefacts from our collection for display at AGNS during the weekend.

### ***HSMBC Plaques***

The proposed Stanley Thompson and Canso Causeway Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada plaque unveiling ceremonies will be rescheduled for dates in 2009. It is anticipated there will be a third HSMBC plaque unveiling ceremony in 2009 on

February 23<sup>rd</sup> to commemorate “The First Airplane Flight in Canada”.

### ***Tourism Partnership Council***

The Tourism Partnership Council of Nova Scotia met in our area (Big Baddeck at Crown Jewel Resort) on September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. We were the venue for a late afternoon reception on the 25<sup>th</sup> for the group in our main theatre. A group of 110 passengers from the National Geographic cruise ship ‘World Explorer’ visited AGBNHSC on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The ship docked in North Sydney as timing did not allow for a cruise in to the Bras d’Or Lakes and Baddeck. They were accompanied by Gilbert Grosvenor, former editor of National Geographic magazine, great grandson of Alexander Graham and Mabel Bell and grandson of Gilbert Grosvenor Sr. who married Elsie Bell. The ship docked in North Sydney and passengers boarded buses with one of our HP staff on each bus to provide interpretation along the way to the museum. While half of the passengers toured the museum the other half enjoyed a sail on Baddeck Bay and the opportunity to view Beinn Bhreagh from close to the shoreline and vice versa.

Alexander Graham Bell was the National Geographic Society’s second president taking that role on after the death of his father-in-law Gardiner Greene Hubbard. Bell is credited with providing the direction for “transforming the magazine into a bright, interesting, non-technical periodical that would recruit members from the public” (Robert Bruce, *BELL Alexander Graham Bell and the Conquest of Solitude*) at a time when subscriptions were lagging. Bell’s son-in-law to be, Gilbert Grosvenor, became National Geographic Magazine’s first full-time employee and editor in 1899. As Robert Bruce writes, the magazine “needed the full time of a vigorous, intelligent editor, whose monthly salary of a hundred dollars Bell offered to underwrite for a year. The Board accepted the offer, whereupon Bell (aided by Elsie’s presence in Washington) persuaded young Gilbert Grosvenor to quit his New Jersey

teaching job and on April 1, 1899, become the National Geographic society's first full-time employee."



AGBNHSC HP staff enjoy the opportunity to visit Beinn Bhreagh Hall. L-R are Melissa Nicholson, Jillian Edwards, Debbie Hart, Joan Sullivan (great granddaughter of Alexander Graham & Mabel Bell), Monique Cantin, Susan MacDonald and Jeff Garland.

#### Tea Room

Work is progressing on our tea room deck where visitors will soon be able to sit and savour the view of Baddeck Bay and Beinn Bhreagh



#### Marconi & Canso Islands NHSCs

The last day of visitor service at Marconi and Canso Island National Historic Sites of Canada was September 15<sup>th</sup> so both sites are now closed for the season and will resume operation on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2009.

#### St. Peters Canal NHSC

Please note that we look forward to adding news from St. Peters Canal NHSC to our next 'Hear Ye' submission.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Hear Ye! Hear Ye!, please contact Donna MacNeil at [donna.macneil@pc.gc.ca](mailto:donna.macneil@pc.gc.ca) or telephone 733-3551.

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Nancy MacLean, PSAC



Chip; Karen - accepting on behalf of the HP unit, for the VRC Workstation improvements).



Chip, Allison, Doug - accepting on behalf of the Carpentry and Masonry crews for the Destouches Roof project