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Marie Marguerite Rose Tour Launch

The official launch of the “Marie Marguerite Rose and Slaves in Louisbourg, 1713-1768: A Guided Tour” took place on 29 July at 10:00 am in the Museum House. With special invited guests of people of African descent in Cape Breton, there was a dignified ceremony held before a large crowd in the Museum House. Guest speakers included Lillian Marsman, Program Administrator of the Office of African Nova Scotian Affairs in Cape Breton, Theresa Brewster, Chairperson of the Universal Negro Improvement Association Cultural Museum in Glace Bay and Ken Donovan. This was a special day for people of African descent, a special day for Parks Canada and a historic day for Canada.

Parks Canada has begun to celebrate the lives of Marie Marguerite Rose and other enslaved persons in Louisbourg and to commemorate their contribution to the early history of Canada. With the support of the Office of African Nova Affairs and the UNIA, Louisbourg has gained the support of the African communities in Sydney and Glace Bay.

Parks Canada's African Canadian interpreters include Missy Kirton, Terri Lynn Talbot, Kristen MacDonald and Joey Desmond. Kristy Martell is part of the interpretative team and supervises the unit.



Pictured above left to right are Chip Bird, Missy Kirton, Joey Desmond, Terri Lynn Talbot, Kristen MacDonald, Kristy Martell and Willis Stevens.



Lillian Marsman, Office of African Nova Scotia Affairs, speaks on behalf Percy Parris, Minister.



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Theresa Brewster, Director of United Negro Improvement Association speaks of their involvement in this initiative.



Pictured above and below of the many guests



Fire and Security Supervisor

I am pleased to announce that Brent Baker has accepted the position of Fire and Security

Supervisor. Effective immediately Brent will assume the full range of responsibilities for the Fire and Security staff and will report directly to the Manager of Cultural Resources.

Brent possesses the skills and knowledge to effectively perform the duties associated with the position. His commitment to the quality in service delivery is apparent and he demonstrates exceptional leadership qualities through his organizational skills, i.e. lead fire and security planner for the 2009 Grand Encampment.

Lee Anne Reeves will be leaving the role of Fire and Security Supervisor and will assume more responsibilities within Cultural Resource Management, working on projects in support of cultural resource integrity. She will report directly to the Senior Archaeologist.

We wish them well in their new roles and count on your continued support to help with a smooth transition.

Willis Stevens

Boats Afloat

A local youth group, *Louisbourg Youth in Motion*, is working on an interesting boat project with the Fortress. Thanks to Ian Harte for working with this group.

John Ward of the Artisan Shop has made twelve toy boats based on an archaeological artifact from the Engineer's duck pond. Youth group members have painted the boats and fitted them with brass plates inscribed with their website: louisbourgyouthgroup.ca. The boats are to be set afloat at different locations and their progress tracked on the website.

So far, four have been set afloat on Louisbourg Bank on July 23 during the Tall Ships visit to Louisbourg. Another is being taken by the tall ship *Concordia* to be set adrift in the South Pacific. Yet another has been given to the Canadian Coast Guard

vessel *Spindrift* out of Louisbourg to be set afloat during one of its trips.

During the upcoming 275th anniversary celebrations of the Lighthouse on August 22, the youth group plans to set three more adrift off the Lighthouse Trail. Plans are underway to have the remaining three released at another distant location.



Pictured above are the finished boats – great job!

News from AGB

Afternoon Garden Social

A new visitor experience, the ‘Afternoon Garden Social’, was launched on July 6th. This marks our first venture into animation to tell our story. Staff in costume take on the persona of a woman visiting Baddeck and Beinn Bhreagh in the 1920s. During the program, visitors can purchase refreshments which are provided by our Museum Association.



Tea room staff and HP staff prepare for the first Afternoon Garden Social program. The tea room

has finally been given a Gaelic name: SRUBAG which means 'a wee drop of tea'.

Silver Dart ‘Carpet Bed’

General Works staff created a new centennial of flight garden area near the museum entrance and planted a ‘carpet bed’ in the shape of the Silver Dart.



Robert Moore, Kathy Kerr and Gary Pierrard at work on the Silver Dart carpet bed.



The Silver Dart carpet bed complete.

SkyHawks

Silver Dart Centennial celebrations continued with the Canadian Forces Parachute Demonstration Team the ‘SkyHawks’ meet and greet reception on Site July 8th followed by their ‘drop’ on July 9th at Bell Bay Golf Club. The show began with a streamer drop to monitor winds, followed by the full team performing canopy and various other parachute formations.



After clinging together 4 SkyHawks separate as the drop toward the driving range at Bell Bay Golf Club.

The SkyHawk team is Canada's premier parachute demonstration team and is based at CFB Trenton in Ontario. Established in 1971, the team has performed in more than 3100 shows, delighting over 65 million spectators around the world. They have conducted more than 5000 parachute descents in preparation for their 2009 season.

JA Douglas McCurdy Sydney Airport

More centennial celebrations took place on July 27th at the Sydney airport when it was officially renamed the JA Douglas McCurdy Sydney Airport in honour of Aerial Experiment Association member and Baddeck native JAD McCurdy. This event coincided with the week-long Cross Canada Century Flight of 100 planes for 100 years of flight in Canada that started in Boundary Bay, BC as a tribute to the 100th anniversary of Canada's first powered flight. The following day, July 28th, the Silver Dart Centennial Association hosted a brunch on Site for the pilots and crew. Upwards of 150 attended enjoying the rooftop garden venue.



Pictured are the '100 airplanes for 100 years' pilots and their crews at the SDCA brunch on the AGBNHSC rooftop garden. Seated in the front right are John Lovelace (he produces the TV show 'Wings Over Canada' and is producing a 1 hour special on the 100 airplanes Cross Canada Century Flight 2009), Gerald Haddon (J A Douglas McCurdy's grandson) and Hugh Bell Muller (Alexander Graham Bell's grandson).

Marconi NHSC

Marconi was the venue for Marconi Heritage Day on July 8th which was part of the Table Head Days celebration organized by the Table Head Development Society. The event was very well attended.

St. Peters Canal NHSC

The guided tours at 10:30 and 2 p.m. daily are being received well by visitors. Participants gather at the Nicholas Denys Community Museum overlooking the Canal and then proceed to the canal for a lock operation demonstration.

Canso Islands NHSC

Parks Canada staffed an information booth at Stanfest in Canso on July 4th & 5th. According to local stats more than 10,000 people attended Stanfest and were undeterred by the rainy weather.

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

