

# Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

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## *GAEA Award*

This month's winners of the Gaea Award for Environmentally Friendly Activities are the Association Restaurants, managed by Anne Pitcher. The restaurant staff compost their vegetable peelings and other suitable foodstuffs, and also sort through any recyclables and dispose of them in the proper blue containers.

Congratulations to Anne and her staff for doing their best to be environmentally- friendly in a small and busy space.



## *Special Visitors*

### *Catherine MacPherson*

On August 4th, we had a visit from Catherine MacPherson from the McCord Museum of Canadian History. She was here to discuss, with Ruby Powell, French chocolate at Louisbourg

during the 18th century. Catherine is tracing the history of chocolate in Canada from the colonial era to the early 20th century. Her research is part of a larger project at the University of California - Davis, to trace a full history of chocolate in North America.

The tour began at Archaeology where we examined artifacts relating to chocolate-making implements. The Curatorial Department was the next step to discuss chocolate research and sample 18th century recipes of hot chocolate (both French and Spanish). A tour of the site with a chocolate-making demonstration in the Engineer's House helped to put the research into perspective.

At the end of the day, Catherine left with some prepared one ounce chocolate tablets and balls to bring back to her colleagues.

## *Fort Ticonderoga Visitors*

Monday, August 15 was Fort Ticonderoga day at Louisbourg. Nick Westbrook, the director, and Virginia Westbrook were here along with Ed Pell and Mrs. Pell. They met with Carol Whitfield, Sandy Balcom and Anne Marie Jonah. The Pell's have a long history of sponsoring and encouraging the work at Fort Ticonderoga. One of the Pell ancestors was here in Louisbourg in 1895 for the Society of Colonial Wars monument unveiling and again in 1936 when the

General Society installed another monument at Rochefort Point.

### *Visitors from Lexington & Harvard, Mass.*

On Tuesday, August 16, we had a visit from Susan Bennett the Director of the Lexington (Mass.) Historical Society. She manages 3 original 18th-century buildings associated with the American Revolution, a Firefighting museum and a 19th-century train station. Susan was accompanied by John Rosenberg, the editor of Harvard Magazine. John knows all of the people at Harvard who assisted us in the return of the Louisbourg Cross in 1995. They spent the morning touring the site with Bill O'Shea and the afternoon on their own. They were impressed with our work and all the heritage presenters they met.

### *Gilles Proulx returns to Louisbourg*

Former Louisbourg historian and archivist, Gilles Proulx visited Louisbourg during the week of 23 August. Gilles is retired now and lives in Quebec. While at Louisbourg he wrote on Gardens, Inns and Innkeepers and Military Uniforms, to name a few subjects. He is also the author of *Between France and New France: Life Aboard the Tall Sailing Ships*, (Dundurn Press 1984). He is working on a book about Innkeepers in New France which he expects to have published in 2008. Of course, there will be a section dealing with Louisbourg.

### *Public Archaeology*

#### *- A Success Story for the Summer*

The Public Archaeology Programme took place the week of August 15. The programme is part of an initiative to introduce new interpretive experiences at Louisbourg, while raising our profile in novel ways. At the same time it gives us important data about the unexcavated yards in the reconstructed site. Participants, who pay an extra fee for the week, get a supervised, hands-

on experience in archaeological excavation, learn the history of Louisbourg and become familiar with the material culture of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.



*Back row l-r: Caryn Reynolds, Wendy Clarke-Gillespie, Devyn Holye, Jeff Turner, Helen Cottreau & Tom Cottreau. Front row l-r: Bruce Fry, Don Reynolds, Becki Duggan, Martin Kilmer & Jolene Jarvis*

Rebecca Duggan designed the project which involved excavation in the de la Valliere yard. The Association's archaeologist on site was Bruce Fry, while Blair Cunningham managed the field lab. Support came from all sections: Cultural Resources, Asset Mgt., Heritage Presentation, Corporate Services and from Marketing. The participants came from as close as Sydney, mainland Nova Scotia, and PEI and as far away as Michigan and British Columbia. The weather was great and the participants were overwhelmingly positive in their evaluation of the programme. We look forward to the 2006 Public Archaeology sessions.

### *Staff pulls together for a great fête de St. Louis*

Overall, this year's fête de St. Louis was another crowd-pleaser. Greg Joyce and his crack pyrotechnics team put on a fireworks display on Saturday evening. The show was shot from the barrier beach, a location that was easily visible from all around

Louisbourg Harbour. Reports from lighthouse point were that the show was great from that vantage point.

On Sunday, highlights included the procession from the Engineer's residence to the chapel. Once at the chapel, Steve LeFort, Sandy Anthony, and Jenna Lahey sang the TeDeum and Motet most impeccably. Following was a military salute in the bastion which feature a large complement of compagnies Franches, militia, and the firing of Bruce Allen's shoulder-cannon (Brutus) and a double-cannon volley. The military did fly their colours for all major demonstrations of the day. A few other special events were the 1:30 drumming demonstration on the Waterfront, and the ambigu and dancing at Engineer's. All in all the atmosphere was light, and visitors (of which we had 1013 for the day) were visibly taken up in the spirit of the day.

Thanks to all involved for a great job.  
Vive le Roi!

### ***News From AGB***

#### ***Alexander Graham Bell Day***

On May 19, 2005, Bill No. 192, the Alexander Graham Bell Day Act, received Royal Assent in the Nova Scotia Legislature. The Bill was put forward by MLA Russell MacKinnon. The act established a day in Nova Scotia to recognize Alexander Graham Bell and the day chosen is March 7<sup>th</sup> which is the date of issue in 1876 of the United States Patent No. 174,465 for Bell's 'Improvements in Telegraphy'. This is Nova Scotia's way of recognizing AGB as the inventor of the telephone and has potential as a marketing tool.

#### ***After Hours Events***

This has been a month of extra activity in terms of events (mostly after hours) at AGBNHSC.

- Bell Bay Golf held its Canadian Amateur Pairings Reception here on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Attended by about 200 participants, the group used ORIENTATION and the WATER exhibit areas and were here until around 10:30 p.m. Because of the Amateur, a TSN film crew filmed on Site during the week for footage of the 'flavour' of Baddeck and area that will be shown when the tournament is aired in September.

- A concert with guitarist Andrew White was held on August 18<sup>th</sup> in WATER where the acoustics are great.

- August 21<sup>st</sup> marked our annual Aviation



- Day celebration with well attended and concentrated activities from 2 - 4 p.m. There was plenty for all ages to enjoy including kite and rocket workshops, the musical sounds of fiddler Rachel Davis (Lenard Davis' daughter) & keyboardist Beverly MacLean, model airplane builder George Haliburton and refreshments.

- On Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, visitors were treated to the sounds of the 33 piece adult band, the Delta Music Makers from Delta, British Columbia. Their free outdoor concert lasted just over an hour and the audience looked very comfortable in the sunshine seated on the hillside near the museum entrance. Their stop here was part of their tour of eastern Canada.



books” and wrote her citizenship test on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. She passed with flying colours, took the Oath of Allegiance along with 39 others from 20 different countries and is now a Canadian Citizen.



- Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> brought the musical “Alexander” to the WATER exhibit area at 8 p.m. each night. It was performed by the Young Company Productions who are based in Annapolis Royal. The troupe also enjoyed a visit to Beinn Bhreagh before heading home on Sunday.
- The “Wings Over Canada” film crew was here a few days prior to Aviation Day to do some filming for a broadcast featuring this area and AG Bell. They also did some filming at Crown Jewel Resort in Big Baddeck which has an airstrip and offered flights for youth ages 8- 17 on Aviation Day.

### ***Other News***

We are pleased to note that Atlantic Cruise will be purchasing our “Bell’s Beautiful Mountain” enhanced program during the ‘Silver Whisper’ visits to the port of Sydney in September and October.

We have been providing historic images to the upcoming launch of a virtual Telecommunications Hall of Fame which is inducting AG Bell as a laureate at a gala dinner in Toronto on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

And, after 29 years (more than half of her life!) as a Landed Immigrant and Permanent Resident of Canada, Linda Watson “thumbed through the

### ***Marconi & Canso National Historic Sites***

All is well at Marconi and Canso National Historic Sites of Canada both of which are scheduled to close for the season on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

An Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada plaque unveiling ceremony took place at Chapel Island on July 31<sup>st</sup> with Carol Whitfield and Aynsley MacFarlane with other staff from AGB in attendance.

On Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, during the Canso Causeway 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, it was announced that an HSMBS plaque commemorating the construction of the Causeway will be held in the future. Carol Whitfield and Aynsley MacFarlane attended.

### ***Condolences***

Condolences are extended to Ken MacDonald and Gary Kendall on the death of their father-in-law, Cecil Locke who passed away August 24, 2005. Mr. Locke was also an uncle to Anne Pitcher, Manager of the Volunteer Restaurants.

*Anyone wishing to submit an article to the Hear Ye! Hear Ye! please forward to Donna MacNeil at [donna.macneil@pc.gc.ca](mailto:donna.macneil@pc.gc.ca).*