



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

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Trailblazers!

Construction is almost complete at the new trail to Wolfe's Redoubt thanks to the hard working effort of Asset Management staff, namely Cheryl Hutt, Andy Ganaway, John Bagnell, Philip Burke, and several others who helped with the many tasks required to create a new trail.



Cheryl, John & Andy

Work involved weeks of tree clearing, chipping, pulling stumps, laying the 175m long gravel path, tamping, and installing a

culvert and path over the roadside ditch. The trail, located across from Parking Lot 5 at the Visitor Reception Centre, is scheduled for opening in June 2008, during the 250th anniversary of the second siege of Louisbourg, and things appear to be moving along – right on schedule!

Wolfe's redoubt is a field fortification constructed by the British during the 1758 siege of Louisbourg. This field fort, a 30m x 30m square-shaped earthwork, provided a defensive retreat for the soldiers stationed at gun batteries that fired on French warships in the Louisbourg Harbour. The gun batteries lay south of the redoubt, overlooking the harbour, and the soldiers camped to the north side of the redoubt, on the other side of a small stream. Brigadier-General Wolfe commanded the soldiers in this position, thus the redoubt is called Wolfe's Redoubt.

The British constructed about ten redoubts during the 1758 siege; they were located throughout the extensive British siege works, all the way from Freshwater Brook to Gun Landing Cove.

This is the first time a siege site has been opened for public visitation at Louisbourg.



Panel interpretation will be placed along the route to the redoubt and at the redoubt site itself so, while strolling along the path, everyone has an opportunity to learn about this surprisingly well-preserved siege work and it's role in the Louisbourg story.



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Archives

Your "Hear Ye Hear Ye" newsletters over the years have lots of material which readers might want to consult again, now or later. I wonder if you might consider putting in all your future newsletters at the bottom where you ask for new articles the following: "All newsletters since 1999 are available at

<http://fortress.uccb.ns.ca/parksproject/nhscbnews.htm>

Supplementary Death Benefit

When an employee is offered indeterminate status (seasonal or full-time), they become covered under the supplementary death benefit plan. This coverage requires a form to be signed which designates a beneficiary. Many people have had changes in their life that may affect who, in the event of their death, is to receive this payment. We are encouraging employees to review the information on the beneficiary form to ensure that it meets your current wishes.

For your convenience, "Change of Beneficiary" forms are available at the Human Resource Office. Please contact Terri Dunphy at 733-3503 for more information.

Dragon Boat Races

A group of employees at the Fortress of Louisbourg are forming a rowing team with the intent of entering the Dragon Boat Races next July in support of palliative care. We are seeking interested persons to join, either as a rowing team member or as a support person who will assist fundraising. For more information, please contact Terri Dunphy at 733-3503 or Valerie White at 733-3526.

Good Bye to Carol

A gathering was held Wednesday, November 28th to say goodbye and good luck to Carol Whitfield. Carol has been with us since April 1998 and has worked for Parks Canada her whole career. Although she has had several significant stints in Ottawa, Carol has spent the majority of her career in Atlantic Canada. She has worked in various capacities at the Halifax Citadel, Fundy National Park and of course Cape Breton.

She has accomplished much during her years with Parks Canada. Things such as Encampment '99, the designation of Chapel Island as a National Historic Site, the designation of Stanley Thompson as a Person of National Historic Significance, the implementation of the Salt Management Plan, the upcoming opening of Wolfe's Redoubt and the upcoming Encampment 2008 to name just a few.

We wish Carol all the best in her future endeavours and we will miss her dearly in Cape Breton. Below are some shots of Carol receiving the many tokens of our appreciation.



A beautiful wrought iron plant hanger was presented to Carol from the Asset Management section.



Anne Marie Lane Jonah presented Carol with the "Louisbourg Lantern".



A beautiful photograph of Louisbourg by employee, Ian Harte, was presented to Carol along with other gifts from the staff at the Fortress.



A beautiful vase was presented to Carol from the staff at AGB on November 20th. The Management Team gave Carol a Christopher Gorey painting as well.

News from AGB

Special Visitors

Myles E. Jones and his son visited on October 9th travelling from Pennsylvania. Mr. Jones brought with him the letter and original tetrahedral cell his wife received during their visit in 1958. She was our 100,000th visitor. Bell's daughter Elsie Grosvenor presented her with the letter and the artefact. This was especially meaningful for them because Mr. Myles was a Bell Telephone employee.

ArtReach

Our collaboration with the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia through their ArtReach extension program has been a resounding success. More than 100 students from Grade Primary to Grade 12 as well as teachers attending a teacher's conference on the arts have been on Site to enjoy the framed prints that were hung in early September and take part in print making workshops. Visitors also enjoyed the framed print collection as they made their way to the hydrofoil exhibit area. The artwork was taken down on October 26th. We look forward to working with AGNS again.

Flights of Fancy

The first stage of pilot testing of our 'Flights of Fancy' lesson plan is underway at Baddeck Academy and Étoile de l'Acadie. Madeline Harvey and Donna Johnson facilitated the PowerPoint presentation and the kite making components of the lesson plan to start the process. Both teachers, Mike Lucas and Eric Moneau are very enthusiastic about the content and we look forward to their evaluations.

Beautiful Flowers

Below are two photos of a most amazing and unusual hibiscus blossom we discovered growing in one of our planters in the Orientation area. The colours in the petals and the stamens are lovely.



Condolences

Our sincere condolences to Anna Marie Cormier and family on the death of her sister, Lillian MacEachern on November 19th, 2007.

Our sincere condolences to Anita MacNeil and her family on the death of her mother, Anita Finlayson on November 26th, 2007.

Long Service Awards Presentation

On September 26, 2007, at a quarterly meeting of the watchstaff at the Fire Hall, Sandy Balcom, Acting Manager, Cultural Resources presented several long service awards. John Hardy and John MacLean both received their 15-year pin and certificate. Receiving their 25-year pin, certificates and gifts were Brent Baker and Eugene Taylor. Congratulations to John H, John MacL, Brent and Eugene for achieving these significant milestones in their careers with Parks Canada. Thanks to Ian Harte for photographing the event.



John Hardy – 15 Years



Brent Baker – 25 Years



John MacLean – 15 Years



Eugene Taylor – 25 Years

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Hear Ye! Hear Ye!, please contact Donna MacNeil at 902-733-3551 or email at donna.macneil@pc.gc.ca