

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

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GAEA Award

The winners of the Gaea Award for environmentally friendly activities for the month of November are **Steve MacPhee** and **Billy Cann** who work in the Service Garage. These guys recycle tires and oil so that they do not contaminate the environment. Their disposal of these items in a controlled manner contributes to a cleaner environment.

Congratulations Steve and Billy for maintaining a "green" workplace. Pictured below are Steve holding the Gaea Award, and Billy holding a Louisbourg coffee mug donated by the *Fortress of Louisbourg Association*. Note in the background the items which Steve and Billy recycle.



The Green Luncheon

On October 21st, the Green Committee hosted a luncheon for all Fortress of Louisbourg staff. Pizza, garlic fingers, pop and cookies were provided for lunch. All attendees were asked to bring their own plates and cutlery so that there was no need to use

disposable dishware, and almost everyone who showed honoured the request.

The luncheon was held in the Bigot Theatre which contained displays of various green products, green initiatives for the workplace, recycling and composting tips, etc. Mark Jackson, a representative of the Atlantic Coastal Action Program (ACAP Cape Breton) spoke about the One Tonne Challenge, and gave a very informative and interesting talk about ways to reduce energy consumption and waste. The 30 + people who attended were very receptive; everyone ate their fill, and all returned to work with plenty of left-overs and "green" ideas to inspire them.

Thanks to all who attended.

The Green Committee



CBU Students

On November 14th, six students from Cape Breton University came out to the Fortress of Louisbourg to try on period costumes. They are all in the Bachelor of Education Program and

have been working as a group, developing lesson plans about Louisbourg. As part of their project, they contacted Elizabeth Tait and came out to the park to try on some of our reproduction costumes. They took a series of photographs, which they will use as part of their final presentation to the rest of the class.



Cape Breton Women's History

This November Erna MacLeod and Anne Marie Lane Jonah began a Cape Breton women's history book project. They sent out letters to people who were at last year's Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada community consultation in women's history, inviting them to write the stories that they told at the meeting. These will form the basis of a collection of short stories of women from all walks of life throughout the island's history, which will be edited into a book. Heather Gillis and Ken Donovan were the first to commit to contributing, and many more have already expressed interest in the project. If you know of the story of a woman whose life or work illustrates an aspect of women's contributions to Cape Breton's history or have a contributor to suggest, please get in touch with Erna or Anne Marie.

Christmas Parade

The Christmas Parade was a huge success and everyone liked the float. We had a lot of participation from various sections that helped to put it together and a big THANK YOU should go out to the following:

Carpentry Shop

Artisan Shop

Curatorial (furnishings) Paint Shop
 Iron Shop Labourers
 Heritage Presentation Garage

It is important to work together for community outreach such as this!!! Here are some photos of the float:



A/Director General

By now everyone knows that our Field Unit Superintendent Carol Whitfield is acting Director General for Eastern Canada. We all wish the best for her in this position but we all want her to come back to us too!!! She will be returning to Louisbourg on January 9th, 2006. Until that time, Tim Reynolds is A/Field Unit Superintendent and Tom Meagher is A/Superintendent of Historic Sites.

Condolences

Our sincere condolences to Ken Donovan and his family on the death of his mother, Sarah Ann Donovan on November 29, 2005.

