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Parliamentary Guides Recruitment

Recruitment for the 2010 Parliamentary Guide Program has begun. Information regarding these positions and the online application form are available electronically at the following address:

www.parl.gc.ca/guides

Interested students are asked to apply online and then forward any additional documents by mail, email or fax.

Please note the deadline for application this year is Friday, January 15, 2010. For further information please contact the Library of Parliament's Information Service at (613) 992-4793 or 1-866-599-4999.

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

The Fortress of Louisbourg is presenting their second annual Holiday Dinner and Concert series, "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year".

On Friday, December 11th, local chamber choir, "Cantabile" under the direction of Jim MacNeil, will be featured, and on Friday, December 18th, "4tet", comprised of Richard Burke, Aaron Lewis, Stephen Muise and Jennifer Sheppard, will perform. Both performances will take place in the Chapel at

the Fortress, which will be decorated with traditional greenery and glowing candlelight.

Each evening starts with a seasonal meal in our period restaurants featuring vegetable soup, roast turkey with rice, dressing and vegetables, and chocolate cake with coffee or tea. The meal is served on period dishware in a cosy, candle-lit setting, served by costumed waitresses. Alcoholic beverages are available for an extra charge.

Both evenings start at 6:00 pm. Follow the "Evening Event" signs to **Gate 2** for entry to the Site. Warm clothing and comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Tickets are \$50.00 per person per show. Advance tickets ONLY.

For information and to purchase tickets, phone 733- 3546.

News from AGB & Sites

Olympic Torch Relay 2010

AGBNHSC was delighted to be among the 34 Parks Canada sites/parks participating in the Olympic Torch Relay 2010 on Day 18, Monday, November 16th.

The whole event was heart warming and a once in a lifetime experience for most of those who participated. RCMP Constable Patrick O'Shea from the Ingonish detachment was



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here in red serge and we had some folks dressed in the style of the early 1900's. The weather was fabulous.



Over 500 visitors enjoyed the photo opportunities with the torchbearers (5 in all) as well as the experience of watching as the flame was passed from the first torchbearer to the next before it made its way through Baddeck.



The Village of Baddeck was thoroughly involved in its portion of the OTR as demonstrated by the attendance and enthusiasm here on site and along the route through the Village streets.



As a participating PC site we received signage featuring for our event which was designed without dates or mention of Olympic Torch Relay so we will be able to use it as needed in our operations throughout the year. It looked great and was placed strategically near the museum entrance.

The Olympic Flame was relayed up to the museum entrance area where the next torchbearer prepared to receive the flame and begin running it through Baddeck.

Silver Dart Centennial – Cape Breton Climate Change Conference

AGBNHSC was the venue for the evening reception that took place prior to the conference held on Friday, November 27, 2009 at Inverary Resort.

The day-long symposium related well to some ideas imparted by Alexander Graham Bell who talked about the 'greenhouse effect' in 1914 and who in a 1921 interview was quoted as saying when asked what he felt scientists and researchers should be devoted to in 1922, "That's very simple," he said. "Energy. We're running short of energy. Our coal and oil are going to run out one of these days and we'll be without it and we've got to develop methods or substitutes for those fuels."

Keynote speaker at the conference was Jeffrey Simpson, Globe & Mail journalist and co-author of Hot Air: Meeting Canada's Climate Change Challenge.

Other speakers were Carl Duivenvoorden who is intricately involved with "Climate Project Canada"; Ross McCurdy, President and CEO, Cape Breton Development Corporation, charged with overseeing environmental monitoring and site remediation and who is a cousin to the *Silver Dart* airplane's 1909 pilot J. A. Douglas McCurdy; Geoff Green, an Adventurer, Environmentalist and Speaker who has led 74 expeditions to Antarctica and 30 to the Arctic and is the founder of the "Students on Ice" program; and Fred

Baechler, Chief Hydrogeologist for ADI Ltd in the Sydney Regional Office.

Lenard Davis Retirement

Lenard Davis was presented with his 28 year retirement certificate by Aynsley MacFarlane on Wednesday, November 25th following a staff BBQ lunch. Congratulations, Leonard!



100th Anniversary of Marconi's Nobel Prize – Stockholm, Sweden

Cape Breton University, in collaboration with Parks Canada, will proudly commemorate the 100th anniversary of Guglielmo Marconi's Nobel Prize in Physics through participation in the "A Wireless World" conference to be held in Stockholm, Sweden on December 4th, 2009. Dr. Mary K. MacLeod, a History and Fine Arts professor at CBU, will be representing the University, Parks Canada and the Cape Breton Wireless and Telegraph Association, as an invited speaker at this conference.

Dr. MacLeod, who authored *Marconi, The Canada Years, 1902-1946*, will focus on the three Cape Breton stations and the importance of trans-Atlantic wireless communication. She will highlight the Canada/Cape Breton Island Marconi connection and the commemoration of Marconi's transmission of the world's first wireless message at Parks Canada's Marconi National Historic Site located at Table Head, Glace Bay.

Dr. MacLeod also looks forward to networking opportunities while she is in Stockholm.

Marconi Connection Group

Meetings to organize Marconi related projects continue with community groups (the Glace Bay Heritage Museum Society, Sydney Amateur Radio Club, Glace Bay Tourism Association, Table Head Development Society and the Cape Breton Wireless and Telegraph Association) in Glace Bay.

The 3 main projects under consideration are applying for the opportunity for a Glace Bay School to make contact with the International Space Station from Marconi NHSC; twinning a school from Poldhu, England with a school in Glace Bay to work toward a wireless communication from Marconi NHSC and a site near Poldhu; and developing a wireless communication experience that involves learning about satellite technology that could be offered to school groups in June. The Sydney Amateur Radio Club will draft a proposal for the content of this school program.

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

All newsletters since 1999 are available at <http://fortress.cbu.ca/parksproject/nhscbnews.htm>