



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES ON CAPE BRETON ISLAND
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Canada School of Public Service

As reported before, the Canada School of Public Service was created to address the common learning needs of public service employees. This school tailors its products and services specifically to meet the needs of public service employees at all levels across government.

Any employee who would like to enroll in this school needs to have a valid Government of Canada email account. If you don't have this, please contact Donna MacNeil at 733-3551 or by email at donna.macneil@pc.gc.ca. Donna will have your email account set up and then help you set up your account with this school.

Donna will be contacting any employee who has already expressed an interest in this to make arrangements to set up your accounts.

Working with our Community

Has anyone noticed the new entrance to our town lately? Along with the replica of the entrance gate to the Bigot Yard that was constructed in 2008 one of our 18-pound cannon barrels is now on display as well!

This was initiated by the Louisbourg Merchants Association with support from the municipal councillor for the area, Brian Lahey. Brian Harpell coordinated the work between the Fortress and the municipality.

Many other people were also involved in making this happen. Parks Canada employees, Jim MacIsaac and John Ward built the form for the concrete carriage, Asset Management staff moved the cannon barrel to the town garage where municipal workers painted both the barrel and the carriage.

This is just another example of our continuing efforts to work with our communities and local governments.
Well Done!



Photo by Ian Harte



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Louisbourg Youth Group

Friday September 25, 2009 the Fortress of Louisbourg was host to a group of 60 local youth and chaperons who were treated to the "Fortress at Night".

Our staff volunteered to startle and scream and dress for the scary adventure much to the youths' delight. FOL partnered with the local youth group to make it happen.

A big thank you to all of the volunteers who took the time to make this walk happen.



Photo by Ian Harte

News from AGB & Sites

The Lodge

Staff was delighted to be invited by the Bell family descendants for a tour of the first home built by A.G. and Mabel Bell at Beinn Bhreagh. Construction of "The Lodge" was nearly completed by the time the Bell's arrived in Baddeck in the summer of 1889. Some of the Bell's great grandchildren were on hand to share family oral history and their recollections of "The Lodge" from their younger days. This home is still used by family members mainly from late spring through September. The opportunity to visit was much appreciated.



Pictured at "The Lodge" are (back row) Valerie Mason, Marian Weissman and her sister Sally Shankman (the Bell's great granddaughters), Amanda MacQuarrie, Hugh Muller (the Bell's great grandson) and Kathy Kerr, (front row) Melissa Nicholson, Donna Johnson and Jeff Garland.

Provincial VIC Supervisors Visit Beinn Bhreagh

For the first time the provincial visitor information centre supervisors held their annual meeting in Baddeck and part of their experience included a tour of the grounds at Beinn Bhreagh. They gathered at AGBNHSC and were led to Beinn Bhreagh by Heritage Presenter Valerie Mason who then conducted the tour with AG Bell's great grandson Hugh Muller.

Celtic Colours Bell Series/Suite Silver Dart

Almost 400 visitors enjoyed the 3rd annual "Bell Series" music/dance lecture demonstrations in the museum's WATER exhibit hall from October 12th through 16th.

Our centennial musical celebration, Suite Silver Dart and the Sky's the Limit youth project, in collaboration with the Silver Dart Centennial Association and Celtic Colours, delighted audiences at the Savoy Theatre and Strathspey Place.

Olympic Torch Relay

Parks Canada is proud to host the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay at several of Canada's treasured national parks and national historic sites as the Olympic Flame travels across the country on its 45,000 km journey and to join with Canadians as they celebrate in preparation for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver.

AGBNHSC is delighted to be one of 4 Nova Scotia PC sites/parks included in the Relay along with Fort Anne, Halifax Citadel and Grand Pré NHSC's. The Village of Baddeck is a Route Community and AGBNHSC is a Collection Point during the Cape Breton portion of the Relay on Day 18, Monday, November 16th. Our participation is in the afternoon and the details are still unfolding.

Legacy Project

The Silver Dart Centennial Association's Legacy Committee invited the public to attend a presentation of the findings of the "Attraction Expansion Feasibility Study" it commissioned to determine the feasibility of an expansion to our museum that would house an enhanced aviation exhibit, a full-scale replica of *Silver Dart* airplane. Parks Canada collaborated in the commissioning of this study and co-funded it with the Silver Dart Centennial Association, Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation and Nova Scotia Tourism, Culture and Heritage.

St. Peters Canal and St. Peters NHSC

St. Peters Canal and St. Peters National Historic Sites in collaboration with the Village of St. Peter's, Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency, Nicolas

Denys Museum and St. Peter's Economic Development Organization officially opened a new trail on Tuesday, October 6th. The new trail begins with a bird's eye view of St. Peters Canal at the look off by the Nicolas Denys Museum and enhances Parks Canada's guided tour.



At the head of the new trail at St. Peters Canal and St. Peters National Historic Site is Acting Superintendent, Eddie Kennedy with community collaborators. The trees have been thinned to restore the view of the Canal from the look-off near the Nicolas Denys Museum and along the trail.

Marconi National Historic Site of Canada

The Sydney Amateur Radio Club (SARC) enhances the visitor experience at Marconi NHSC by providing daily demonstrations of wireless communication including Morse Code and voice transmissions to and from other amateur radio operators around the world.

In recognition of SARC's support of the protection, commemoration and appreciation of our national heritage at this site, Acting Superintendent, Eddie Kennedy, presented SARC members John Clark and Jim Charlong with Parks Canada "Certificates of Appreciation" in recognition of their expertise and their dedication carrying out their volunteer activities.



Eddie Kennedy presents SARC member John Clarke with a Parks Canada Certificate of Appreciation at the Glace Bay Heritage Museum during a Marconi connection community meeting.



Eddie Kennedy presents SARC member Jim Charlong with a Parks Canada Certificate of Appreciation at the same meeting.

Safety Information-Gasoline

NEVER store gasoline in basements, pits or other confined areas. Gasoline must be stored in areas that are well-ventilated, free from ignition sources and in areas permitted by the National Fire Code of Canada.

NEVER store or transport gasoline in glass, in metal cans with plastic parts or in plastic containers which have not been approved for these uses.

NEVER smoke while you are handling gasoline or other flammable liquids.

NEVER use gasoline to start your barbecue or as a cleaner or solvent.

In case of major spills –
GET OUT & STAY OUT!

- Clear people from the area immediately
- Open exterior doors & windows to ventilate the area
- Call Fire Department from a neighbour's phone
- Do not operate light switches, electrical appliances or any other source of sparks
- Don't light matches or lighters, and extinguish cigarettes immediately
- Do not re-enter the area until the hazard has been eliminated.

Call your local fire department if you have questions concerning the safe storage and use of gasoline! Excerpts from 3minutedrill.alberta.ca (Government of Alberta)

Congratulations

All staff would like to congratulate Chip and Dorothy on their recent marriage. We all wish them a long and happy life together!

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

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