

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- CHIN, CMA, TIANB
- Conference & AGM 2014
- The Saint John Jewish Historical Museum
- Bathurst Heritage Commission
- And so much more....

President's Message

Hello Fellow Members,

It's been a tough winter for everyone this year so we are really looking forward to Spring and opening our doors to the public. This year AMNB is working on increasing its engagement with all heritage related activity in the Province in support of the new cultural policy. We also want to ensure that we are doing our best to support your museum and your interests. We encourage you to promote the AMNB by asking your colleagues if they are members. If they are not, tell them

to join – they will not regret it.

Our conference committee is working hard to create an exciting event this year to celebrate our achievements, share our stories, and learn through attending our professional development sessions. The committee's objective is to make the annual conference a premier event and one that you don't want to miss. We are looking to bring some great speakers and offer some excellent training workshops but we need you, so please come and join us in Fredericton on November 5th - 7th. Hope to see you all at our

kitchen party at Kings Landing on Day 1. A preliminary program is included in this Alerte.

Preparations have begun Canada wide to celebrate our 150th. If you have ideas or want to celebrate, participate, etc. let us know. We are looking for ideas of events and exhibits that we can showcase in 2017.

Have a great spring and see you soon.

Dr. David
Desjardins



CHIN

The 2014 Federal Budget announced that the Canadian Museum of History will become responsible for the Virtual Museum of Canada. The details of this transfer are yet to be determined.

As a result of this announcement, the Call for Proposals for the Virtual Exhibits Investment Program planned for spring 2014 will not take place.

We will keep you informed as details become available. Updates will be posted here in the [News](#) section of the Canadian Heritage Information Network website.

CMA

2014 CMA Conference at the Fairmont Royal York in Toronto on April 7-11.

To register and learn more go their website at

<http://www.museums.ca/conference/?n=14-98-284>

In other news the CMA Nominations Committee has put forward the candidate to stand for election to the CMA Board of Directors for a three-year term as Director as our very own **Jane Fullerton** CEO, New Brunswick Museum. The election will be held at the AGM on April 9, 2014.

TIANB

On May 21-23, 2014 in Bathurst, New Brunswick do not miss the Annual TIANB Conference.

There will be Speakers, Workshops, a Marketplace and Entertainment. A reception on the 21st at the Bathurst Marina and a Awards Gala at Danny's Inn on the 22nd.

To learn more see their website:

https://tianb.com/en/membershipandbenefits/annualconference.asp?_mid_=10359



**Celebrating 40 Years
of Heritage and
Counting
November 5-7, 2014
in Fredericton**

Celebrating NB Heritage at the 2014 AMNB Annual Conference and AGM “Celebrating the Past and Looking to the Future”

We have come a long way in 40 years and look forward to the next 40 and beyond. This wonderful year of celebration will begin at Kings Landing who are also celebrating 40 years.

Opening ceremony November 5th, 2014:

2:00pm—5:00pm Kings Landing experiences

5:00pm—5:30pm Aboriginal Event

5:30pm—8:30pm Kings Landing Dinner and Kitchen Party

(transportation will be available after the supper for those who wish to retire early)

Accommodations Main Venue

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Code to use when reserving:
NBMUSEUM



The AMNB welcoming committee will be awaiting your arrival at the hotel for noon November 5th then you may proceed to check in to the Hotel. Management has been kind enough to allow us to get our rooms as early as 12:30pm. Once you have deposited your luggage in your room you may return to the lobby to register, renew your membership and drop off your Silent Auction items. Prepare to depart for Kings Landing at 2pm.

Standard Room \$104+HST/night

Deluxe Room \$114+HST/night



Executive Room \$134+HST/night

EVENTS



Our famous SILENT AUCTION where this year our highest bidder gets an extra prize. We can receive your items on Wednesday November 5 during registration and the Silent Auction will run all day Thursday November 6 and close at the Banquet.



An informative and interesting TRADE SHOW that will be available during Health Breaks on Thursday November 6. At present we have three organizations already committed and more to come.



AWARDS

Our records indicate that the awards ceremony at the AMNB commenced in 1977 and a full list of award recipients over the years will be on our website very soon. The Deadline for submission of nominations for this years awards is August 31st, 2014. The Awards ceremony will be on Thursday November 6, 2014 around 2pm immediately following the AGM. The Founders Award will be held at the Banquet. We look forward to receiving your nominations for the outstanding people and organizations that work diligently to preserve our rich New Brunswick Heritage.



Hon. Dale Graham presented the Founders Award to Barbara McIntyre of the Quaco Museum November 7, 2013

PRESENTATIONS

Here is a snippet of who will be speaking at our conference. The official program will come out in our June newsletter.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER FRIDAY NOV 7 AT 9AM

MARGARET CONRAD—A Canadian historian specializing in the fields of Atlantic Canada and Women's history. She most recently held the Canada Research Chair in Atlantic Canada Studies at the University of New Brunswick before retiring in 2009. Born in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Acadia University in 1967, a Master of Arts degree in 1968, and a Ph.D. in 1979 both from the University of Toronto. After a brief stint as an editor at Clarke, Irwin Publishing Company from 1968 to 1969, she joined the Department of History Acadia University in 1969. She was made a full professor in 1987 and was Head of Department from 1992 to 1995. In 2002, she was awarded for a 7-year term a Canada Research Chair in Atlantic Canada Studies at University of New Brunswick. From 1991 to 2002, she was also an Adjunct Professor at Dalhousie University. From 1996 to 1998, she held the Nancy's Chair of Women's Studies at Mount Saint Vincent University. Conrad retired from academic life in 2009, and in 2010 was named professor emerita by the University of New Brunswick. In 1995, she was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. In 2004, she was made an Officer of the Order of Canada. In 2002, she was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal and in 2012 the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.



PRESENTERS THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6

**Carol Sheedy, Vice-President, Operations
Eastern Canada—Parks Canada Agency**

As Vice-President, Operations, Eastern Canada, Carol Sheedy leads national parks, national historic sites and national marine conservation areas in Quebec, Ontario and Atlantic Canada in bringing to life the many stories of Canada's nature, history and culture for the enjoyment and learning of Canadians. She also leads protection efforts in all these special places to ensure they remain available for future generations.

Ms. Sheedy has worked with Parks Canada since 1989. In 2005, Ms. Sheedy was appointed as the first Director General, External Relations and Visitor Experience for Parks Canada. She also assumed national leadership for the iconic Parks Canada brand and the Agency's External Relations Strategy.



In both her work and voluntary pursuits, she is one of Canada's most passionate and knowledgeable advocates for the human connection to our natural and cultural heritage. Ms. Sheedy's career has been dedicated to connecting Canadians, through offering meaningful experiences, to their national parks, national historic sites and national marine conservation areas.

**Jean-Marc Blais, Director General
and Vice-President
Canadian Museum of History**



Mr. Jean-Marc Blais was appointed Director General of the Canadian Museum of History in March 2013. He previously held the position of Vice-President, Research and Exhibitions, and Vice-President, Exhibitions and Programs since 2009. Mr. Blais brings an extensive experience with the federal public service, where he held many senior management positions, including Director, Associate Director General and Director General within the Canadian Heritage Portfolio, the Canada School of Public Service and Service Canada. His previous career experience includes 12 years with the Canadian Museum of Civilization where he worked from 1989 to 2001 in the areas of program planning, interpretation and exhibition planning. He has also actively contributed to the development of the Museum's interpretation function and the implementation of the exhibition development process. As well as writing articles, Mr. Blais has contributed papers to several books for specialists, and lectured at national and international events. Early in his career, he held several teaching positions at different academic levels and in various parts of the country.

Société Culturelle de Saint-François

On Sunday February 16th, the Société culturelle de Saint-François joined the committee of the Musée LaForge Jos B. Michaud, at the musée de la salle du 150e and the Ledges and Connors Heritage Committee in order to organize a day for Heritage Week. 35 people took part of this meeting in the Mgr Plourde library community room. The theme was **New Brunswick remembers 1919-2014**.

For the occasion, Major Maurice (Piton) Pelletier shared the Cadets of Clair Squadron history. Many young people got the chance to participate in different components. In 2015, the Squadron will celebrate its 40th anniversary. To follow up on what the Major presented, Mrs Kathy Pelletier, now at a higher level, confirmed that these guidelines helped her in profes-

sional life, in leadership and in her family life. She also named a few cadets that now occupy career roles that take a lot of discipline and leadership.

In the second half of the presentation, Private François-Michel Saucier shared his interest and passion since he joined the Canadian Armed Forces one year ago. With a slideshow, he spoke of his experience with the Armed Forces. Corporal Frank Albert was standing next to him and added experiences as well of what Private Saucier will have to go through with his new career. Barely 18 years old, he's ready to take on this incredible commitment for his future.

Mrs Nadine Bolduc, CMANB 2014 coordinator, closed the presentation with a

report on a youth meeting in the Fall 2013. The Festival Jeunesse de l'Acadie (FJA 2013), in Port-au-Port, Newfoundland, took place from November 8 to November 10, 2013. She explained how Soldier Saucier demonstrated know-how in different components. He distinguished himself in his leadership, his discipline and in others skills. He will be the youth representative in Pohénégamook, Témiscouata, from August 12 to August 17, 2014, during the Congrès Mondial Acadien.

At the end of the activity, there was fudge, molasses cookies, and homemade sweet rolls.

*Photo on left:
Private Saucier
Photo on Right:
Major Pelletier.*



The Saint John Jewish Historical Museum

The **Saint John Jewish Historical Museum** will present a number of new exhibits for Summer 2014.

The main exhibit will be on the history of the Jewish summer community of Pamdenec (now part of the town of Grand Bay – Westfield). Pamdenec was named as a New Brunswick Historic Place in 2011. More than fifty Jewish families had summer homes in this area along the Saint John River from the 1920s to the 1950s. The exhibit will include maps, photographs, artefacts, and a video, which will feature excerpts from home movies of the period and interviews with former residents. Funding for this exhibit comes from an Exhibit Renewal Grant from the Heritage Branch.

We will also have three smaller community exhibits. The first of these will focus on the waves of Jewish immigration to Saint John from 1783 to the present, including the Loyalists, the English, the Eastern Europeans, post-war refugees and new Israeli arrivals. The second will focus on 36 exceptional men and women in the community, some who were leaders within the Jewish community, and others whose contributions reached into wider city activities and beyond. The third will be a reprise of “Open for Business”, an overview of the history of the Jewish businesses which operated throughout the city from 1858 to the early 21st century.

Last year, a small exhibit was created – “Remembering the Survivors – Starting A New Life” – to tell the stories of several Holocaust survivors who came to Saint John. Since then, we have conducted research, oral interviews and collected more photographs which will allow us to expand this exhibit to tell the stories of a dozen families and individuals. Each person has a different experience and a different story to tell.

We also have our permanent exhibit – “The Jewish Way of Life from the Cradle to the Grave” and the opportunity to share the Synagogue with our visitors.

The Saint John Jewish Historical Museum will open for the season on June 2nd, and remain open from Monday to Friday until the end of October.

If any museum would like to include our brochures for distribution in their communities please contact Katherine at (506) 633-1833.

Plans are underway for the program to commemorate the Holocaust on Monday, April 28th, and a spring music concert fundraiser, which will take place in mid-May.

Follow us on Facebook to see information about events and activities at our Museum.

The Saint John Jewish Historical Museum was created in 1986 to preserve the history of the Saint John Jewish community, founded in 1858, and share it with visitors from around the world. Our mandate is to collect, conserve, display, and educate. We show documents, photographs and artefacts related to the community’s history and Jewish culture. The Museum features a number of permanent and changing exhibits. Guided tours of the Museum are available. The archives and research library are available to researchers by appointment. It is the only Jewish museum in Atlantic Canada.

Open May 26—October 31 Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm also Sunday 1pm to 4pm July and August. Group Tours by appointment year-round. Price \$5 CAD

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In the News

February 21, 2014 - EDMUNDSTON (NB)

With investments from the Government of Canada and the Province of New Brunswick, the Railroad Interpretation Centre of Edmundston, a private local interpretation centre, will be getting a makeover and will improve the visitor experience and the quality of

its services. To prepare for the Congrès Mondial Acadien 2014, the museum plans on improving the quality of its services. The Honorable Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development and Madawaska-Restigouche MP, the Honorable Madeleine Dubé, New Brunswick Social Development

Minister, as well as MLA Yvon Malenfant, joined the Railroad Interpretation Centre owners for the announcement today.

THE FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS SUPPORTS THE RAILROAD INTERPRETATION CENTRE

(From left to right)
 Minister Dubé,
 Minister Valcourt,
 Guy Laforge, owner
 of the Interpretation
 Centre, MLA Yvon
 Bonenfant, and
 Géraldine Laforge,
 Interpretation Centre
 owner.



Du Réel au Miniature Railroad Interpretation Centre

We wish to express our thanks for the financial support from the federal and provincial governments, Du Réel au Miniature Railroad Interpretation Centre will be able to add a miniature 1½ scale train track outside.

We are very happy about this great initiative. Without this support, the project would have required many years to become a reality. This constitutes a turning point in our project expansion to promote our museum. It will also have a major impact on the increase of visitor traffic, and therefore allow us to be ready

for the Congrès Mondial Acadien 2014.

Sincere thanks.

**Guy & Géraldine
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Submissions are always welcome!

Please send details of your event, program, or heritage news to: info@amnb.ca
Articles should be 150 to 400 words maximum. Pictures & press releases are welcome.

ALERTE is published province wide—if possible please supply your submission in both official languages if not translation service is available.

Thank you!

The Mission of Association Museums New Brunswick shall be to preserve the history and heritage of the province of New Brunswick by uniting, promoting and advancing the aspirations of all workers in the heritage and cultural fields in the province of New Brunswick both voluntary and professional, their supporters and other heritage and cultural organizations.

AMNB Committees

Advocacy - Brian Clark (Chair)

Communications - Frank LeBlanc (Chair)

Conference & AGM - Jeanne Mance Cormier & Brian Clark

Awards - Lyne Bard (Chair)

Finance - Regina Mantin (Chair)

Membership - Ruth Murgatroyd (Chair)

Ad Hoc committee for by-laws— Jeanne Mance Cormier (Chair)



Kings Landing Historical Settlement celebrating 40 years

Did you know?

In 1783 15,000 United Empire Loyalists were granted land along the river based on their rank in the British army. They were among the first settlers to this region.

Did you know?

Each home and trade area at Kings Landing has been restored to a different time period. Look for differences in style of clothing, technology, cooking utensils, architectural styles of the home, conveniences such as water and more.

Did you know?

The name Kings Landing Historical Settlement was chosen for the Kings American Dragoons, a regiment of loyalists in the American Revolution, and “Landing”, for a stopping point or wharf where boats could tie up.

