



President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to present the spring issue of the AMNB Alert newsletter. This latest issue is chock full of fascinating information and descriptive articles. As the snow melts away and the days get longer, we are reminded that our busiest time of the year is just around the corner in terms of visitors to our museums, parks and historic sites. Let's be ready to offer a warm welcome to our guests, with whom we are honoured to share our heritage as part of our work or volunteer efforts.

I invite you also to mark your calendars now for our annual general meeting and conference set to take place on October 13-15, 2011, in

Moncton. You can be assured that our co-chairs are working closely with their committee to put together an outstanding event for you.

Nomination forms for the annual AMNB Awards will also be coming out shortly. Don't forget to use them to recognize the hard work of your employees, volunteers and partners, showcase your special projects or simply pay tribute to individuals who have been working in the heritage sector for 25 years or more.

I also take this opportunity to report that the members of your association's executive met with the Honourable Trevor Holder, Minister of Wellness, Culture and Sport, this past February. Our meeting was very cordial and we covered

numerous key issues in support of the Heritage Branch as well as the AMNB and its members.

On behalf of the AMNB Board of Directors and our administrative assistant, Chantal Brideau, best wishes to you all for a spectacular summer season!

Sincerely,

Lyne Bard



Built in 1883, the Lutz Mountain Meeting House was known as the "Second Baptist Church" of Moncton, and since 1975 has served as Lutz Mountain's community Heritage Museum. Artefacts tell as much about people as the written word. Step into the past as you enjoy displays of garments, quilts, household implements, tools, even a school room – proud memories of a bygone era. If you are interested in family research, we have census, marriage, cemetery and genealogy records from 1770 to 1901, as well as local stories and newspaper clippings.

Located at 3143 Mountain Road, Moncton, just 2 minutes north of Magnetic Hill. Take Exit 450 and follow the Museum "M" signs.

Open Mid June to Mid September, Monday – Saturday, 9:30 am – 5:50 pm. Other times by appointment.

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An Exciting New Restructuring of The Bonar Law Site



With its new logo the site has been re-branded and now is so much more than you can imagine. Based on the past community use of this site and the new restructuring this site has been recently named “Bonar Law Common”.

As an addition to the heritage value of the Bonar Law Common, celebrating the life of Andrew Bonar Law, a “walk through time” telling the story of life on the Richibucto River has been developed. Take a stroll through our “walk through time” (see below) and enjoy learning about the regions past. Don’t rush, sit in the shade and enjoy the scenery and lovely summer breeze coming off the grand old Richibucto River. The Bonar Law Common has a new festival area, which will include a new band shelter, vender booths,

children’s play area and new parking sections.

With the new development, the Common now hosts a new games area, highlighted with the new exciting games of Farmersgolf and Extreme Croquet, along with other fun filled games for the whole family. While many new activities such as Saturday Morning at the Common and Sunday Night Classics will be taking place, favourite events such as British Car Days of New Brunswick and local favourites like Canada Day and New Brunswick celebrations will be continuing.

The Bonar Law Common now offers space for business and local groups or organizations to rent the site for various events or gatherings. Check out rental options, we feel you will be pleasantly surprised. It has been stated by tourism industry leaders “the Bonar Law Common” could become a top major tourism draw for the region”.

Part of the restructuring of the Bonar law Common is the development of a “Walk through time”. This trail will wind its way from the Interpretative / Welcome Centre towards Bonar Law’s homestead, alongside the farm garden, follow the shoreline, through the old apple orchard and ending in the court yard of Bonar’s former home. This will make for a very pleasant stroll. All along your walk, you can gather information on the region’s past and wonder back in time as to what it would have been like living on the banks of the Richibucto River in days gone by.

The trail itself is completed, but we are still working on documenting and constructing the interpretative panels. We hope this portion of the Bonar Law Common restructuring will soon be completed.

We are open daily from the last week of June until September. Outside these dates contact for appointment. For more information visit bonarlawcommon.com.

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*Official Grand Re-Opening
of the Bonar Law Common
12 August 2010*



La Société Culturelle de Saint-François Inc

The grand opening took place on Sunday, March 13, in the basement of Saint-François-Xavier church and was attended by more than 150 people. After the appropriate formalities, the ceremony took a cultural turn, with Philippe Bouchard and Stéphanie Albert stepping up one at a time to perform a song marking the occasion.

Non-alcoholic punch was served at the start of the event courtesy of the Village of Saint-François. Société culturelle de Saint-François Inc. also served cake at the end of the ceremony. Many onlookers were surprised to see the ribbon cutting take place using a clothesline strung with heritage clothes, which was a big hit. The festivities ended with a tour of the museum. The attendees were unanimous in their praise of this special event.

Gaëtane Saucier Nadeau



A New Perspective: The Origins of New Brunswick's Free Baptists

New Book Available

A new book by Michael Christie and Robert McCormick provides an in-depth description of the rise of the Free Baptists in New Brunswick from their beginnings in the late 1700s to 1850 shortly after the New Brunswick Free Christian Baptist Conference was organized and a union with the Nova Scotia Free Christian Baptists was arranged. It includes descriptions of (a) the origins and development of the Newlights or free gospel people by the late 1810s, (b) the American missionary probes (Free Will Baptists and Christian Connection) beginning in the 1820s, (c) the creation of the New Brunswick Christian Conference in 1832, (d) the tumultuous intrigues and changes in this Christian Conference caused by the different "Christian" groups in the 1830s, (e) the Disciples of Christ (Campbellite) presence, (f) the role of Elder Jonathan Hamilton from Maine in the 1840s, and (g) the break with American religious influences and the emergence of the Free Christian Baptists in 1847. Not a theological study, the book accurately reports for the first time the complex development of this free gospel denomination through all its growing pains. These chapters might be considered a new history, an excavation at a deeper level where some surprising discoveries have been made. Also presented is considerable new information about early ministers from New Brunswick and New England long since forgotten. The material for this book was obtained upon an exhaustive examination of original sources including contemporary New Brunswick Free Baptist publications, church record books, numerous religious journals and newspapers, unpublished information (extracted from family papers, minister's journals, private diaries, and personal letters), printed biographies, and several town histories.

Authors: Michael Christie and Roland McCormick

Available: 30 April 2011

Price: \$32.00 CDN per copy plus postage.

Description: 8.5 x 5.5 inches, perfect bound, gloss lamobond cover; 256 pages
Includes bibliographical references and a personal name index
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Also available by the same authors is the companion book: *The Origins of Barrington's Free Baptists*, which describes the rise of the Free Baptists in Nova Scotia. The price per copy is \$24.00 CDN plus postage and can be obtained through the above contact person.

A New Perspective

The Origins of New Brunswick's Free Baptists



Michael Christie

Roland McCormick

Thomas Williams House

Built in 1883 by prominent Monctonian Thomas Williams, treasurer with the Intercolonial Railway, this heritage home stands as an elegant symbol of local life during the Victorian era. Thomas Williams and his wife, Analena, purchased the property beyond town limits in 1882 and built their impressive house the following year to serve as a home for their rapidly growing family. Six of their 11 children were later born in the house, which remained a private dwelling for the Williams' descendants until 1983. The 12-room house is a fine example of Second Empire architectural style. A large, screened verandah extends from the main entrance across the front of the house and wraps around the side. Today, the Thomas Williams House is a designated municipal heritage site located at 103 Park Street in Moncton.



Victorian Tearoom

The Victorian Tearoom is open for lunch from mid-June to late August. The menu features soups, sandwiches and an assortment of homemade desserts.

Musical Luncheons

Feeling Victorian? Dine with class at our Musical Luncheons! Every Friday throughout the summer, local young musicians provide the musical backdrop to a delicious meal. Information on the summer 2011 luncheons will be available as of May.

Summer Programming for Children

The Thomas Williams House holds exciting children's programming through the months of July and August. Check back in the spring of 2011 for our list of upcoming themes.

The house and Victorian Tea Room are open to visitors in July and August, Tues.-Sun. 10:30 am to 4:30 pm, closed Mondays. Guided tours, special events and children's workshops offered. Admission by donation.

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Galerie Restigouche

EXHIBITION: *From one universe to the other* by Kathleen Gallant.

NEW: * The first session of the drawing course by the artist Nicole Bolduc will be Saturday May 7th from 9 to 4pm. The two sessions cost \$150.

* The artist, Lorraine EGHiggs is offering a refresher course in watercolor on Saturday, June 4th from 9:30 till 4:30. The cost is only \$50. Join her and paint a Restigouche River scenery or another one at your liking. This course is for all her past students or anyone who has experience with this medium. We need a participation of ten interested members.

* The artist Melindria Tavoularis is offering an abstract course of six hours. If you are interested, please give your name by calling us at 753-5750. In order for the course to be given, a minimum of ten members is needed.

UPCOMING: * Official Opening of the works by the students of the School of Sculpture of the artist André-Robert Gauthier on Thursday May 19th at 7 pm. Write this date in your calendar of activities!

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Congratulations!

New website for the North-East New Brunswick Museum Network

rmne.ca



New Brunswick Museum Network Links

North East New Brunswick Museum Network	rmne.ca
Museums of South-Eastern New Brunswick (eng)	museumsoutheasternnewbrunswick.ca
Museums of South-Eastern New Brunswick (fr)	www2.umoncton.ca/cfdocs/etudacad/zone/accueil.cfm
Fundy Culture	fundyculture.ca
A River Through History	www.riverthroughhistory.ca

AMNB Annual Conference 2011

Moncton!

13-15 October 2011

NB Agricultural Museum



Annual Antique Power Show. This event will take place on Saturday and Sunday, 21-22 May. Anyone with an antique tractor may display it at the show. There will be an antique tractor parade through the Town of Sussex at 10:30am on Saturday, 21 May and there will be an auction sale at noon on Saturday after the parade. You may bring your unwanted items to put in the sale. Some take the cash and some donate the proceeds to the museum.

There will also be a display of antique engines — some of which are working and some are there just to admire. An admission charge of \$7.00 is good for the tractor and engine display as well as the museum. There will be a meal served upstairs in the arena starting at 11:30am for a cost of \$8.00--- children 5 and under free.

At the Arena the admission is free for children 12 and under.

There is no charge for anyone exhibiting a tractor or an engine.

On Sunday morning at 10:30am we will have our tractor pull showing the power of these old tractors.

For information about the auction please contact Bev Folkins at 433-1591. Note: Bev must be notified in advance if you wish to place an item in the auction sale.

For information on the Tractor Show contact Hank Myers at 433-4889, Michael Church at 432-9549 or Mildred Reid at 485-2033

For information on the Antique Engine show contact Anthony Myers at 433-5560



Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom Hashoah) Observance

SHAAREI ZEDEK SYNAGOGUE, 91 LEINSTER STREET, SAINT JOHN, N.B.

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2011; 7:30 P.M.

The programme will feature a keynote address by Alex Eisen, a Holocaust survivor now living in Toronto. He was born in Vienna, Austria in 1929 and at nine years of age watched the Nazis march into Vienna. Soon after Eisen, his parents and two sisters escaped to Hungary. His father was arrested at the border but managed to flee from there to Palestine. When Hungary came under Nazi occupation in 1944 his older sister was deported to Auschwitz. Eisen, his mother and younger sister remained in the Budapest ghetto until they were able to escape, and posing as Christians, managed to survive until liberation in January 1945. Following liberation Eisen was determined to join his father in Palestine and in 1947 boarded an illegal ship, the Theodore Herzl, carrying refugees to Palestine. The ship was seized by the British and the refugees were sent to a detention camp in Cyprus. There, Eisen was reunited with his mother and sisters who were also waiting to be allowed entry to Palestine. Once he reached Palestine in the fall of 1947, he joined the Israeli underground (Haganah) and later the Israeli army fighting in the battle of Jerusalem. He was transferred to the Israeli Air Force where he met his wife, Renata Markovic, also a Holocaust survivor. They married in 1951 and immigrated to Canada the following year. They have two children and five grandchildren, all of whom live in Toronto. At age 75 Eisen became involved in Holocaust education and he has recently written his memoirs.

The annual Beatrice Cummings Mayer Prizes will be presented to high school students who participated in the Jewish Holocaust Study Group, jointly organized by the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum and the District 8 Enrichment Centre.. The students' work will be available for viewing in the Museum before and after the program.

Candles will be lit in memory of those who were killed during the Holocaust.

A reception will follow the presentation.

This program is made possible with financial assistance from The Atlantic Jewish Council through the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany Inc., Congregation Shaarei Zedek, and the Harry and Mary Selick Cohen Memorial Fund and in memory of Ester Rajchgot by Dr. Harry and Cheryl Everett Rajchgot and In memory of Dr Walter and Ilsa Fisher by Renate Chernoff Fisher (Saint John Jewish Historical Museum).

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Association Museums New Brunswick (AMNB)
37th Annual Conference and AGM



13—15 October 2011
Crowne Plaza Hotel
MONCTON

The **Annual Conference** is an invaluable opportunity for meeting, exchanging and debating current topics.

Returning features the **Awards** program, the **Silent Auction** and more...

Keep visiting the **AMNB web site** for upcoming conference programme details: www.amnb.ca

Last minute news!!

The board of directors as well as the two co-chairs of the conference committee is pleased to announce that the Honourable Trevor Holder, Minister of Wellness, Culture and Sport has graciously accepted to be our special guest speaker for our banquet of 14 October 2011 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Moncton.

*We invite all of you to **book your calendar** for our conference. Timely reminders will be done as we are sure that you don't want to forget this occasion. See you there!*



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*New Brunswick shall be to preserve the
history and heritage of the province of*

*New Brunswick by uniting, promoting and advancing the aspira-
tions 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.*



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