President’s Message

Hello fellow members,

I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noel as well as happy and safe Holidays with your families.

Our thanks go out to those who participated in our annual 2013 conference in Woodstock this year. Our evaluations showed that there was an overall 83% positive response as testimony on the value of this event. We also appreciate the hard work of the conference committee from the River Valley Heritage Zone with special thanks to Connell House and staff. We are now planning for the 2014 conference in Fredericton next year which will be the 40th anniversary of the association. We encourage everyone to attend this special event.

Our webinar program supported through Heritage Canada approved for 2013 is underway - you will find times/dates in this newsletter and on our website. We also made a new webinar submission to Heritage Canada for 2014.

I am pleased to report that our survey of museums in the province is near completion. Based on 67 responses, we can say that the total operational costs of museums annually is in excess of $10,000,000 with over 300,000 visitors staffed by over 120 personnel. The economic value of this activity to the Province is over $17,000,000 which includes $1,700,000 returned to government as revenue. Over the next few months we will complete our survey and post the results on our website.

The AMNB continues to strive to provide value to its members and act as an advocate for NB museums at the provincial and national level. We are excited to be working for you to create opportunities to enhance and strengthen our cultural heritage.

On behalf of the board, wishing you all the best in the New Year!!

Dr. David Desjardins,
President

Canadian Museum Day 2013

Close to 60 museum delegates took part in the 5th annual Canadian Museums Day (Hill Day) on Parliament Hill, participating in more than 37 meetings with Members of Parliament and Senators from all political parties. The Parliamentarians who met with delegates were very receptive to the museum community’s recommendations of investing in youth employment, assisting museums in building their long-term sustainability, and expanding the plans and priorities related to the 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017.

Over 24,000 highly educated Canadians earn their livelihood in Canadian museums and art galleries.

Through the Young Canada Works program, 1250 summer jobs and 16 internships have been created for Canadians in 2013. Training the next generation is essential.

A modest $2 million increase in the Young Canada Works program to build Careers in Heritage component will provide new employment opportunities for Canada’s youth in the cultural sector.

Points brought forth…..

Create a matching donation program to encourage individuals and the corporate sector to become more active supporters of museums and galleries in Canada.

Encourage museums and heritage organizations to become more self-sufficient and develop fundraising expertise.

The Road to 2017…

To view more of the informative information go to our website.

http://www.amnb.ca/resources/
The 2013 conference was held at the Best Western Woodstock. We kicked off the conference with tours of local museums and an art gallery. The evening was attended by all at a lovely reception hosted by Mayor Slipp of Woodstock at the beautiful Connell House. Thursday the participants days were filled with many wonderful presentations and the AGM. Presenters focused on several different topics following our theme on Trends some to be found on our website http://www.amnb.ca/past-presentations/ The Participants were exposed to new and creative ideas to take back to their museums. We would love to hear of an idea that you discovered at our conference that you have implemented or are going to implement in your museum. Share with us at info@amnb.ca or on www.facebook.com/AMNB2012
Banquet & Awards Ceremony

A highlight of the 39th annual conference was the Banquet and Awards Ceremony. The Hon. Dale Graham Speaker of the Legislature was on hand as our guest speaker, and to help award deserving candidates with our 2013 AMNB awards.

Hon. Dale Graham presented the Founders Award to Barbara McIntyre of the Quaco Museum (on left)

President David Desjardins presented the Award of Merit to Dr T. William Acheson of the York Sunbury Historical Society received by Ruth Murgatroyd. (on right)

President David Desjardins presented the Quarter Award to Richard Phillips of the York Sunbury Historical Society (on left)

President David Desjardins presented the Award of Distinction to La Société Culturelle de Saint François received by Gaétane Saucier Nadeau. (on right)
Presentations & Trade Show

Our members truly enjoyed this year’s presentations and their informative contents. To view the presentations go to our website http://www.amnb.ca/past-presentations/

New AMNB Board

Our new directors are having too much fun networking that we could not get one full shot with everyone. Our newest directors are Gaëtane Saucier Nadeau from La Société Culturelle de Saint François, Marion Beyea, Jacqueline Bartlett Quaco Museum and returning Bill Clarke Restigouche Regional Museum

Missing from photos are Lyne Bard Past President, Frank LeBlanc. Charline Lanteigne and Jacqueline Bartlett
La Société Culturelle de Saint-François

Sunday September 29th, La Société culturelle de Saint-François inaugurated the newly installed historical sites. On a sunny Sunday, the ceremony was held in a cave, which was a site chosen by the committee. MP Yvon Bonenfant took the opportunity to congratulate the society’s committee for all its hard work. A total of $11,470 was given to set up 10 historical sites in the town limits of Saint-François.

The sites are: the old cemetery, the red church, the convent, the Notre-Dame-Du-Saint-Rosaire Cave, the white church, the regional school, the first general store, the cheese shop, the Cyr hotel and the Verret mill.

Father Jacques Thériault blessed the sites and mentioned the importance of restoring the heritage and history of our village.

The people present received a brochure showing the location of the sites.

La Société culturelle de Saint-François invites the population to take advantage of this rewarding visit.

Artefacts Canada

The Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN) has devised a new process for uploading images to Artefacts Canada. You will be required to contact the CHIN Help Desk to receive a User Name and Password to complete this. By clicking on this link http://www.rcip-chin.gc.ca/sgc-cms/nouvelles-news/anglais-english/?page_id=7107 it explains the entire process in greater detail. In the near future a short step-by-step instruction sheet will be sent to each museum for which this applies.

Due to security reasons, it is important to note that the User Name and Password is only valid for a certain time and accounts that remain inactive for 30 straight days will be disabled.

Therefore, I suggest uploading at least one record on a monthly basis to keep the User Name and Password current. Otherwise they will become invalid and you’ll have to request new ones all over again.

Should you have any questions please contact Janice Allen-Scott by e-mail at Janice.Allen-Scott@gnb.ca or telephone 506-363-4706. Or, contact the CHIN Help Desk at 1-800-520-2446 and ask for Martine Lachance or Sylvain Laflette.

Webinar 2014—Collections Management

The Association Museums New Brunswick is putting together a Webinar on Collections Management for our members and other interested parties.

This hour long Webinar will address Collections Management specifically for a museums collection. The participants will learn about managing museum collections (acquisitions and documentation), loans and deaccessioning. You will also learn how to create or keep a record of your collections. Some pointers will also make reference in regards to exhibitions.

Please note that protecting the museum’s collections will be discussed in a future Webinar.

Duration: 1 hour
Date and Time: English
January 14, 2013 at 7:00pm
Date and Time: French
January 16, 2013 at 2:00pm

Participants need to log in 5 min before start of webinar
To register go to our website http://www.amnb.ca/programs/
2013, the Museum engaged with over 24,000 Canadians across the country on the new Canadian Museum of History and how the Museum could remain engaged with and connected to Canadians. The results are presented in the project’s final report, now available online. *My History Museum: Public Engagement Report* includes over 40 key findings and recommendations.

“If you were planning a Canadian history museum, what would you put in it? How would you connect with Canadians everywhere?”

Those are the core questions we posed to Canadians online and in person during the My History Museum public engagement project. From October 2012 to February 2013, the Museum engaged with over 24,000 Canadians across the country on the new Canadian Museum of History and how the Museum could remain engaged with and connected to Canadians. The results are presented in the project’s final report, now available online. *My History Museum: Public Engagement Report* includes over 40 key findings and recommendations.

The project has furnished a tremendously rich resource of information that will be invaluable to the Museum as it creates the new Canadian History Hall and develops programs and activities over the coming years. You can follow the development of the Canadian Museum of History from this website, by subscribing to the Museum’s *Inside History* newsletter at civilization.ca, through Facebook at museumofcivilization or on Twitter @Civilization.ca.

Most Voted Events on the Canadian Timeline: Interactive

**Kiosks Per City**

- **Fredericton**
  - 1000: L’Anse Aux Meadows, Newfoundland
  - 1450: The Iroquois League
  - 1497: John Cabot Arrives in Newfoundland
  - 1604: The Founding of Saint-Croix and Port-Royal
  - 1608: Samuel de Champlain founds Quebec City
  - 1755: Britain Expels the Acadians
  - 1867: Confederation
  - 1914-1918: Canada and the First World War
  - 1918: Women Win the Right to Vote
  - 1939-1945: Canada and the Second World War
  - 1966: Medicare

A must read go to the website mentioned above and read their report on all the research and findings in creating a Canadian History Museum. Some of you took part and this is only a small portion of the 98 page report.