



President's Message

Dear Friends, hello

I hope you have enjoyed this long Easter weekend with your family. Here we are again at this time of the year in preparation mode. I say it that way because we have so much preparing to do: preparing for our summer visitors, preparing for our various grant applications, preparing for interviews of our students for the summer and I could continue to add onto the list ... It is a time where everything seems to go so very fast. Therefore, we need to catch our breath and be prepared for any eventualities that may arise.

On another note, I must inform you that we are preparing a document on the Cultural Policy that is to be reviewed during the year. We always are interested in obtaining your opinions or suggestions for this document. You can send your comments or recommendations to the Advocacy Committee, which is under the leadership of its Chair, Mr. Bill Clark: gurrm@nbnet.nb.ca. You have until April 30, 2012 to send us your comments.

Please keep an eye on this newsletter and future newsletters to receive updated news and future news on our 2012 annual conference. This year's theme will be entitled "Candy Mix", a mixture that tastes good! In addition, keep an eye on our website for hot news on our conference as it becomes available.

With that, I bid you adieu and wish you well as you PREPARE for this year's season!

Lyne Bard



Photo by Bill Clarke



Saplings Theatre Group at Central New Brunswick Woodmen's Museum

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2012 AMNB Conference & AGM



The Association Museums New Brunswick Annual conference will be held on Thursday October 11 to Saturday October 13, 2012 at the Village Historique Acadien in Caraquet, New Brunswick.

This year, we wish to take you back in time as far back as your childhood and offer you some delicious treats just like the old days. Our theme for this year is "A Good Mix"! Along with this theme, we wish to offer you tasty flavours such as colourful speakers, sweet training, and hot topics such as social media as well as visits to our fellow museums. Visit our web site often to learn more details of our conference and tempt your taste buds as you see the sweet things to come. See you soon!



YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

If you have not already filled out our online Conference Survey here is your opportunity to participate via email! AMNB is seeking your advice on areas of interest and/or presentation topics for future conferences. Please check the items of interest below or add your own ideas, then send your selections to info@amnb.ca. Thank you for your feedback!

- ◆ Fundraising
- ◆ Social Media
- ◆ Board Operations
- ◆ Youth Programs
- ◆ Exhibits Development
- ◆ Legal Issues
- ◆ Cultural Property
- ◆ Risk Awareness
- ◆ Creative use of volunteers
- ◆ Environmental Guidelines
- ◆ Others

Museum professionals in the making - young professionals around the corner

May 18th, the Acadian Museum of the University of Moncton is organizing a public lecture: "Museologists in the making - young professionals at our doors." Exchanges around the Museologist profession will take place as part of International Museum Day (IMD 2012). Four young professionals will speak. Each one has their own way to contribute to the advancement of museums and heritage in New Brunswick. Through their work experiences and many volunteer hours, they want to share their ideas and inspirations. Be there to help these young professionals progress in their careers: François LeBlanc, Tina LeBlanc, Christine Dupuis and Marie-Claude Michaud. The conference begins at 7pm at the Pavilion Clement-Cormier, 405 University Avenue Moncton. Information: (506) 858-4088

War of 1812 Commemorative Committee



A committee has been created that will work to ensure that New Brunswick's contribution to the War of 1812 is not forgotten. The committee will co-ordinate activities that various organizations around the province will offer. Fredericton-Silverwood MLA Brian Macdonald, legislative secretary to the premier, responsible for intergovernmental affairs and military affairs will be committee chair. Public service employees from various departments and agencies will serve on the committee as well as volunteer members from different organizations and communities.

The committee will aim to identify and maximize opportunities to highlight the role of New Brunswick within the national narrative related to the War of 1812. In order to support this historical event, the federal government has introduced a three-year funding initiative to commemorate the War of 1812. If you wish to apply for a project to commemorate the War of 1812, you should contact the Federal Secretariat, Bicentennial of the War of 1812. The Secretariat is responsible for administering the 1812 Commemoration Fund. This fund has been created under the Department of Canadian Heritage to support community-based projects related to the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812. For more information, please visit www.1812.gc.ca. If your museum or heritage organization is planning an event commemorating the War of 1812, please forward this information to Andrée Godin at andree.godin@gnb.ca.

Cultural Society of Saint-François

The Cultural Society of Saint-François Inc. would like to invite you to its annual meeting. It will be held on Sunday, April 29 at 1:30 in the basement of the church in Saint-François. For the occasion, Ms. Lyne Bard, President of the Association Museums New Brunswick will be our guest speaker. We will also be highlighting the first anniversary of the 150th room Museum. We would be delighted if you are able to join us for this meeting. We would appreciate a confirmation either by phone at 992-6052 or email gate_stf@yahoo.ca.

The Cultural Society of Saint-François is also proud to invite the general public to come visit the paintings of Ms. Nathalie Desbiens at the Henry Nadeau Art Gallery located in the Trois-Rives Credit Union in Saint-François from April to June. Please note that the Art Gallery will be celebrating its 2nd anniversary on April 14th.

5th Annual Heritage Award— Tracadie-Sheila



The 5th Heritage Award was held on February 19, 2012 in Tracadie-Sheila. This is an initiative of the Cultural Heritage Activity Committee in collaboration with the town of Tracadie - Sheila and other businesses in the region. It is a day to celebrate our heritage, to remember what we inherited from our ancestors which are intimately linked to the identity of the community.

On that day, six candidates presented various components which were tangible and intangible, or had cultural meaning, and was worthy to be transmitted from generation to generation. Among the presentations we had: The historical Museum of Tracadie; a presentation of the layout of Lazaret, by Sister Zélica Daigle, president and Mr. Yvonno Mallet, the cultural artist. On the presentation, we can read "This model has historic values and provides awareness to the population of Tracadie-Sheila of their heritage and thus rendering what we tend to forget too easily in a lively interpretation. It was a place of devotion for the St. Joseph Hospital nuns, these women's unique charisma make them heroines in the beautiful Acadie history."

Photo above: Mr. Yvonno Mallet, artist; Sister Zélica Daigle, SJHN; Mr. Claude Landry, MLA

Below: The scale model of Lazaret around 1880



The Cultural Association of the Upper-Saint-John recognizes Cécile Nadeau



Cecile Nadeau received the "2011 Regional Racine Award" presented by the Cultural Association of Upper Saint-John. A native of Baker Brook, the recipient has distinguished herself in various areas of community culture. She is very interested in literature and the history of Acadia and Madawaska. At a tribute dinner held last week, the Association also highlighted Ms. Nadeau's volunteer work in several organizations including the Astro Club Borealis and the Madawaska Historical Society. Cecile Nadeau is also concerned about the rights of Acadians and women. Having taught in the past, she has a passion for theater, heritage objects, music and ancestral places. The award given to Ms. Nadeau is a reproduction of a piece of work done by Mrs. Audrey Côté St-Onge. She was also presented with a gift created by artist Anne-Marie Sirois.

The Association Museums New Brunswick is proud to congratulate Ms. Cécile Nadeau for her efforts over the years and to note her role as one of the founders of the Association. Congratulations Cécile!

Great Changes for the Moncton Museum



The Moncton Museum is closed to public visitation for approximately one year in preparation for construction of the new Transportation Discovery Centre (TDC). The TDC will be an addition to the current Moncton Museum located at 20 Mountain Road. Construction began in March 2012 and will see the current building and new centre expand to 31,000 square feet. The TDC will feature new exhibition galleries, an interactive exhibit on all modes of transportation, an education center, gift shop, café, and an interior public plaza designed to preserve the 1916 sandstone façade of the former City Hall.

Special events and programming activities will continue at various offsite locations during the construction period. The children's Saturday morning workshop, Agent M, will temporarily move to the Thomas Williams House, located at 103 Park Street, starting in the spring 2012. Please visit www.moncton.ca/heritage for the most up-to-date information on the progress of the new centre and for a list of upcoming programs. All public inquiries, research requests, and any questions regarding donations or collections can be directed to the Moncton Museum by phone at 506-856-4383 or by e-mail at info.museum@moncton.ca. The new Moncton Museum and Transportation Discovery Centre is scheduled to reopen in the summer of 2013. Visit Moncton.ca/heritage for more information

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Above left: construction in front of the Moncton Museum, March 23 (photo: Lawren Campbell); at right, illustration of the finished product.

Order "English / Français" Pins Today!



To better serve our visitors in both official languages, we encourage all museums to order the free "English/Français" pins. There is also a pin available that says "J'apprends le français! Parlez-moi." to encourage us to improve and use our French when the occasion arises. These pins are made available by the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages for New Brunswick to those organizations interested in promoting bilingual services. You can see the pins on their website http://www.officiallanguages.nb.ca/promotions.cfm?promo_id=3 Please note that the signs are

no longer available. There is a limited quantity of pins therefore each order will be evaluated before distribution. To order please contact Chantal Brideau at the AMNB office at [\(506\)454-3561](tel:5064543561) or email her at info@amnb.ca before May 1, 2012.

Tribute Award: 100 years of the Sainte-Famille Academy

It was a day to pay tribute to the Sainte-Famille Academy which is celebrating its centennial. The President of the Alumni and Friends Association (AAASF), Mr. Jean-Eudes Savoie received a certificate from Father Zoël Saulnier, President of the Cultural Heritage Committee (CACP). The centennial year is underway and the President unveiled some details of the celebrations.

On August 17th, the Academy will open its doors to the alumni and others who have benefited from the training provided within those walls. On the afternoon of August 18th, there will be the launch for the book relating the 100 years of the Academy. It was written jointly by authors Florence Ott and Nicolas Landry, professors at the Université de Moncton, Shippagan campus. In the evening, we will have a tribute to the St. Joseph Hospital nuns. On Sunday, August 19th, a service will be held in the community church. More details on this celebration will be coming shortly.

Another activity coming in July: Outdoor concert in the evening: the story of the Academy



Photo: L to R- François Rondot, Sister Gisèle Losier, Father Zoël Saulnier, President of CACP, Jean-Eudes Savoie, President of AAASF and Hermine Jones.

AVICOM 2012

The organizing committee of the AVICOM 2012 Conference invites members of the AMNB to attend the event. The conference will be held in Montreal October 9-12. For more information contact Stephanie Poisson of the McCord Museum (Montréal) at stephanie.poisson@mccord.mcgill.ca

Heritage Branch Program Deadlines 2012

Heritage Branch is pleased to provide electronic versions of the presently available programs offered by the Heritage Branch. By accessing the government's website under Museum Services Section <http://www.gnb.ca/0131/choi-e.asp> you can now consult and print the background documents in PDF format.

FUNDING	DEADLINE
Operational Funding	
Community Museums Assistance	April 15
Historical Societies Assistance	April 15
Project Based Funding	
Museum Collection Inventory	April 15
Exhibit Renewal and Museum Activities	Up to October 15
Professional & Organizational Development	All year round
Fine Art Conservation	All year round

The interactive forms themselves are presented in MS Word or MS Excel format. Please record the forms on your computer before you enter the pertinent information in the appropriate fields, print a copy, and send it to us, duly signed, at the address indicated.

Please note that it is important to provide adequate information so that we are able to analyze your application properly. Incomplete documentation will slow down its processing and may result in an unsuccessful application. Heritage Branch wishes your organization much success in all of its endeavours.

Antiques Road Show at Connell House

Get the Expert's Opinion On Your Antique Treasures! On April 28th, stop by Connell House from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm for an Antiques Road Show.

Bring your items such as: paintings, folk art, aboriginal artifacts & handcrafts of all types, old toys, advertising (store signs, tobacco tins, etc.), early fabrics (hooked rugs & samplers), hunting & fishing related items, world war artifacts, books, maps, depression glass, deco glass, costume jewellery, spruce gum & bible boxes to name a few! Cost: 1 to 3 items \$15.00.

Please call 506-328-9706 for a reservation. 128 Connell Street in Woodstock.



Saplings Theatre Troupe at Central NB Woodmen's Museum

The Woodmen's Museum endeavors to preserve and promote the history of lumbering in our local area and the Province of New Brunswick, providing Education Experiences that entice people of all ages to participate in our culture; all the while, learning about our Lumbering History. In 2011, Dianne Clowater, took on this challenge offering students (Grades 3 to 8) the opportunity to participate in "Historic Theatre Workshops" where they would learn about acting, costume making, props, stage backgrounds, etc., while learning about their history.

Approximately ten students participated in the first Theatre Workshop. They were asked for suggestions on a name for their group and they became the "Saplings Theatre Troupe". These youth learned their acting skills from a group of local community actors (ages 25 to 75 years of age) whose love for our community and its history, blossomed into a theatre troupe for youth. The youth researched their history and came up with a performance that they would then perform as a fundraiser for their Community Museum. The "Saplings Theatre Troupe" partnered with the Rural Community of Upper Miramichi and the Woodmen's Museum, performing at the "Forest Festival" in August and again for the Woodmen's Museum at their September 2011 Fundraising Dinner. Their first production was their rendition of the "Miramichi Log Drive" and the "Log Driver's Waltz". This one-act play was a modern interpretation of the long ago river drive. The production was somewhat historical and occasionally hysterical. The Troupe of ten young actors from the Boiestown Doaktown area were very anxious to entertain their audiences. Students researched the history of the Log Drive to find local characters that they would portray in this production. The youth found relatives, friends, and sometimes people they didn't even know, gathering their stories for this production. It was fantastic.

The characters from this production also assisted the Museum volunteers in the dining room (in costume). What an experience for the youth and those attending this fundraising dinner. It was amazing to watch these somewhat shy students turn into vibrant actors and amazing volunteers. Our senior volunteers comment on how wonderful it was to have the youth working with them, side by side.

The "Saplings Theatre Troupe" Educational Experience gives youth an excellent opportunity to experience acting, theatre, and local heritage. However, it gave all of us the opportunity to experience our heritage through the eyes of youth, to volunteer with a fantastic group of young people, and a fabulous time learning about the lumberman's way-of-life. The Troupe will perform again for the Woodmen's Museum Historic Dinner Theatre on September 9th, 2012 AND we are all wondering! What they will they perform this year? Keep checking our website to see: www.WoodmensMuseum.com



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The Mission of the 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.



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Advocacy - Bill Clarke (Chair)
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Ad Hoc committee for by-laws— Jeanne Mance Cormier (Chair)
Ad Hoc committee for policies—Donald Alward (Chair)

ALERTE SUBMISSIONS

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 in both official languages — if possible please supply your submission in both official languages. Translation service is available for short articles.
Thank you!

2012 Membership

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| <i>8th Hussars Regimental Museum</i> | <i>Le Musée Historique de Tracadie Inc.</i> | <i>Restigouche Regional Museum</i> |
| <i>Agricultural Museum of New Brunswick</i> | <i>Lutz Mountain Heritage Foundation</i> | <i>Ross Memorial Museum</i> |
| <i>Albert County Historical Society</i> | <i>Maritime Motorsports Hall of Fame & Museum</i> | <i>Saint John Jewish Historical Museum</i> |
| <i>Atlantic Salmon Museum</i> | <i>Moncton Museum</i> | <i>School days Museum</i> |
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| <i>Chocolate Museum</i> | <i>New Brunswick Internement Camp Museum</i> | <i>Village Historique Acadien</i> |
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| <i>Fundy Trail</i> | <i>New Brunswick Museum</i> | |
| <i>Harriet Irving Library-Archives & Collections</i> | <i>New Brunswick Potato Museum</i> | |
| <i>Heritage Hillsborough Inc.</i> | <i>New Brunswick Railway Museum</i> | |
| <i>Keillor House Museum</i> | <i>New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame</i> | |
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