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What you missed!!!! The 35th Annual AMNB food was excellent. It was a Conference and AGM fun filled weekend with

Meeting, 22-24 October 2009, at Fredericton was a great success and enjoyed by all those who attended. David Desjardins and Fred White were the co-chairs of the event and they worked as a team and did a fabulous job. The Fredericton Inn catered to all our needs in a timely fashion and the lots of information useful to all. Friday's museum tours were a great hit and those that participated truly enjoyed them. Those that stayed back commented that the sponsorship information was interesting and informative. All presenters and speakers during the weekend were perfect for

35th Annual AMNB Conference—

the conference and we are thankful to them for their time and information to help make our conference a success. The AGM was well attended and new members were elected to the Board (see page 3). All in all the conference was a great success and we look forward to seeing all of you next year in Saint John!

# A word from the new President

#### Dear friends and Colleagues

It is with great joy that I humbly greet you. I accepted the presidency of the Association because I believe in us and the Board of Directors who represent you. Thanks to the constant work of the team under the terrific leadership of Barbara McIntyre, the Association has excelled after its restructuring. Now we are on a quest where we must continue to serve and improve our services to you the members.

To do this, I encourage you to become a member and to renew your membership to our association if you have not already done so. A strong association can be

effective if it reflects the voice of the membership. I encourage you to contact Chantal Brideau at our office who will gladly answer your questions and address your concerns. The Association is there for everyone. Let us use it wisely.

On behalf of the Board and myself, I want to send you our best wishes for the holiday season-which is quickly approaching, and I hope the new year brings you health, happiness and prosperity. May all your good wishes come to pass!

Yours,

Lyne Bard

President AMNB



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#### **Special points of interest:**

- Renew your membership for 2009-2010
- Next AMNB conference 14-16 October 2010

Take note in your calendar of events to come.

# Award to Dr MacBeath at Beaverbrook Art Gallery Reception

A lovely reception was held at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery on Friday 23 October 2009. During the reception we were entertained by Peter Pacey as he portraved Lord Beaverbrook. Most importantly during the reception we honoured and presented our first Founders Award to Dr. George MacBeath. During George MacBeath's mandate as the provincial Deputy Minister for Historic Resources, New Brunswick witnessed the development of Kings Landing, the Village Acadien, Historic Parks of MacDonald Farm and Bonar Law, as well as the purchase of Minister's Island. It was under Dr. MacBeath that the Madawaska Regional Museum, the Musée Acadien in Moncton, the Campbellton National Exhibition Center, the Sports Hall of Fame and the development of the downtown Fredericton Military Compound became a



Barbara McIntyre & Dr. George MacBeath Photo by Bill Clarke

reality. He was instrumental in the implementation of the Provincial Bicentennial Program and the relocation of the New Brunswick Museum Exhibition Centre. Small community museums across the province owe much to the leadership and vision of Dr. MacBeath. He not only developed financial support and resources, but provided moral support, along with his staff, for several small museums and galleries in locations such as St Martins, Dalhousie, Doaktown, St Andrews, Dorchester, Boistown, Kingston Peninsula, Bouctouche, Grand Anse and Shippagan.

Dr MacBeath served as a member of the founding Board of the Beaverbrook Art Gallery and he is a fellow of the Canadian Museum Association. He was History Curator and later Director of the New Brunswick Museum and, without his cooperation and influence, the AMNB would not exist today. It was with great pride that Dr. George MacBeath was presented the inaugural Founders Award on the 35th anniversary of the AMNB.

### Banquet–Friday, 23 October 2009

After a busy day of presentations, tours, workshops and receptions, we all enjoyed a lovely banquet Friday evening, 23 October. We were honoured with the attendance of the Honourable Stuart Jamieson, New Brunswick Minister of Tourism and Parks, who spoke to us of his dealings with New Brunswick heritage. The Banquet also honoured outgoing AMNB President Barbara McIntyre for her five years of consecutive service. Minister Jamieson, a long time friend of Barbara, presented her with small gift of appreciation and thanks for her dedicated service over the years and for bringing AMNB to such a good standing.



Hon. Stuart Jamieson, Barbara McIntyre & Fred White Photo by Bill Clarke

## New AMNB Administrative Assistant

On 30 September 2009 the board hired Chantal Brideau as the Administrative Assistant for Association Museums New Brunswick (AMNB). She comes to us with experience in the government as well as private sector. Chantal is married and has four children. Her family lives in Lower Cambridge. She loves administrative work and serving others. Chantal is fluent in both English and French learned from her 30 some years south of Montréal. She is enthusiastic and looks forward to helping the members of AMNB in any way she can. Don't hesitate to contact her at the usual AMNB numbers and e-mail. (see last page).



*Come to the 2010 Conference to see the real Chantal in person.....* 

## **Awards Ceremony**

On Thursday evening 22 October 2009 we had our Awards Ceremony. One individual and an organization were honoured for their outstanding contributions to New Brunswick Heritage.

The Certificate of Distinction was presented by AMNB President Barbara McIntyre to Bruce Thomson, President, Queens County Historical Society and Museum, Gagetown, for the Society's work in preserving and interpreting the Anthony Flower House at Cambridge-Narrows. A rare example of early 19th century rural architecture, the 1818 house was the home of 19th century artist Anthony Flower and his family. Peter Larocque, Curator of New Brunswick Cultural History and Art, New Brunswick Museum, calls Flower one of Canada's preeminent pre-Confederation painters.

The Award of Merit was presented by Barbara McIntyre to Jeanne Mance Cormier on

behalf of Edouard Bourque who was absent due to work. Edouard Bourque has been involved with the Galérie d'art Louise-et-Reuben-Cohoen and the Musée Acadien at the Université de Moncton for 24 years. He has been instrumental in the production of both temporary and permanent exhibitions including "The Acadian Adventure" (L'Adventure Acadien), which takes a



Barbara McIntyre & Bruce Thomson Photo by Bill Clarke



Barbara McIntyre & Jeanne Mance Cormier Photo by Bill Clarke

modern, interactive approach to presenting the Acadian story. Since 1978, Mr. Bourque has presented nearly 30 exhibitions and, since 1980, participated in the same number around the Maritimes and overseas.

## **Pictures of the Conference**



Jane Fullerton, David Desjardins, Bernice Price and Jeanne Mance Cormier

Panel on Management Photo by Bill Clarke



Gerry Gillcash, Nora Williams, Alice Folkins, Betty Lutes and Donald Alward at the Banquet

Photo by Bill Clarke



President Barbara McIntyre, AGM Photo by Bill Clarke

### **Silent Auction**

The Silent Auction 2009 was a great success. Many members had great fun trying to out bid each other in the spirit of friendly competition. Almost every-one who participated went home with an item generously donated by our members.

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The items were beautiful tokens of our New Brunswick museum family. The end tally for the Silent Auction was a grand total of \$1,518. Many thanks to all donors, bidders and final purchasers!



# New President and AMNB Board

During the AGM meeting on 24 October 2009 a new board was elected. Those that hold new positions are **Lyne Bard as President**, David Desjardins as Vice-President and Barbara McIntyre as Past President. Our new directors are Bruce Thomson, Queens County Historical Society & Museum; Joan Levesque, Musée Forge Jos B. Michaud; and Jeanne-Mance Cormier, Musée Acadien de l'Université de Moncton. The other members of the board remain the same in their previous positions. Welcome to our new members and all the best to all the board in the year to come!

Front left to right: Chantal Brideau—AMNB Administrative Assistant, Barb McIntyre - Past President, Joan Levesque - Director, Charline Lanteigne - Director, Jeanne Mance Cormier - Director, Dianne Lombard - Treasurer, Regina Mantin - Director, Brian Clark - Secretary, Lyne Bard President,

Back left to right: David Desjardins - Vice-President, Raymond Page - Director, Cole Morison - Director, Donald Alward - Director, Guy Tremblay - Ex-Officio, Bruce Thomson - Director, Lionel Castonguay - Director, Bill Clarke - Director.



Heritage groups, museums, communities, schools, access centres and libraries in New Brunswick will celebrate the province's diverse heritage by hosting special activities during Heritage Week 2010, Feb. 8-15.

"In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the introduction of the global village concept, the theme of Heritage Week 2010 is "Global Village village planétaire," Wellness, Culture and Sport Minister Hédard Albert announced. "The theme will give New Brunswickers an opportunity to reflect on their shared experience of thousands of years of history, and to place that experience within a larger global context."

The Department of Wellness, Culture and Sport has promoted Heritage Week every year since 1994. As part of a provincial heritage education and promotion initiative, the department sets aside seven days each year to foster partnerships and raise awareness of heritage in other branches of government, as well as in private and public sector agencies. The seven days are chosen so that they include National Flag Day (Feb. 15) and National Heritage Day.

Organizing partners for Heritage Week 2010 include the New Brunswick Provincial Capital Commission, Canadian Heritage, the Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat, the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages for New Brunswick, New Brunswick Public Library Services, Council of Archives New Brunswick, Parks Canada, New Brunswick Labour History Project, New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame, and the New Brunswick Museum. Canadian Marshall McLuhan was the first person to popularize the concept of a global village as social network. In 1960, his insights were considered revolutionary, but have since fundamentally changed how we think about ourselves and our province.

Heritage Week 2010 planning kits will be available in December. Individuals wishing to order one may contact the Department of Wellness, Culture and Sport, Heritage Branch by telephone at 506-453-2324, or by e-mail : heritage.week@gnb.ca.

More <u>information about Heritage Week</u> 2010 is available online.



### More pictures of the conference



Sponsorship Workshop with Dr. Ian Reid Photo by Bill Clarke



Cole Morison, Linda Marks and friends Photo by Bill Clarke

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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.

# Special points of interest

#### Membership

October has come and gone and the time has come again to renew your memberships. There are four different kinds of memberships: Individual, Institutional, Associate and Organizational to learn more visit our website at http://www.amnb.ca/ membership.php where you can find the membership form. You can also contact Chantal Brideau the AMNB Administrative Officer at (506)454-3561 or email her at amnb@nb.aibn.com.

If you know of institutions like yours such as Museums or Art Galleries that are not members please invite them to join our Association and visit our website at www.amnb.ca.

#### AMNB Conference 2010

Next years conference and AGM will be held in Saint John, NB on 14-16 October 2010. The local committee will be Barbara McIntyre and Brian Clark as co-chairs. Mark your calendars **NOW**!





Best wishes for 2010!