President’s Message

Hello Fellow Members

It’s been a winter that has been tough on us, hopefully the heavy snowfall is done. We are looking forward to spring and the opening of our doors to the public for another successful season.

This past fall and winter, we have been working with Built Heritage and have recently formed a new Committee to assist in the development of built heritage activities in the province. Our goal is to develop new members and to support their interests. We encourage you to promote the AMNB and solicit your colleagues to become AMNB members; the cost is minimal and the benefits are many.

The 2015 AMNB Conference and AGM will be held in Moncton October 28-29-30 at the Holiday Inn Express on Mountain Road. Jeanne-Mance Cormier and Donald Alward, Co-chairs, are working hard to create an exciting event this year. Their committee’s objective is to continue to grow the annual conference into a premier event and one you won’t want to miss.

Do you have an idea or a celebration planned for Canada’s 150th? Let us know, we are looking for ideas or events and exhibits that we can showcase in 2017.

AMNB’s New Office

The AMNB office is now located just around the corner from Science East in their newly acquired building at:

163 St John Street, Fredericton, NB E3B 4A8.

Our new office is located on the right side of the main floor facing St John street with a nice view of the Legislature. It comes with beautiful big windows and the sun brightens the room almost every day.

This new office will make the AMNB more visible to all (a sign will go up shortly), will still be located near government officials and will be accessible for meetings with our members and board members.

We now have an inviting sitting area for you to come visit as well as other guests or tourist, therefore we wish to get your help in decorating our office and part of the hallway.

We are hoping to put a sign in our window to invite passersby looking for museums and historical sites to come and visit us.

To promote your sites and decorate our office we would love to get posters, framed pictures, prints, postcards, gifts or books from your amazing institutions.

The 15th member to send in a package to decorate our new location will receive one free registration to the 41st Conference.

Imagine, people will be visiting the office and your historical site or museum could be the topic of discussion.

You may also give your items to one of our board members who will be attending the AMNB Face to Face meeting in our new boardroom on April 24, 2015. (see page 3 for names of Board members and their locations)

Please see page 2 and 3 for pictures of the inside of the new AMNB office.
This was our old space in the attic on the third floor not easily accessible to our members or the public however it served us well.

Now look below at our new space...wonderful!!!

Big and bright and lots of room on the walls for your generous donations of prints, posters etc.

So bright here from the beautiful sunshine that you can hardly see the comfy blue retro chairs.
Promote your site in our new AMNB office
near the downtown center at
163 St John Street, Fredericton, E3B 4A8

We wish to promote your museum or historical site at our new location. We would love you to send us framed pictures, prints, posters, books, gifts and promotional material so that we can advertise you, our members, to our visitors. The 15th package received from one of our members will get one free registration for the 41st AMNB Conference & AGM.

You may send your packages by mail to the above address or give your package to one of our board members as they will visit our new boardroom on April 24, 2015 for our Face to Face meeting. Brian Clark, Caitlin Griffiths or Jacqueline Bartlett (Saint John Fundy), Donald Alward (South East), Kellie Blue-McQuade (Central –Carleton County), Jeanne Mance Cormier and Frank LeBlanc (Sud Est) Arisma Losier (Peninsule Chaleur), Gaëtane Saucier Nadeau (Madawaska), Bill Clarke and Charline Lanteigne (Restigouche), Sarah Goulding (Fundy Charlotte County) and Marion Beyea (Built Heritage).

Our other members are in the Fredericton area David Desjardins, Ruth Murgatroyd and Kevin Cormier. You are most welcome to drop off your items at the office anytime and I will be glad to give you a grand tour.

As you can see there is lots of space as well on our shelves and we can get more bookshelves if needed. You can also see that I have a small number of magazines, books and gifts already but I need your help to fill this room with the wonders and history of our province.

Look forward to hearing from you!!!!!
You will find on our home page a Map of New Brunswick with the 9 Zones (8 includes South East and Sud Est).

When you click on the region you desire it will take you to a list of museums in the region.

Please note that when you do a google search for museums in New Brunswick we are at the top and it invites guest to come to our site to see museums around the province.

This feature on our site is included in your membership fee as are the other features demonstrated below.

When the guest to our website clicks on the museum of their choice they come to a page that describes your museum.

You have a full page on our website that is wonderful considering the low cost of membership with the AMNB. On this page you will find a picture, a description, special notes, hours of operation, contact information including your website plus a map pin pointing your location.

We hope all of our members will benefit from this wonderful promotional opportunity to help make our museums in New Brunswick more visible.

We hope to add, in the near future, a tab for historical sites so please send in your info now in preparation.

Events and admissions are what keeps our museums going, so here is another place for you to promote your activities.

Our website features the three most current events on our home page along with a picture. Each event has own page as you can see to your right.

Our goal is to help you be successful by helping you promote your museums and historical sites so we encourage you to take advantage of the different facts of our website.

Become a Member of the AMNB

If you are not a member please sign up to enjoy these benefits plus enter our contest “Decorate The New Office” to win one free registration to the 41st AMNB Conference & AGM. Our membership can be found on our website www.amnb.ca under JOIN. Our membership for this year goes from October 2014 to October 2015 and is renewable every October. Thank you.

FORMULAIRE D’ADHÉSION À L’AMNB 2014-2015

Nom de la personne ou du membre associé ___________________________________________

Adresse ___________________________ Ville ___________________________ Code postal _______/____

Province _______ Courriel ___________________________ Tél. (travail) ________________ (domicile) ________________

Nom ou affiliation – établissement ou organisme membre ___________________________________________

Adresse ___________________________ Ville ___________________________ Province _______ Code postal _______/____

Tél. ___________________________ Fax ___________________________ Courriel ___________________________

Adresse web ___________________________ Personne-ressource – établissement ou organisation ___________________________

Catégorie de membre (Cocher)

□ Individual
□ Institutionnel
□ Associé
□ Organisationnel

□ 25 $ - 1 année
□ 35 $ - 1 année
□ 20 $ - 1 année
□ 50 $ - 1 année

□ 45 $ - 2 années
□ 65 $ - 2 années
□ 35 $ - 2 années
□ 95 $ - 2 années

□ Cochez la langue dans laquelle vous voulez recevoir les communications

□ anglais
□ français

Ci-joint une cotisation de _______ $ pour être membre en règle à la date de l’Assemblée générale annuelle tenue dans l’année d’échéance (p. ex. l’adhésion 2011-2012 prend fin à l’Assemblée générale annuelle de 2012).

Envoyer à : AMNB, a/s Science Est, 668, rue Brunswick, Fredericton (N.-B.) E3B 1H6
41st AMNB Annual Conference & AGM  
Moncton, New Brunswick  
October 28, 29 and 30th, 2015

This year’s conference dates and location has been decided. As you all know the city chosen was Moncton and now the contract for the Hotel has been signed by our president. We will be enjoying our stay at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites at:

2515 Mountain Road  
Moncton, NB E1G 2W4

We will enjoy:
- Newly renovated rooms  
- Indoor pool & hot tub  
- Fitness centre  
- Complimentary Internet  
- Complimentary Parking

The costs for the rooms will be:

- Standard $102.00  
- Suites $122.00  
- Presidential $175.00

Some rooms have kitchenettes if interested inquire when booking price may vary.

The cut off date for reservations is October 7, 2015. See below how to reserve a room.

To reserve you may call 1-506-384-1050 or email guestservices@hiemoncton.com

Trade Show 2015—In April, I will send invitations for our Trade Show for our 2015 Conference. We would greatly appreciate if you could send contact information of vendors that you feel would be willing to participate in this great event. Please send the information before April 18th to info@amnb.ca. Thank you
New Brunswick Museum looking at new options for expansion

CEO says plans to expand into Riverview Memorial Park taking too long

CBC News

The CEO of the New Brunswick Museum in Saint John said the museum is looking at other options to expand its collections and resource centre, after encountering red tape at Saint John city hall.

The museum had originally wanted to expand its Douglas Avenue facility into the neighbouring Riverview Memorial Park, a memorial to soldiers who served in the Boer War, but the museum’s board of directors has decided to focus on other options.

“We really are at a standstill and that’s why we need to look at other options,” said museum CEO Jane Fullerton.

She said the museum is on a tight timeline and can’t wait for the city to explore legal options before moving ahead with a geotechnical survey of the park.

“There are issues around the safety of the collections and the safety of the people working there.”

The museum has been planning an expansion and upgrade for the Douglas Avenue facility since 2000, but Fullerton said the issue became an urgent matter in 2012 when engineers determined the roof structure only had another five years of life.

“If we can’t find a solution at that site we would have to look at moving to another location,” Fullerton said.

“That would be a discussion with the province and other stakeholders who are interested in the future of the museum.”

Fullerton said whatever the final plan, it needs to be cost effective. The museum already runs two facilities, an exhibition centre at Market Square in Saint John, and the collections and research centre on Douglas Avenue.

Some of the options Fullerton cited were expanding the building to the north side of the property or moving out of the existing Douglas Avenue building altogether.

Fullerton hopes to have a plan in place within the next month so the museum can apply for federal funding.
New Brunswick Historical Society Awards of Recognition:

In the summer of 2014 the New Brunswick Historical Society announced its second annual Heritage Awards, to recognize individuals and organizations who have contributed to the preservation and promotion of the province’s history and heritage. The following photos record the 2014 award recipients, with some of the 2013 recipients who had missed their ceremony being present for the occasion.

Front row: Kathy Wilson (NBHS), Regina Mantin (NB Museum), Margaret Conrad (UNB), Elizabeth McGahan (UNBSJ), Marion Beyea (Provincial Archives of New Brunswick), Fawn Wilson White, International Chair of Friends of the Certosa di Capri.

Back row: Peter Larocque, NB Museum; Donna Reardon, Preservation Review Board; Gwendolyn Davies (UNB); Robert Boyce (Chair of Saint John Preservation Review Board); Gary Hughes, Curator of History and Technology, NB Museum; David Bell (UNB), Stephen McNeil, former Curator at NCC and National Art Gallery, currently a PhD. Candidate at Queens; John McAvity, Director of Canadian Museums Association.

Jim Bezanson (Saint John Heritage Development Officer) and Natalie Bull (Executive Director, Heritage Canada Foundation).

Kathy Wilson with Darrell Butler, Manager of Heritage Resources, King’s Landing.

Kathy Wilson with Twila Buttimer, N.B. Provincial Archives, with special interest in Anglican Diocesan records.
Dear Sir/Madam,

On the Road to 2017, our Government is celebrating key nation-building milestones that have defined our country and made us who we are today, such as the 200th anniversary of the birth of Sir John A. Macdonald and the 50th anniversary of the National Flag of Canada. Last year marked the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War and the 75th anniversary of the start of the Second World War. From 2014 to 2020, Canada is marking the events, battles, and social conditions that defined these wars. The Government of Canada’s commemorations will pay tribute to the sacrifices made by Canadians during the First and Second World Wars, build awareness of how the war efforts shaped the Canada we know today, promote a sense of national pride and create a legacy for generations to come.

On February 20, 2015, the Department of Canadian Heritage will launch the World War Commemorations Community Fund, a year-long funding initiative beginning on April 1, 2015, and ending on March 31, 2016. Funding will be available in the form of grants and contributions for community-based commemorative and educational projects that foster a greater awareness and understanding among Canadians of the importance of the World Wars in our country’s history.

The World War Commemorations Community Fund will support activities and events across Canada that meet the following objectives:

- Enhance Canadians’ awareness, knowledge and understanding of the importance of the First World War and Second World War and of their significance in the shaping of Canada, its identity and institutions.
- Enable Canadians to recognize Canada’s exceptional figures, places and accomplishments of the world wars.
- Engage Canadians across the country in opportunities to participate in commemorative activities and events taking place during the commemoration period (2014-2020).
Good Morning!
FYI - We have launched!! You will find attached the message that has been forward to a great number of our clients and others who may have an interest in commemorating the World Wars.

All necessary documents are available on the Web through the link below.

Donna Rae in the Moncton office will be assisting us with outreach and responding to inquiries leading up to the deadline. Should you receive calls from your clients and do not feel comfortable responding, you can redirect them to Donna Rae.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

DEADLINE APRIL 2, 2015
Did you know?
That the Acadian flag sticker, was taken into space on two space shuttles, the Endeavour in 1996 and the Discovery in 1998.

What adventures did your museum have in 1996 and 1998 we would love to share your story!

Musée acadien de l’Université de Moncton

Did you know?
That the Musée acadien de l’Université de Moncton has it’s own twitter account with 1271 followers. It increases the museum’s visibility especially with media.

Did you know?
That the Musée acadien de l’Université de Moncton has in it’s possession the original donation ledger of St. Joseph’s College, Memramcook, 1886-1942.

Wow do you have an original?

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Send us your twitter account so we can follow you once the AMNB creates its new twitter account sometime this year.