

ASSOCIATION MUSEUMS & BUILT HERITAGE NEW BRUNSWICK

WINTER NEWSLETTER

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**2016
CONFERENCE
IN
SAINT JOHN
ON
OCTOBER
26-28, 2016**

President's Message

Friends and Colleagues,

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable holiday season. I want to thank each and every one of our members for their support in 2015. As always, my wish is that we can continue to grow and build solid partnerships with each other as well as our supporters and partners.

My compliments to the 2015 Conference Committee for an incredible event! I am sure that those who attended would agree that the conference was well organized and the sessions were relevant and very helpful. Next year's organizers for Saint John will have their hands full trying to equal the quality of this year's event. Thank you for making the conference so worthwhile.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the board members who retired at the annual general meeting. They share a

vision and a passion for museums and heritage, believe in the AMNB mission and helped to motivate, affect change and improve our organization. On behalf of the entire board, membership and staff, thank you for your dedication, time and commitment.

It is a pleasure to welcome the new board members who have joined our team. We could not be more thrilled! Not only are our new members fantastic people who are passionate about museums and heritage but they bring excitement and new insights to the table. I look forward to working with them to create opportunities to enhance and strengthen our cultural heritage. On behalf of our members, we will continue to strive to act as an advocate for heritage organizations at the provincial and national level.

Chantal has been busy in the office and one of her many tasks has been planning our winter webinars. The AMNB, in partnership with the Museum Assistance Program, will be

presenting three webinars based on built heritage, collections management and interpretation. They are free of charge to our members and provide an excellent training tool for staff, volunteers and summer students.

Now it is time to buckle down and get to work! If you are like me, the winter is a blur. From the moment the conference finishes my "to do" list starts to build in my head. That list contains tasks that need to be accomplished before the summer students begin their contracts and we are hit with the summer rush!

Good luck with your goals and resolutions in the New Year. I look forward to strengthening our partnership. Do not hesitate to call or email me — my door is always open.

Wishing you all the best in 2016,
Ruth Murgatroyd,
President



AMNB NEWS

We have signed an agreement with National Trust Canada. The Association Museums & Built Heritage New Brunswick members can now fill out a membership form with them and receive the following benefits:

- Free Admission or discounts at selected Historic Sites in Canada and hundreds of National Trust Properties in England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland,

Jersey, Australia and the United States

- Reduced rates for National Trust conferences
- Voting privileges
- Exclusive access to tours by the US National Trust for Historic Preservation
- A subscription to the colourful quarterly magazine Heritage, filled with informative features on Canada's places that matter, heritage issues and success stories,

and places you'll want to visit.

Once you fill out the membership form with National Trust you will receive a pass to attend the many Historic Sites and National Trust Properties.

For forms please contact Chantal at info@amnb.ca or call 506-454-3561



Built Heritage 2016

The new provincial organization established at the fall annual meeting of the Association Museums New Brunswick formally brings together museums and built heritage interests under the new name the Association Museums and Built Heritage New Brunswick (AMBHNB). It promises new opportunities and renewed efforts to promote preservation and use of structures in our communities that are historically and architecturally significant. Museums have long demonstrated a commitment to our built heritage legacy – operating in heritage buildings, often having operation of heritage buildings as part of their programming responsibilities, and as knowledgeable supporters of heritage generally. However, the remit of the AMBHNB is expanded to include the preservation of heritage buildings and structures that will not become museums, the revitalization of main streets with attention to the protection and refurbishing of their heritage aspects, the preservation of streetscapes, the design and building of appropriate in-fill, the creation of heritage districts and the promotion generally of built heritage preservation.

A foremost task for the new organization is creating an understanding among politicians, business people, planners, architects, developers, realtors and all New Brunswickers of the advantages of preserving heritage buildings. These include keeping tons of building material out of the landfill, revitalizing communities, enhancing tourism offerings, creating employment for local contractors and craftsmen, economic vibrancy, and enriching educational and cultural life and social programs. Adaptation of heritage buildings to support existing functions or the discovery of new uses for them usually results in an extraordinary new community focal point. Our province has a number of excellent examples. To name two: the conversion of Moncton's historic No. 2 Fire Station to serve the public with a very different mission as a key element in Moncton's social infrastructure preserving and retaining windows and brick masonry and prominent features; and Stone Church in Saint John that will be redesigned to be more energy efficient and to serve a smaller and changing congregation and needs. The aim is to make Heritage First the watchword – when new space is needed first consideration will be given to using a heritage building, or when a space seems no longer suitable for its original purpose, or when its original purpose no longer exists, first consideration will be given to preserving the space and determining how it can be adapted to serve that purpose or a new one.

Another important task is the development and implementation of tools that will encourage and assist in the preservation of heritage buildings: appropriate policies and legislation that control and support preservation, and the development of incentives that encourage preservation such as infrastructure investment, seed-funding, tax abatement and other forms of financial support for the renewal and regeneration of heritage buildings. Other tools needed are those that inform and educate people in the requirements and methods for preserving and restoring or adapting heritage buildings such as the interpretation of standards and guidelines for heritage preservation, training, and information on the availability of professionals, tradespeople and materials. Collaboration and communication both with heritage related bodies outside New Brunswick such as The National Trust for Canada whose leadership, resources and new initiatives will be invaluable. Equally important will be collaboration and communication within New Brunswick, with civic and heritage trusts, preservation review boards, professional organizations and others to share ideas, information and experiences. What can we learn from St. Andrews' recent adoption of a heritage preservation by-law that will support the preservation of buildings that "make" this unique and historic sea side town, and from Caraquet's development of an outstanding rue principale that features the preservation and restoration of heritage structures and sympathetic construction of new buildings?

There is a great deal to be done to ensure the preservation and continuing use of our province's unique and outstanding built heritage and it's exciting that we are now organized to do it.

Marion Beyea
Vice President
AMBHNB

Membership 2016

Association Museums & Built Heritage New Brunswick

As we approach the end of the year, we would like to thank you for your commitment to the Association of Museums New Brunswick. The year 2015 was marked by a change in the structure of the Association with the addition of the built heritage preservation component. Our organization has now become the Association of Museums and Built Heritage New Brunswick (AMBHNB). It is now, more than ever, important to make an effort to be a member in good standing as to show our interest, our commitment and our support to the preservation of our built heritage and our museums. This new association will continue to offer many advantages, but will now also include built heritage. For example, networking opportunities, professional advice, representing members' interests at the government table, presentations by heritage experts, webinars, etc.

Starting this year, by regrouping contributors from the built heritage and the museum world, the Association will have the opportunity to become an important history and heritage ambassador. Thanks to a devoted and dynamic membership, the members will be able to share their museum and heritage knowledge and experiences as professionals and contributors. As a future member, the AMBHNB team will welcome you with open arms! Exceptionally, for 2016, thanks to an agreement between the Association and the National Trust for Canada, by becoming an institutional member of our association, you also become a member of the National Trust! You will be able to benefit from all the advantages of this national organization. The National Trust is dedicated to the education and the focus of preserving heritage, to saving historical items from all over Canada, to giving advice to heritage building owners, etc. With this membership, you will receive a subscription to their 'Héritage' magazine, as well as free or discounted admission to certain historical sites in Canada.

We invite you to join our remarkable Association and benefit from all its services during this crucial time in its history.

Philippe Basque
Membership Chair



- * Our membership is now for one year from January to December .
 - * Previous members will receive an invoice in December if you have not already renewed
 - * Our new membership categories are :
Friends of Heritage and Students
 - * You may pay by Visa or MC make cheques payable to "AMNB"
- Thank you

2015 Conference Albert County Museum Wednesday, October 28, 2015



Photos by Bill Clarke

2015 Conference Reception Take a View



Photos by Raegan Swanson



2015 Conference Holiday Inn Express, Moncton

Thursday, October 29, 2015



Photos by Bill Clarke

2015 Conference Silent Auction & Trade Show

Thursday, October 29, 2015



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2015 Conference Banquet

Thursday, October 29, 2015



Everyone is enjoying talks by M. Thierry Arseneau, Executive Director, Tourism, Heritage and Culture (top left) and Herménégilde Chiasson, writer, playwright, visual artist and filmmaker. Mr Chiasson is considered one of the main voices of modern Acadia. What a lovely evening had by all.

(Photos by Bill Clarke)

2015 Conference Awards

Thursday, October 29, 2015



The Pioneer Historical Society represented by Rachel & Armand Bernier received the Award of Distinction for the Bob Connors Church Museum located in Connors, NB (presented by Ruth Murgatroyd, President)



Susan Shalala from Queens County Heritage was awarded the Award of Merit presented by Ruth Murgatroyd and received on her behalf by Bruce Thomson, President, Queens County Heritage



The Quarter Century Award was presented by Ruth Murgatroyd, President to Sister Zélica Daigle of the Musée Historique de Tracadie



Congratulations to all for your hard work and dedication over the years. One of the highlights of our conference is to recognize these hard working individuals and organizations. (Photos by Bill Clarke)

2015 Conference Holiday Inn Express, Moncton

Friday, October 30, 2015



Photos by Bill Clarke

BRING HOME A WORLD TRAVELLER PRINCE VICTOR

Let me tell you a story that started 145 years ago in the village of St. Martins, N.B. In 1870, the Vail and Moran shipbuilding families built a three masted ship and named it The Prince Victor. Its registered tonnage was 1221 with dimensions of 188' 6" x 37' 8" x 23' 6" . It was built for James H. Moran of St Martins and later sold to The Moran Galloway Shipping Company based out of Liverpool, UK. From 1870 until its official closure date in 1882, it had twelve voyages from St. Martins, Saint John, Liverpool UK, Burma, India, Ireland, Australia, San Francisco, Peru, Chile, Brazil, Spain and the Netherlands. In 1884, it was transferred to a new port and later sold in 1887 to Norway. The Prince Victor was later wrecked that same year travelling in The Severn River on Good Friday, 1887.

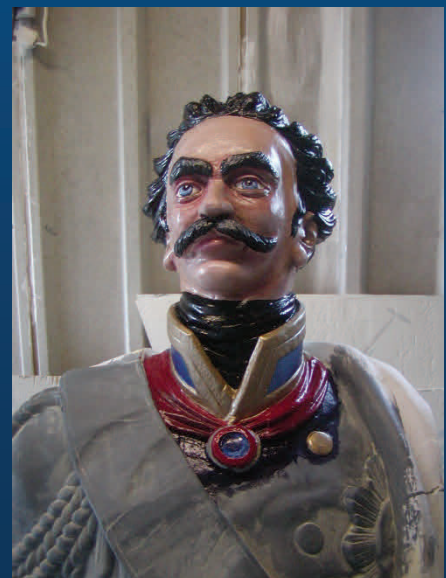
As a result, the captain's wife and son were both drowned and buried at a cemetery at Woolaston. The ship was later broken up and parts of the ship were collected and placed in many of the homes up and down the riverside. So too, was the fate of the figurehead of The Prince Victor. It was salvaged and chained to a plum tree in the garden of a secluded cottage and there it stood in the brush and brambles for 70 years or more. After the death of the man who had originally salvaged the figurehead, a local man convinced the new owners of the property to donate the figurehead to the Folk Museum at Gloucester. It was housed in the basement until just a few years ago when Mr. Richard Hunter of the Hunter Figurehead Archives and his two business partners were offered the opportunity to buy The Prince Victor as long as they would restore it.

Celebrate our communities' history by bringing home this incredible piece of historic marine artwork for all to share. This figurehead came off the Prince Victor that was launched about a ¼ mile from where the museum is located and after 145 years, it has the opportunity to come back home. We would like to have it on display at our museum where young and old alike can look at this massive 7' carving and consider what wonders it had seen in it's voyages around the world from the bow of the ship.

For more information contact:
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This initiative is supported by:

- * Quaco Historical and Library Society
- * Village of St Martins
- * Saint John Fundy Heritage Zone
- * Association Museums New Brunswick



Science East mourns the passing of founder, Dr. Marie MacBeath



(Fredericton) - It is with great sadness that Science East Science Centre announces the passing of our founder, Dr. Marie MacBeath. A passionate educator and communicator, Dr. MacBeath was committed to making science accessible and engaging for people of all ages and will be greatly missed.

Dr. MacBeath was born in Campbellton, NB, on January 23, 1925. She graduated with a B.Sc. in Chemistry from Mount Allison University and a B.Ed. from the University of New Brunswick. Early in her career she worked as a research chemist in Montreal and England, and as a high school science teacher. In the 1960's, Dr. MacBeath and her late husband, George MacBeath (first director of the Ontario Science Centre), were commissioned to tour the world's science centres in Europe, and wrote a comprehensive report on the use of interactive exhibits. On their return to New Brunswick in the 1970's, Dr. MacBeath graduated with a PhD in Physical Chemistry from the University of New Brunswick, and taught at UNB until her retirement in 1990.

Dr. MacBeath's commitment to science education continued into her retirement; she wrote and presented 26 television science segments for children, as well as producing a 13 part series featuring science professors. In 1994, Dr. MacBeath became the driving force in the establishment of Science East, funding its first exhibits with her own money. Her love of healthy living and lifelong learning kept her vibrant and engaged with life until close to the end, despite chronic struggles with her health. Her positive energy, loving nature and strength continue to inspire former colleagues, students, Science East staff and visitors.

Dr. MacBeath died peacefully at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital on November 13th, with her loving family by her side. She is survived by her two daughters, Lyn and Judie MacBeath, grandchildren Nancy Johnston Mullin, Kate Howes and Geordie Howes, and great-grandson, Wesley Mullin.

In lieu of flowers, Dr. MacBeath had requested that donations be made to Science East. A "celebration of life" event will be held on Friday, December 4 from 3-6 pm at the Wu Conference Centre at UNB.

A video memorial of Dr. Marie MacBeath, featuring a 2010 audio interview can be found on the Science East website www.scienceeast.nb.ca

Association Museums & Built Heritage New Brunswick

New Board



**Bottom Center: New President, Ruth Murgatroyd, Fredericton Region Museum To
Left of President: Arisma Losier (outgoing director),
To right of President: Adm Off, Chantal Brideau**

**Middle row left to right: Sherry Little, Gaëtane Saucier Nadeau, Lawren Campbell,
Marion Beyea 1st VP, Charline Lanteigne and Jacqueline Bartlett**

**Back row left to right: David Desjardins (Past-President), Philippe Basque, Bill
Clarke, Jim Bezanson, Donald Alward (Treasurer), Kellie Blue McQuade (2nd VP &
Secretary) and Sarah Goulding**

Missing: Kevin Cormier, Guy Tremblay and Aristi Dsilva

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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 province wide—if possible please supply your submission in both official languages if not translation service is available.

Thank you!

Submissions are due the 15th of February, May, August and November

The Mission of Association Museums & Built Heritage 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.

AMBHNB Committees

Museum Advocate - Jacqueline Bartlett (Chair)

Heritage Advocate - Sherry Little (Chair)

Communications - Sarah Goulding (Chair)

Conference - Jane Fullerton & Aristi Dsilva

Awards & Nominations- Dave Desjardins (Chair)

Finance - Donald Alward (Chair)

Membership - Philippe Basque (Chair)

Built Heritage Action Plan - Marion Beyea

ASSOCIATION MUSEUMS & BUILT HERITAGE
NEW BRUNSWICK

Council of Archives New Brunswick Survey

Do you have archival material in your museum? The Council of Archives New Brunswick (CANB) needs your help! It has been more than 25 years since the last needs assessment survey went out to New Brunswick Archives and cultural institutions.

CANB is launching a new survey that will evaluate how New Brunswick archival collections have evolved and changed in the past 25+ years. Raegan Swanson, the CANB Archival Advisor, will be happy to answer any of your questions about the survey or past assessments that have been done.

If you are interested in participating, please contact archives.advisor@gnb.ca and Raegan will be happy to provide you with a copy of the survey. Additionally, Raegan can help you fill out the survey should you need assistance.

