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2006 Southcott Report

The Southcott Awards program began in 1984, making 2006 the 22nd year that the Newfoundland Historic Trust has held such an awards event to commend and celebrate the preservation of the province's architectural heritage. The 2006 Southcott Awards, which took place during the evening of Thursday, June 22, was a well-attended event, drawing out nearly 70 people!

The Trust has received a great deal of very positive feedback on this year's successful Southcott Awards ceremony. Many commented that the Basilica Museum Library was welcomed as a refreshing change of venue. It was a special pleasure to host friends and fellow heritage advocates – including many members of the Trust board past and present – who have played a tremendous role in recognizing this important part of our culture and our communities. This year's annual Southcott Awards ceremony was kindly sponsored by: Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland & Labrador (HFNL); Fisheries Products International Limited (FPI); Parks Canada; Patterson Palmer Law; PHB Group Inc.; and Sheppard Case Architects.

Special thanks are also extended to the other members of the 2006 Southcott Committee: Kim Mackay, Jeff Green, Jackie Walsh, David Kelland, and Susan Haedrich.



(l-r) Kim Mackay, Vice President; Lara Maynard, General Manager; Barbara DeLand, Southcott Awards MC; and Kim Blanchard, President. Photo by Jeff Green.

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Check out our winners inside!

Kim Blanchard
President, Newfoundland Historic Trust
& Chair, Southcott Committee

Winter House – Clarke’s Beach

Winter House dates back to 1919 and was originally designed by Henry William Winter. The original use as a family home continues with the Winter family today. The present restored structure is a replacement of a former dwelling which dated from the middle of the 19th Century and the store was part of that original building. At some time in 1918 Henry Winter decided to demolish the family home and replace it with a two story design of his own.



Mr. Winter’s father died in 2002 at the age of 97 and had vivid memories of assisting in the building of the house in 1919. He described cutting out, sanding and stacking the many wooden shingles required.

As the house has been lived in continuously when restoration began in 2001, the building was in good shape. Nearly the entire support system of the house and shop were in bad condition and would have to be replaced as were the windows. The shingles were required to be scraped and patched and areas of the roof were completely missing.

New facings in the 1920s style were attached on the upstairs windows and a new window at the rear of the shop was installed. The electrical service was moved to the rear to a less conspicuous location. Two large windows as shown in the older photographs were obtained from a store in North River. Storm doors and shutters were built for the winter months. The picture window at the south of the building was removed and a salvaged window from Clarke’s Beach was installed.

Given the extensive restoration, when the family first began this project they had no idea what they were in for. For example, in rebuilding the foundation, they were required to use hand jacks digging around the rotted sills which was back breaking work. Brothers Jerome and Bill Winter joked that the project might be the end of them. They are very pleased with the fruits of their efforts.

St. Luke’s Anglican Church - Newtown

St. Luke’s Church cornerstone was first laid on 29 December 1892 and the first consecration occurred on 7 August 1895. The project master builder and foreman was Thomas Granger of Port Union and he was the only paid worker on the job during the construction. That volunteer spirit in the community continued through to the restoration work in recent years. The original flooring was replaced in 1981 after 86 years of use. The original tower of the Church was replaced in 1937.

Under the leadership of foreman, Patrick Blackmore, and carpenter, Varick Gibbons, and the management of the Vestry, this restoration project was undertaken with replacement of clapboard, installation of studs and the ground pinion as well as other work to stabilize the building. New storm windows were constructed and installed. Bridges, walkways were constructed and repaired. Roof leaks repaired. Repairs done to outside trim and mouldings and re-puttying of all windows. A new oil tank was also required.



The foundation supports were provided by the local fish plant, Beothuck Fish Processors as an irregular size of lumber was needed and wasn't available locally. The community has banded together to ensure that the Church is maintained and continues to be in a good state of repair for many years to come.

The Kingsley Lofts - Hayward Avenue, St. John's

This structure was originally constructed in 1955 or 1956 by the F.M. O'Leary and Hub Sales Company Limited. They occupied the building until 1966 when it was purchased by Dicks & Company, a office retailer, and then subsequently by William E. King for their wholesale operation. In 2003 this property was purchased by Signature Homes Limited with a unique concept of adaptive re-use which would result in loft style condominiums.

Located in the historic Georgetown neighbourhood, a residential area for the past 150 years, the existing structure was used for a garage and shipping and receiving with a retail space on the main floor and warehouse and office on the second floor. There was very little upgrading done to the original construction but it has always been occupied and fairly well maintained.

The building was in good structural condition with concrete block exterior walls, four inch thick wood floors, sixteen foot ceilings and a combination of steel beams and large wooden girder trusses to allow for a large open floor space. This preservation project is distinct in St. John's as many of the original industrial features of the building were maintained including the warehouse floors and trusses with tarnished bolts, high ceilings and open spaces. The main focus of this project was to enhance and compliment the view.



Philip Pratt was the architect on this project and the result has been the creation of a landmark building for the neighbourhood which demonstrates a creative adaptive re-use stepping out of the mould of typical restoration projects. The committee was impressed that efforts were made to maintain this structure rather than proceeding with a more cost-effective town house approach which would have been a loss to the area. The result is now the creation of five condominium units with panoramic views of the City. This is an excellent example of adaptive reuse and redevelopment in an historic setting.

Roman Catholic Rectory – Bonavista

The Saint Joseph's Parish in Bonavista has restored the Roman Catholic Rectory as part of extensive restoration projects being completed in the Community of Bonavista. Last year, the Roman Catholic Church received a Southcott award and we are pleased this year to provide an award for the restoration of the Rectory.

Bonavista was the fishing capital of North America in the later half of the 17th Century and was a bustling centre of commerce. The Rectory was built in 1900 and the original



architect was Ronald Strathie. The restoration work was completed by Ken and Dean Construction. The current owners are the Groves family including Brian, Glen, Robert, Roy and Judy. This property is owned by the Groves family and is hoped to be used in future as a bed and breakfast. It is a highly visible structure in the town located near the Ryan Premises National Historic Site.

The exceptional architecture of the Rectory is an elaborate interpretation of the vernacular double front peak type which was common and unique to Bonavista for this period. It exhibits double front peaks with arched windows upstairs and scalloped shingles in the peaks. A veranda and a decorative multi-paned window is noted in the porch.

The structure was slated for demolition in 1993 but was then restored as a bed and breakfast until 2000. It was vacant from 2000 to 2005 and had begun to deteriorate. The building retains its original wooden mantle pieces, mouldings, doors, staircases and floors. In addition to the skill provided by K & D Construction, Mike Patterson contributed with his carpentry skills including the storm doors and windows which were reproduced. The chimneys had to be rebuilt and new cedar shingles were required for upgrading and replacement.

Lodge Humber 1475 – International Pulp and Paper Company Staff House – Deer Lake

This building located in Deer Lake was originally used as a staff house for the Pulp and Paper Company. The original construction date was 1923. Currently, this building is owned by the Masons and a committee of Masons was responsible for an extensive restoration which included replacing part of the foundation, removing aluminum siding, installing windows, doors and an electrical upgrade and insulation.



The committee was particularly impressed that the vinyl windows were replaced and enlarged to bring the building back to its original appearance. This structure can be viewed from the highway and it overlooks Deer Lake with nearby playing fields, a church, library and residential area. The building is used extensively by community groups including the Masons, the Lions Club, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Ladies Dart Club and as a Union Hall.

What's Happening at the Newman Wine Vaults

- Jillian Stoyles, Vaults Tour Guide

According to legend, in 1679 a Newman and Company vessel loaded with port wine left Portugal for London but was driven off course and came to St. John's to take refuge for the winter. When the ship returned to England the following spring her cargo was found to have improved in flavour. From then until 1996, Newman's Celebrated Ruby Port was aged in Newfoundland - much of it in the historic stone vaults located at 436 Water Street.

Newfoundland and Labrador's only historic wine vaults offer visitors an interpretation of the province's remarkable association with port, along with a variety of programmed events. In addition to being open from Tuesday to Saturday throughout the summer, the Newman Wine Vaults invite people of all ages and interests to vault into history and take part in a variety of special events.



Napoleon Surrenders: Saturday July 15th, 2006 1:00 pm. On July 15th, 1815, France's infamous "Little Emperor" Napoleon Bonaparte surrendered to the *HMS Bellerophon*, the English Navy vessel that would carry him to exile in St. Helena. Legend states that the ship's officers toasted the event with Newman's port wine from Newfoundland.

The Newman Wine Vaults commemorated Napoleon Bonaparte's surrender with a re-enactment of the event including the Town Crier and Napoleon himself. The celebration included a toast to the Queen with Newman's Port.

Coming up: Wine and Words

Weekend evenings starting mid July. This event will expose the audience to some of Newfoundland and Labrador's most gifted authors. Observers can expect to hear from two authors each night, along with door prizes and a complimentary glass of port or wine. Featured books, wines and gift items will be available on site during the readings.

July 22 - Authors **Shannon P. Sullivan** (*The Dying Days*) and **Bill Callahan** (*The Banting Enigma*)

July 29 - Authors **Tina Chaulk** (*This Much is True*) and **Jack Fitzgerald**

World Monuments Watch List

- *Michelle L. Berenfeld, World Monuments Watch Program Manager*

Every two years, the World Monuments Fund issues the World Monuments Watch list of 100 Most Endangered Sites. The Watch list calls international attention to cultural heritage sites of all types around the world that are at risk. Inclusion on the Watch list helps WMF and local advocates to attract support for the protection of endangered sites, as well as technical and financial resources that may lead to their rescue.

The World Monuments Fund is now accepting nominations to the 2008 Watch list. I hope that you will consider nominating an endangered cultural heritage site and that you will tell your colleagues about the Watch program and how to nominate a site.

The 2008 Watch Nomination Form is available for download from our website: www.wmf.org. Nominations are available in English, French and Spanish. To request that a nomination be sent to you either electronically or by post, please contact us at watch@wmf.org, +1-646-424-9594, ext. 232 (phone), or fax +1-646-424-9593.

The deadline for submission of nominations is January 15, 2007. The list will be selected by an independent panel of ten experts in May 2007 and will be announced to the public and international press by WMF in late June 2007.

The Doors will Open in 2006!

-Sarah Cahill, Coordinator, Doors Open Newfoundland and Labrador



The fourth annual Doors Open St. John's will be held on September 9th and 10th 2006, celebrating the great history, culture and architecture of our city. Culturally important buildings all over St. John's will open their doors to the public free of charge during the Doors Open weekend. Often, for the first time, visitors will have a chance to access buildings normally closed to the public and learn something about their design, their history and the kind of work that takes place within their walls.

The fourth annual Doors Open St. John's will be held on the weekend of September 9th and 10th. This year's sites include churches, residences, schools, boats and gardens.

New sites for 2006 include George Street United Church, Atlantic Ocean Dinner Cruises, MUN School of Music, The Murray Premises Hotel and much more!

Interest in Doors Open is rapidly growing throughout the province. In 2004 the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Newfoundland Historic Trust initiated a provincial Doors Open program. That year Placentia and Newtown became part of the Doors Open program. In 2005 Brigus and Cupids, along with Placentia became host communities. This year Trinity and Corner Brook, along with last year's communities, hope to have a Doors Open event.

Doors Open was launched in Scotland in 1990 and was so popular it quickly spread to other parts of the United Kingdom and all over continental Europe. Hundreds of thousands of people have since flocked to visit outstanding buildings in Doors Open cities and return year after year to view others. In 2003, Newfoundland and Labrador became the first Atlantic Canadian province to organize a Doors Open event. The launch of Doors Open St. John's boasted a remarkable 27,500 visits to sixteen exciting sites, and the event expanded in 2004 with over 28,000 visits to twenty outstanding buildings in St. John's. Despite the unfortunate weather during last year's event, 2005 Doors Open hosted over 21,000 visits to sites throughout the city.

This year, the Doors Open St. John's committee are expanding the number of sites and incorporating a mix of historic and modern sites. Schools, religious buildings, a wine vault, boats, scientific sites, gardens and heritage homes are currently being considered as sites for Doors Open 2006. The benefits of Doors Open are endless but most importantly this event helps to educate citizens on the community's rich history and remarkable architecture, while fostering civic pride. For more information please feel free to contact Sarah Cahill, Doors Open Coordinator (709) 739-6592 or visit www.doorsopendays.com. Come and check out the sites- haven't you always wanted to see inside?



400...and counting!

- Sheila Coates, *Historic Places Initiative, HFNL*

The Canadian Register of Historic Places has grown considerably, in no small part due to the efforts of the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador. The Foundation recently celebrated a milestone, with 400 listings of heritage buildings, structures and lands on the national registry.

Dale Jarvis, Provincial Registrar, says "This accomplishment represents success in getting our message out regarding the preservation and restoration of Newfoundland and Labrador's heritage places. We're proud to note that on a national level, our province is a leader in Registered Heritage Structure Designations."

Jarvis added, "We have great partnerships within the communities of Newfoundland and Labrador. They are taking on the role of heritage stewardship and are very active in the municipal designation process."

The Canadian Register of Historic Places is a component of the Historic Places Initiative, a Federal/Provincial/Territorial partnership established to preserve and protect Canada's heritage architecture. The Historic Places Initiative also develops and produces conservation Standards and Guidelines. The program is managed provincially by the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador. For more information the Historic Places Initiative, please visit www.historicplaces.ca or the Heritage Foundation at www.heritagefoundation.ca and 1-866-739-6592.

Municipalities Along the Southern Shore Recognize Heritage Places

- Andrea O'Brien, *Municipal Outreach Officer, HFNL*

Municipalities along the Southern Shore are continuing to designate heritage places, including the towns of Fermeuse, Ferryland and Cape Broyle.

The Town of Fermeuse has designated municipal heritage sites dating from the 17th century to the 1920s. The earliest of these sites is a boulder located in Kingman's Cove with markings dated back to 1684 - the possible initials of settlers and fishing servants who passed along this site over three hundred years ago. Another rock in the abandoned settlement of Blacksmith records the names of Patrick Molloy in 1817 and Andrew Heart in 1818, a lasting reminder of a settlement that was inhabited up until the mid 1900s. St. Charles Borromeo Church and Bell Rock have a more recent history but are of great value to the residents of Fermeuse, the church having been built in the 1920s by community residents.

The Town of Ferryland has designated three sites that illustrate the maritime, judicial and mercantile history not only of Ferryland but of the greater region. Constructed between 1870 and 1871, Ferryland Head light station remains an important beacon along the treacherous coast of the Southern Shore.

Historic Ferryland Museum is also a well recognized landmark in the community. It was built in 1916 to serve as the Bank of Montreal and later converted into a courthouse, jail and police officer's residence. The Bernard Kavanagh Premises, built by the Goodridge firm out of Renew's, has witnessed the evolution of the fishing industry in the region, having been the site of various mercantile operations since its construction in the 1920s.



In Cape Broyle, the stories of those laid to rest in the recently designated Immaculate Conception Cemetery reflect the community's history. Among them are the parents of Michael P. Cashin, who was Prime Minister of Newfoundland in 1919. Men who served in both World Wars, representing the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, Royal Navy, Merchant Navy and Forestry Unit are buried here, along with men who lost their lives to the sea. Also designated is Immaculate Conception Church, constructed with funds raised by the community and built by local craftsmen. The church contains spectacular stained glass and in the grounds behind grow many mature, non-native trees that have remained untouched for over a century.

These sites promote the rich heritage of the Irish Loop and highlight the unique history of individual communities. Through municipal heritage designation, towns in the region are ensuring that these heritage sites are protected and that their community's history is celebrated. If you have questions about protecting and promoting heritage places in your town, visit www.heritagefoundation.ca or call 1-866-739-6592.

Coming Events:

- Parks Canada is pleased to sponsor the Fire Risk Management for Historic Places course (in English) in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador on September 12th and 13th, 2006. The course fee is waived for representatives of National Historic Sites which are not owned by the federal government. Some travel subsidies may be available for these representatives. For additional information, please contact Susan Algie at: 204 983 4718 or by e-mail: heritage.workshops@pc.gc.ca.
- Placentia Area Historical Society is hosting its annual Tea Party July 29 at 2:00 and Doors Open on the 19th of August.
- Manning Awards Call for Nominations. The Historic Sites Association invites you to identify outstanding heritage projects in your area and nominate them for the Manning Award for Excellence. Each year, this prestigious award honours four projects that help raise public awareness by presenting our province's history. Deadline for nominations is September 15th. For a nomination form or list of past Manning Award recipients, visit www.historicsites.ca or call 753-5528.
- August 15, 2006 - Registered Heritage Structure Designation Deadline. The deadline for application for Registered Heritage Structure designation is August 15, 2006. Application forms and guidelines are available online at www.heritagefoundation.ca/desig.html. For more information please call 1-888-739-6592 or contact Dale Jarvis at info@heritagefoundation.ca.

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