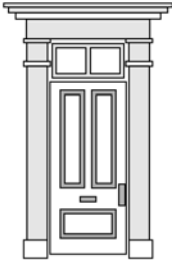


Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador

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5th Annual Doors Open Newfoundland and Labrador Enjoying Great Year

Doors Open Newfoundland and Labrador headed into its fifth year with an impressive 9 communities onboard, including 4 new communities - Carbonear, Grand Bank, St. George's, and Labrador Straits. **Doors Open Carbonear** was the first event of the year, on August 4, and its sites received nearly 700 visits in just 2 hours. All the new sites as well as Placentia, Corner Brook and St. John's have already held successful Doors Open events this year. Many of this year's communities have already begun planning for Doors Open Newfoundland and Labrador 2008.

The largest was **Doors Open St. John's**, held on September 8 and 9, which opened 24 sites to the public. This year, eight new sites were delighted to be involved, including Clovelly Riding Stables, Eastern Edge Gallery, the Royal Newfoundland Regiment Museum, and the Windsor Lake Water Treatment Plant. The festivities kicked-off with a taping of Angela Antle's *Weekend Arts Magazine* and a waffle breakfast held on Saturday morning at Eastern Edge Gallery. Throughout the weekend, visitors were treated to guided tours, puppet shows, medieval demonstrations, art exhibits, family activities, refreshments and much more. Government House, one of the most popular sites in the city, attracted over 1,000 people in three short hours!

Doors Open Newfoundland and Labrador continues in September with two events. **Doors Open Trinity Bight** will be held on Saturday, September 22, and Sunday, September 23. Visitors will have the opportunity to see 15 great sites, including Campbell House and the Port Rexton Fire Hall, and can participate in guided tours, knot-tying demonstrations, a fundraiser rummage sale, and more. **Doors Open Conception Bay South** takes place on Sunday, September 30, from 2-4pm. Visitors will enjoy organ music, guided tours of participating sites, and afternoon tea.

To find out how your community can become involved in Doors Open Newfoundland and Labrador 2008, call Sherri at 1-888-739-1892, ext. 7, or visit the Doors Open NL website www.doorsopendays.com.



Visitors during Doors Open St. John's watch the Fluvarium's demonstration of the bugs that inhabit our freshwater.

Youth Heritage Poster Contest Launched

This year marks the launch of the 4th Annual Heritage Day Poster Contest organized by the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador! We are so pleased with the positive participation from youth in Newfoundland and Labrador over the past years.

In every community across Newfoundland and Labrador there are buildings, structures and lands that hold historical significance. They represent our past and need to be protected for the future.

We ask you to support the aims of the Heritage Foundation through your promotion of this year's contest. You will find details and regulations regarding the Heritage Poster Contest on our website at www.heritagefoundation.ca, or via email at communications@heritagefoundation.ca or by calling 1-888-739-1892 ext 6. You may also request promotional posters from the HFNL office.

Youth are asked to create a poster themed after a heritage place. They must also prepare a short written statement explaining the importance of their chosen place. Suggested lengths for this statement are as follows:

- Primary (K-grade 3): 1-2 sentences
- Elementary (grades 4-6): 3-5 sentences
- Junior High (grades 7-9): 1-2 paragraphs
- Senior High (grades 10-12): 2 paragraphs to 1 page

Ensure your community is represented and help us get the word out. We look forward to the many creative entries to come from the youth across Newfoundland and Labrador!

Architecture and Planning in Havana, Cuba: History, Current Issues and Challenges

This evening will interest you if you have ever been curious about Havana and its impressive efforts toward heritage conservation including its UNESCO site status, or about the history, heritage, social, political, and economic environment of Cuba. The lecture is being presented by the distinguished Cuban architect and professor Mario Coyula Cowley who is the former director of the University of Havana Architecture and Urban Planning Department and the first president of Havana's Landmarks Commission.

Sponsored by the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador and The Rooms.

Location: The Rooms Lecture Theatre
Time: September 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
Cost: Free to attend lecture, \$5 admission fee to The Rooms if you wish to view galleries and exhibits.

For More information visit www.heritagefoundation.ca.

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Municipal Heritage Designation of Cemeteries in Leading Ticksles - Lara Maynard

The Town of Leading Ticksles recognized three of the community's most special historic places this past summer. Upon the recommendation of the local heritage group, the town council passed municipal heritage designations for the Old Church of England Cemetery, the Old Catholic Cemetery, and the Old Methodist Cemetery. They are respectively the first, second, and third oldest cemeteries in the town, and important features of the local cultural landscape.

View listings for these and other historic places in Leading Ticksles and around the province on Newfoundland and Labrador's Provincial Register of Historic Places, hosted on HFNL's web site at www.heritagefoundation.ca.



Old Catholic Cemetery Municipal Heritage Site, East Tickle, Leading Ticksles

Greenspond Heritage Inventory Project - Lara Maynard

The Greenspond Historical Society has set out to formally chronicle historic houses in the community. This heritage inventory work is now underway with funding assistance from the Cultural Economic Development Program, and project guidance from the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador (HFNL).

The society plans to complete the Greenspond inventory this year. Images and information gathered will be uploaded onto the Provincial Register of Historic Places (PRHP), accessible from the HFNL's web site at www.heritagefoundation.ca.

"We hope to make this the beginning of a larger project," explains Linda White, Vice President of the Greenspond Historical Society. "Greenspond was considered the 'Capital of the North' in the 19th and early 20th centuries, so the Greenspond Historical Society hopes to continue the tradition by being more inclusive. We'd like to eventually inventory other historic properties in Bonavista North, in communities like Indian Bay, Hare Bay, Centreville, and Pool's Island, and have a separate inventory of churches. And, of course, we hope that the inventories will instill a sense of pride in the local people."



Harding House Registered Heritage Structure, Greenspond

Tilting: Rugged Landscape, Strong People, Fragile Architecture

Congratulations to Robert Mellin, Chair of the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador, on his exhibit *Tilting: Rugged Landscape, Strong People, Fragile Architecture*. The official opening is set for the evening of September 28, 2007 at The Rooms Provincial Museum. Princeton Architectural Press published Dr. Mellin's book on the architecture of Tilting, Fogo Island in 2003, and it won the Winterset Award in 2004. Tilting was designated as a Registered Heritage District by HFNL in 2004. Check the events listings at www.therooms.ca for exhibit details.

Taking Stock of Heritage Buildings in Placentia – Debbie O’Rielly

In late August, representatives from the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador (HFNL) conducted a comprehensive inventory within the Town of Placentia's historic area. The team, consisting of Debbie O’Rielly and Lara Maynard, took pictures and recorded architectural details of each structure within the oldest area of the town.

During the course of their inventory they were approached by many residents who were curious about their work. Some community members were able to offer historical information on particular buildings, making the inventory even more detailed than it otherwise may have been. The information will be transferred to HFNL's online database, accessible through www.heritagefoundation.ca.

During that same time Placentia hosted its fourth annual Doors Open event. Many of the buildings within the inventory area were also open for the day, giving access to the public for free. O’Rielly and Maynard were able to visit many of the sites while conducting the historic building inventory.



Riverside Drive, Placentia