

Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador

Summer 2007 Newsletter



HERITAGE FOUNDATION GRANTS \$178,000 IN FUNDING & DESIGNATES 10 REGISTERED HERITAGE STRUCTURES

The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador (HFNL) recently granted \$178,000 to 16 Registered Heritage Structures. At the same time the board designated 10 additional buildings as Registered Heritage Structures.

"With this round of grants, we are able to increase the amount available to some projects," says Dale Jarvis, Heritage Preservation Officer with HFNL. "Our granting program has remained at the same level since the mid 1980s, so it is a wonderful day for heritage projects in Newfoundland and Labrador that we are able to increase the amounts available to individual structures."

In order to qualify for grants, a property must be a Registered Heritage Structure, which means the property has been evaluated by the Heritage Foundation's board. The board determines the property to be significant in the provincial context as well as the physical context, building typology, age, historical associations, detailing, renovations, and condition.

"The board had an excellent set of applications to work with this time," explains Jarvis. "A broad range of sites have been recognized for their importance, ranging from private houses to fisheries buildings to institutional buildings, including an old railway station and a historic church. The board also designated the Markland Cottage Hospital, the only cottage hospital to be recognized as a Registered Heritage Structure in the province."

Information about all the designated properties is listed on the Provincial or Canadian Registers at www.heritagefoundation.ca and www.historicplaces.ca respectively.

Funding Granted

- Bay Roberts - Railway Station
- Bonavista - Alexander Chapel
- Bonavista - Loyal Orange Lodge #4
- Brigus - Lakeview
- Grand Bank - Buffett House
- Lower Island Cove - Shano/Le Shane Property
- Markland - Markland Cottage Hospital
- Newtown - Emma and Philip Templeman Property
- Port Union - FU Fish Plant
- Port Union - FU Retail Store
- St. John's - 70 Circular Road, Sunnyside
- St. John's - George Street United Church
- Spaniard's Bay - United Church
- Twillingate - Ashbourne Office
- Twillingate - Ashbourne Shop
- Twillingate - Loveridge House

Designated Properties

- Bay Roberts - Railway Station
- Brigus - Lakeview (Thompson House)
- Grand Bank - Buffett House
- Markland - Markland Cottage Hospital
- Port Union - Fishermen's Union Trading Company Fish Plant
- Port Union - Fishermen's Union Trading Company Store
- Spaniard's Bay - United Church
- St. John's - 70 Circular Road, Sunnyside
- Twillingate - Ashbourne Office
- Twillingate - Ashbourne Shop



Doors Open events a-go for summer & fall 2007

Seven communities in Newfoundland and Labrador are poised to hold Doors Open events in August and September, 2007. Three of them have held Doors Open events in previous years, while the rest are brand new on the Doors Open scene, including the first Doors Open event in Labrador.

Doors to special historic and cultural places will open to the public for free in:

- Carbonear - August 4, 2007
- Grand Bank - August 10, 2007
- St. George's - August 12, 2007
- Placentia - August 25, 2007
- Labrador Straits - August 26, 2007
- St. John's - September 8 to September 9, 2007
- Trinity Bight - September 22 to September 23, 2007

As well, Sherri Kelly is coming on board as Doors Open NL Coordinator, based at the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador office on Springdale Street, St. John's. "I enjoy working in the heritage industry and am looking forward to working with new people on the Doors Open program, as well as learning about special places in Newfoundland and Labrador along the way," she says.

For more about the Doors Open program or details about each participating community event, see www.doorsopendays.com.

The Biggest Search for the Smallest House

Do you think you live in the smallest house in NL? The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland & Labrador, with the help of Downhome magazine, is hosting The Biggest Search for the Smallest House.

To qualify, the house must be currently occupied year-round as a primary residence. First prize will be awarded in two categories: a home 40 years old or older, and a contemporary home built in the last 40 years. For full contest and prize details, visit www.heritagefoundation.ca or call 1-888-739-1892 ext. 2.

Contest closes July 31, 2007.



Downhome

Contact:

Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador
1 Springdale Street, P.O. Box 5171, St. John's, NL, A1C 5V5
1-888-739-1892 info@heritagefoundation.ca www.heritagefoundation.ca



Canada's
Historic Places

Lieux patrimoniaux
du Canada

Municipal Heritage Designations in the Root Cellar Capital of the World:

Lara Maynard

The Town that declared itself “The Root Cellar Capital of the World” in 2000 has now officially designated four of its 135 documented root cellars as Municipal Heritage Structures. On April 10, 2007 Elliston’s town council designated Jim Goodland-Upstairs Root Cellar and Dan Goodland-Downstairs Root Cellar (together known as the Upstairs-Downstairs Root Cellars), along with George Pearce Root Cellar and Tom Porter Root Cellar.

While George Pearce Root Cellar, which was built in 1859, is of the type that are built from the ground up, the remaining three cellars are dug into a hill, like most of the Ellistons’ root cellars. Tom Porter Root Cellar was built in 1879 and boasts a unique feature: its ceiling is supported by a steel beam salvaged from the “Eric” which wrecked at Flower’s Cove near Maberly in the previous year. The often photographed Upstairs-Downstairs Root Cellars at Cow Calf Hill, Maberly were built by brothers in 1915. All four cellars are still in use.

The town council also passed five other municipal designations: Elliston United Church, Robert Tilley House, James Ryan Shop, the Orange Hall (Band of Hope LOL #1402) and both the building and cemetery at the St. Mary’s Anglican Church.

Photos and information about all 9 properties may be viewed online on the Newfoundland and Labrador Register of Historic Places maintained by

HFNL at heritagefoundation.ca. Also, Tourism Elliston provides root cellar tours; contact Colleen Duffett, Heritage Development Coordinator at (709) 468-7080 or see www.rootcellars.com.

Upstairs-Downstairs
Root Cellars >



Surveying Historic Churches in Newfoundland and Labrador: Andrea O'Brien

This past April, the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador (HFNL) launched an architectural and historic survey of churches and church related buildings in the province. The inventory focuses on buildings that are over forty years old but also includes newer buildings of architectural interest. The survey is being completed through fieldwork conducted by the HFNL and through information submitted by interested individuals. The inventory will be used for archival purposes and will serve as a physical record of the built heritage of all religious groups in the province.

Since the launch, many surveys have been completed by church groups, town councils, local service districts and interested individuals. As a result, the Provincial Register of Historic Places now contains 250 listings for churches and church related buildings. This number will continue to grow as more surveys arrive at our office and fieldwork continues around the province.

If you would like to share information about a church in your community, please contact Andrea at 1-866-739-6592 ext 4 or by email at hpi@heritagefoundation.ca.

Sacred Heart RC Church, Tors Cove >



REGISTERED HERITAGE STRUCTURE DESIGNATION DEADLINE

Do you have an old building you think deserves recognition? HFNL is currently accepting applications for designation of Registered Heritage Structures.

**The deadline for application is
August 15, 2007**

Application forms are available online at www.heritagefoundation.ca or by calling the HFNL office at 1-888-739-1892 ext 2

Please note: Grant applications are only accepted during the March 1 deadline.

Fogo Island Town Celebrates a Place Called Home: Lara Maynard

The Town of Joe Batt’s Arm-Barr’d Islands and Shoal Bay marked Municipal Awareness Day on May 16, 2007 with a special gathering at Brett House Museum. Town councilors, staff and JBS Heritage and Culture Committee volunteers were pleased to witness the mounting of the bronze Registered Heritage Structure plaque on the house.

According to Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador, Municipal Awareness Day “is about shining a light on the accomplishments and importance of municipal government.” This year’s theme was “Celebrating the Place YOU Call Home” – quite fitting for the Brett House event, which recognized the town’s heritage and the prominent Brett property. Several generations of the Brett family occupied the home in its various incarnations since the 1870s. The distinctively designed, scalloped and sawtooth shingle-clad dwelling was eventually donated to the Town of JBS and now operates as a museum.

Brett House and Outbuildings were given Registered Heritage Structure status by HFNL in 2003. In 2006 architectural restoration work wrapped up, with the buildings stabilized and heritage features like skirting boards and wooden roofing shingles reinstated. This was one of the first built heritage restorations projects in Joe Batt’s Arm, and has been nominated for a Southcott Award from the Newfoundland Historic Trust.



Mayor Freeman Compton and JBS Heritage and Culture Committee member Leonard Brown placing the Registered Heritage Structure plaque for Brett House and Outbuildings.