



HERITAGE DAY 2009

Saving Places Built To Last

St. John's, NL February 13, 2009 – The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador (HFNL) will be celebrating National Heritage Day on Monday (February 16), at 11:00 a.m., at the Basilica Episcopal Library in St. John's.

Executive Director George Chalker says that this years National Heritage Day theme is celebrating Heritage and the Environment: Saving Places Built To Last. “This years theme is very relative to the Foundation as we are entering into our 25th year of preserving, promoting and enhancing our historic places and stimulating an appreciation for the architectural heritage of the province.”

Representatives from the heritage community and the Provincial Government will join HFNL as winners of this years provincial Heritage Day Poster Contest are announced. Over 450 Students from across the province produced submissions for the contest. This contest was open to all schools in the province, and was organized through the Historic Places Initiative (HPI) and HFNL. The winning submission is part of the Foundation's poster promoting Heritage Day in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The winning submissions at each of the grade levels, and the overall winner, will be announced at the contest awards presentation and reception on Monday morning, at 11:00 am. Images of the winning posters will be made available on the HFNL website after the awards ceremony commences.

The Foundation is encouraging municipalities and heritage groups throughout the province to celebrate their heritage by holding a Heritage Day Proclamation. Over 50 municipalities have already submitted Heritage Day Proclamations for 2009.

Heritage Day is celebrated on the third Monday of February each year. It is an opportunity to explore the past and to discover what shaped our communities and our history.

The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador is a non-profit organization which was established by the Provincial Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in 1984 to stimulate an understanding of and an appreciation for the architectural heritage of the province.

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