

Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador Winter/Spring 2009 Newsletter



HERITAGE DAY 2009: SAVING PLACES BUILT TO LAST

Melissa Taylor, a Grade 6 student at Templeton Academy in Meadows was the overall winner of this year's annual Newfoundland and Labrador Heritage Foundation Heritage Day Poster Contest. Her poster featured the Blanchard Fishing Premises in McIvers.

George Chalker, Executive Director of HFNL, said 430 students from 34 schools submitted artwork for consideration in the Foundation's annual poster contest this year.

The winning submission is featured on HFNL's Heritage Day Poster, which promotes Heritage Day in Newfoundland and Labrador.



Bay of Islands MHA Terry Loder, makes the presentation to overall poster contest winner Melissa Taylor.

Melissa and her mom, Sharon, joined the heritage community at the Basilica Cathedral Museum Episcopal Library for the contest award presentation and Heritage Day Reception, where she was presented with her original painting, professionally framed. Bay of Islands MHA, Terry Loder represented Tourism, Culture and Recreation Minister Clyde Jackman at the event.

This year's national theme was Heritage and the Environment - Saving Places

Built to Last. "It is essential that we recognize the important work of those who are committed to safeguarding our unique architectural heritage, along with the customs and traditions which help define us Newfoundlanders and Labradorians," said Minister Jackman. "For 25 years, the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador has raised awareness, fostered pride, and galvanized community support for heritage initiatives throughout the province."



HFNL board member Kim Blanchard congratulates Level III student Jim O'Keefe of Laval High School in Placentia.

The winning submissions at each of the other grade levels were: First Place, Senior High School – Jim O'Keefe of Placentia, Grade 12 (Laval High School); First Place, Junior High School – Hannah Rumbolt of St. Anthony, Grade 8 (Harriot Curtis Collegiate); and, First Place, Primary – Luc Strickland of Port Aux Basques, Grade 2 (St. James Elementary)

Heritage Day is celebrated on the third Monday of February each year.

HERITAGE DAY ACROSS THE PROVINCE



Heritage Day Proclamation Signing: (F:L-R) David Hood, AHL, Premier Danny Williams, Ken Flynn, HFNL, (M:L-R) Stephanie Harlick, ANLA, Kimberly Blanchard - Newfoundland Historic Trust, Pat Walsh - Family History Society, Melanie Martin—Newfoundland Historic Society, Jane Severs, HPNL, Mary Tracey-Feehan - Historica, (B:LR) Paul Dean—MANL, Catherine Dempsey—Historic Sites Association

The provincial government, municipalities and heritage groups from across the island participated in this year's National Heritage Day celebration.

The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador's Heritage Day Proclamation was signed by Premier Danny Williams surrounded by members of the Heritage Industry Association of Newfoundland.

HFNL encouraged municipalities to make the same proclamation, and to take the opportunity to celebrate heritage in their respective communities. 42 municipalities in the province participated!

HFNL partnered with the Association of Heritage Industries to provide an informational advertisement about the resources and heritage work in Newfoundland and Labrador. The full page advertisement ran in *The Telegram* and *The Western Star* on the Saturday before Heritage Day.



Harbour Breton Deputy Mayor Lloyd Jensen declares Monday, Feb 16th as Heritage Day. Photo by: Matthew Molloy—*The Coaster*

2008 –2009 Heritage Day Poster Contest Winner



The Blanchard Fishing Premises in McIvers.
Melissa Taylor, Grade 6, Templeton Academy, Meadows



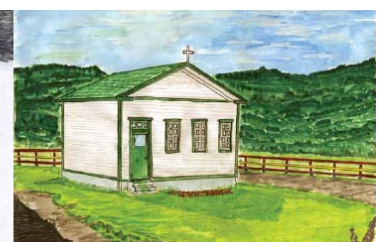
L-R: HFNL Executive Director—George Chalker, MHA Terry Loder, Melissa Taylor, HFNL board member Kim Blanchard.



Luc Strickland, Grade 3, St. James Elementary School, Port aux Basque. Grade k-3 Category Winner



Hannah Rumbolt, Grade 8, Harriot Curtis Collegiate, St. Anthony. Grades 7-9 Category Winner.



Jim O'Keefe, Grade 12, Laval High School, Placentia. Grades 10-12 Category winner.

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BOARD MEMBER RECOGNIZED FOR COMMITMENT TO HERITAGE



Doug Wells is presented with the Harbour Breton 2008 Citizen of the Year award by King Lion Lloyd Blake. Clayton Hunt Photo - The Coaster

Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador Board Member Doug Wells has been named Harbour Breton's Citizen of the Year for 2008. Wells has a long history of community volunteerism, particularly for promoting the history, culture and the potential tourism possibilities of Harbour Breton over a long period of time.

Mr. Wells has been chairperson of the Sunny Cottage Heritage Centre since 1996; has been involved with the Arts and Exploration board of directors and contributed to their recent regional tourism strategy; has been a member of the Newfoundland and Labrador Historical Society for about 12 years and in that time has promoted the region's historical sites such as Cook's Landing in St. Alban's; was appointed to the board of directors of the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador in October 2008; was responsible for obtaining two municipal designations from the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador for the Town of Harbour Breton – Sunny Cottage and Man O' War Brook – and is presently working on additional municipal designations for the town.

Wells said the Citizen of the Year award will give him the added incentive to continue promoting the history, culture and natural beauty of Harbour Breton and the surrounding area. "I have a great opportunity through my connection with the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador to keep on prompting this area, and that's exactly what I intend to continue doing in the future."

CENTURY FARMS INCLUDED IN PROVINCIAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Newfoundland and Labrador's Century Farms are now listed on the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador's Provincial Register of Historic Places.

"It's a heritage to be proud of, reflected by personal sacrifices, perseverance and a commitment to a family way of life," said Kevin Aucoin, President of the Agricultural History Society.

The Agricultural History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador created the Century Farm Award in 2006 to honour families in the province who have been farming their land continuously for one hundred years or more.



Standing at the farm gate showing their Century Farm sign. White's Farm, Tompkins, NL.

HFNL Executive Director, George Chalker said "18 Century Farms have been designated to date by the Agricultural History Society. Farming consists of hard work, sacrifice, energy, courage, and determination. HFNL recognizes the rich built heritage of agriculture in our province and the inclusion of Century Farms will increase awareness and appreciation of these places."

NEW PERLICAN CELEBRATES HERITAGE DAY

The third Monday of February may be the national date selected for Heritage Day but that does not mean communities can not celebrate their heritage at other times during the year. New Perlican held its first ever Heritage Day on July 13th, 2008.

Heritage New Perlican announced the winners of their photo contest and children's colouring contest. Bev Chipman took first place in the photo contest and Jessica Critch was the winner of the coloring contest.

Heritage New Perlican's Chairperson, Eileen Matthews says "We have a wonderful town here, small but very alive. We have excellent waterfront wharves and stages that have been fairly well preserved. We have an archeological site that appears to be the oldest plantation in Canada that still has descendants living on the property. Heritage is an area that we would like to continue to pursue with a view towards more designations and preservation of existing sites as we believe that a town moves ahead when it realizes how deep a past it really has."

2009 FISHERIES PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Applications for the 2009 Fisheries Preservation Program are now available. The application deadline for this year is May 22.

Grants are available for restoring the built heritage features using traditional materials and designs. Eligible items include exterior work to repair, preserve, stabilize and protect stages, stores, equipment lofts and other related structures.

Municipalities or local heritage organizations can apply for a project that involves multiple structures and which is coordinated by that group.

Grants are available for up to \$200 per property, or up to \$10,00 for community-based projects involving multiple structures.

For more information contact Deborah O'Rielly at 1.888.739.1892. Visit our Fisheries Heritage Website at www.fisheriesheritage.ca to download applications forms and our new Fisheries Heritage Preservation Program Guidelines for 2009.

BELL ISLAND NO.2 MINE HERITAGE DESIGNATION



Lt. Gov John C. Crosbie and MHA Dianne Whalen unveil the plaque.

HFNL joined the Bell Island Heritage Society for the unveiling of an official plaque designating the No.2 Mine as a Provincially Registered Heritage Structure.

HFNL formally recognized the mine in 2006 for its large size and engineering advancement for the time period.

"This is our icon, this is our Cabot Tower, this is our Eiffel Tower" said Wabana Mayor Garry Gosine.

Lt. Governor John C. Crosbie, MHA, Diane Whalen, Mayor Gosine



Mayor Gosine and HFNL Executive Director George Chalker cutting a celebratory cake.

and HFNL Executive Director George Chalker gave speeches. St. Michael's Regional High School Band and dancers performed for the guests.

Chalker remarked that "At its time, the economic impact that the Bell Island mines had on the country of Newfoundland is equal to certainly what Hibernia has today for the province of Newfoundland and Labrador."

For more information about the designation go to <http://www.heritagefoundation.ca/propertysearch/property-details.aspx?>