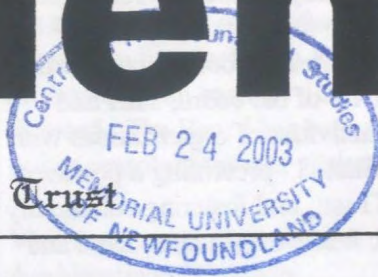


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The Newsletter of the Newfoundland Historic Trust Winter 2003

2002 AGM Reports

The Annual General Meeting for 2001-2002 of the Newfoundland Historic Trust was held in November at the Museum of Newfoundland and Labrador. President **John O'Dea** began the business meeting with reports of committee chairs. During the meeting a motion was made and approved that the Trust support the proposal that the Association of Heritage Industries take over and help preserve the Colonial Building. Following the business session **Robert Meilin** spoke on the subject of his forthcoming book "Tilting: House Launching, Slide Hauling, Potato Trenching, and Other Tales from a Newfoundland Fishing Village."

President's report by John O'Dea

A year ago, my focus was to have in place before the 2002 Annual Meeting a governance structure for the board of directors of the Newfoundland Historic Trust. This was achieved and the Trust has been very well served by the directors who served on the board committees.

A key component to the success of the board was to secure the support of a staff person, so necessary to any volunteer organization. The Trust was very fortunate to have the assistance of **Leida Finlayson** who was hired to co-ordinate, promote and develop the Newman Vaults. Leida has recently joined the Trust as its General Manager and the Trust hopes to become more engaged and noticed in the future, with her capable assistance.

As is likely well known by now, the Newman Vaults has been a great success for the Trust. This project has reinvigorated the Trust and it has been a welcome benefit to the Trust's finances. The Trust is grateful to the partnership which has been formed with the Newfoundland and Labrador Liquor Corporation which has provided support in many forms to ensure that the Newman Vaults are visually appealing and available for public use.

The Trust also appreciates the financial and other support of the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, Department of Works, Services and Transportation, Department of Canadian Heritage, Parks Canada, Human Resources Development Canada, Heritage Canada Foundation and its Young Canada Works programme, Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador, City of St John's,

Canada-Newfoundland Comprehensive Economic Development Agreement, Straylight Productions, Provincial Museum of Newfoundland and Labrador, and Museum Association of Newfoundland and Labrador.

This year the Trust bids a fond farewell to a long time friend. The Southcott Awards were generously supported by NewTel Communications and latterly Aliant Telecom. Such community spirit is much appreciated and the Trust extends its gratitude. We have been offered the kind assistance of Aliant in preparing a proposal to find a successor to join the growing private sector support of the Trust's work.

Members of the Trust's board serve as representatives on organizations of interest and benefit to the Trust. The Trust has been very well served by **Pat O'Brien** on the Association of Heritage Industries, **Gerard Hayes** and **Dale Jarvis** on the Heritage Advisory Committee of the City of St John's.

The Trust has been ably served by its directors and members of the Trust who have volunteered to assist on committees, serving port at the Newman Vaults or a myriad of other activities. Thank you for making it a successful year. My special appreciation to **Susan Fry**, **Susan Haedrich**, **Carol Mitchell** and **Jim Hiller** who have retired from the board this year

To the incoming board the mandate of the Trust is more relevant now and the task gets no easier. To the members of the Trust, your support is very necessary and you are encouraged to find others to join us in preserving the built heritage of this historically relevant place.

Communications Committee Report

by Peter Latta

Since the last Annual General Meeting the committee met several times to identify its specific role in the Trust organization and develop its terms of reference.

Accordingly, the Committee is focused on informing members of: the activity of the board, staff and volunteers; relevant activities of organizations with which the NHT is affiliated; presenting a positive public image of the Trust; and fostering community interest in the historic fabric of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Three editions of The Trident have been assembled and distributed in the past year, and plans are to repeat this schedule in 2003. The web site and e-mail list are also valuable tools in keeping members and friends informed of trust activities, and are constantly developing and improving.

Special thanks are due to Susan Fry for her work with The Trident and to Dale Jarvis for his management and development of the e.systems.

Membership Committee Report by Pat O'Brien

The Trust has a paid-up membership of 101 for the year 2002.

Preservation Committee Report by Shane O'Dea

The Preservation Committee deal with both property and preservation issues. Two properties on which we hold covenants - Quidi Vidi Church and Powerscourt - have both undergone change in the last year. A shed, designed to be in keeping with the architecture of the village, was constructed on a northern portion of the Church site. The proposal drawing showed it as viewed from the south in which it looked like a reasonable blend. On this basis it was approved by the Trust. However, as constructed and seen from the north it tends to overwhelm the Church.

Powerscourt was sold during the summer and now the current owner is parceling off the parking lot for infill (the design of which has to receive Trust approval according to the covenant). The house itself has been sold to another buyer who is currently in discussions with us about renovation/restoration work to be done. This will require some care as the structure is - as far as can be known - the oldest in the city and consequently of some considerable importance.

The Trust was, to the limits of its mandate, involved with the controversy over the Shamrock Field Development. The City is engaged on the next stage of Heritage Strategy (originally carried out by Canning/Pitt) which will involve PHB Group looking at the issue of view planes, heritage district boundaries and an

inventory of heritage buildings. We hold our breath on implementation.

We have also been involved with AHI's Colonial Building proposal and feel that this is an important initiative in that it will help preserve, restore and interpret the building as well as provide a common home for the heritage organizations - a home from which the common cause can be best advanced.

Newman Wine Vaults Committee Report

by Dale Jarvis

2002 has been the Vaults' most successful season yet. The Newman Wine Vaults were officially opened by Hon Julie Bettney, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, on June 27th. Open for walk-in visits from June 10th to August 30th the Vaults were also used for special activities in spring and fall and saw a total of 8,268 visitors in 2002. That was an increase of 200% over 2001, giving the Vaults the second highest number of visits to any provincial historic site, and the highest percent attendance increase this year.

Through the support of government, as well as the Newfoundland and Labrador Liquor Corporation, the vaults were able to hire five staff over the course of the summer. In addition to offering interpretive services, and daily maintenance to the Vaults, staff undertook programming activities, and the task of improving publicity. 24 special events were programmed or co-produced ranging from Sound Symposium concerts to wine tastings. The Vaults were mentioned at least 40 times in the media, in addition to numerable public service announcements.

Additionally, staff were able to facilitate 13 private rentals of the Vaults.

The support of government, Newfoundland and Labrador Liquor Corporation, and fund-raising efforts also meant that interpretive offerings were augmented, and restoration work on the building continued. Included in that area were the installation of display panels, the addition of a liquor agency specializing in fortified wine, masonry repairs, the installation of a fire exit, the replacement of heritage windows, painting, and the addition of display lighting to name but a few improvements to the site.

Abbreviated Financial report by Carol Mitchell

Revenue	65708.	29830.
Expenditure	<u>64923.</u>	<u>21569.</u>
Revenue over expend.	785.	8261.
End of year Surplus	31591.	30806.

Welcome new Directors

The Trust welcomes **Kim Blanchard, John Moss, David Hood, Colette Nap** to the Board of Directors.

Committees and Officers for 2002-2003

President -- John O'Dea
Vice President -Dale Jarvis
Treasurer-- David Hood
Secretary-- Gerard Hayes
Finance -- David Hood, Peter Latta
Vaults-- Dale Jarvis, Pat O'Brien, Ute Oksheysky, Nancy Cook, Glenn Keough
Preservation-- Shane O'Dea, Kim Blanchard, Dale Jarvis
Southcott-- Colette Nap, Shane O'Dea, Peggy Stewart, Susan Haedrich, John Templeton, John Moss
Programme-- Pat O'Brien, Dale Jarvis, Kim Blanchard
Communications-- Peter Latta, Dale Jarvis
Reps to St John's Heritage Advisory Committee-- Gerard Hayes
Reps to Association of Heritage Industries -- Kim Blanchard, Edythe Goodridge
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Southcott Awards '03

The closing date for nominations to the 2003 Southcott Awards has just passed and the Southcott Committee members are now busily assessing 18 properties from across Newfoundland & Labrador. The awards ceremony will be held in the Foran Room at St John's City Hall, June 20 3:30 pm.

Southcott poster

A very attractive poster featuring a variety of architectural types, all winners of the Southcott, has been produced by the Trust. Posters are \$10. and are available from the Trust office 739-7870. These are a colourful way to express your support for the Trust and its programmes.

Leida Finlayson In December the Board of the Historic Trust was saddened to learn that our General Manager Leida Finlayson had developed a serious illness. Not long after, Leida felt compelled to leave her post as General Manager. She is now at home and undertaking treatment, and continues to be active in other spheres. In the time she has been with the Trust, Leida has made a critical and positive difference to our

expanding operations. She worked hard during the past months to ensure the commitments of the Trust's public operations ran smoothly, and that the development of the Newman Wine Vaults was carried out to the highest of standards. She brought a sense of purpose to her work with the Trust and her calm professionalism ensured that the organization moved forward. The Board has been unanimous in its praise of her contributions and wishes her the very best.

Viewscapes and Boundaries: Defining the Edges of Architectural Heritage

The Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada (SSAC) Conference will be held in St. John's June 11-14, 2003. The conference will take place at the heart of the St. John's Ecclesiastical Precinct, a remarkable collection of 19th century religious and institutional buildings, and includes tours of the district and several small outport communities. The conference will address several topics in the broader theme.

1. Heritage Districts

Chaired by **Shane O'Dea**, Memorial University
Heritage Districts are geographically defined areas which create a sense of time and place through buildings, structures and open spaces modified by human use and are united by past events and use and/or aesthetically, by architecture and plan. What issues are faced by those researching, documenting or preserving such districts? This session will take conceptual and philosophical approach to the issues of heritage districts.

2. Round Table - Recent Designations of Structures and Areas: Case Studies

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This round table discussion will focus on recent heritage designations of structures, areas and districts. The round table will compliment the Heritage Districts session, but with a more practical approach, focusing on specific examples of current work in the field.

3. Landscape Conservation and Landscape Character

Chaired by **Fred Hann**, Fred Hann Assoc., St John's
This session will address the issues of heritage landscapes, and the preservation of landscape character at different scales, from watersheds to neighbourhoods to streetscapes. For discussion will be the concept of view planes and scenic corridors, the identification of public views, and issues surrounding the protection of significant historic public views.

4. Collective Memory through Architecture

Chaired by **Daniel Millette**

This session will focus on architectural amnesia -- "disappearing monuments or types" -- and architectural memory -- "new monuments or types". To be considered are ways cultural topography is changed as monuments appear/disappear, how landscapes of power are altered, how collective memory is scripted with the introduction of monuments.

5. Religious Architecture

Chaired by **Pierre du Prey**, Queen's University
This session will deal with the way the various faiths practiced in Canada have expressed their form of worship architecturally. Is there a sense in which they have accommodated themselves to Canada, either by materials used, external forms followed, styles preferred, internal spacial organization, furnishings, or the adaptation of liturgy to the genius of the place?

6. Fireside Session - Twentieth Century Military Architecture

Chaired by **George Chalker**, Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador
Tentatively planned for the Crow's Nest Officer's Club, a Registered Heritage Structure originally built as a warehouse after the Great St. John's Fire of 1892, this building was converted to the Sea-Going Officers' Club in 1942. Discussion will be on the architectural legacy of twentieth century wars from planned military bases to airfields, early warning systems, coastal defence batteries, and the preservation/ documentation of military architecture.

7. Planners Plate Luncheon Session

Chaired by **Ken O'Brien**, Engineering and Planning, City of St. John's
This session will be hosted by the Newfoundland and Labrador Branch, Atlantic Planners Institute. The Planners Plate provides professional development, and a chance for API members to socialize, and a way for the Branch to promote itself to other professions and the public. The Plates are publicized to non-members and are open to anyone interested.

8. East Coast Issues

Chaired by **Andrew M. Waldron**, Parks Canada
The session will focus on the built environment of Atlantic Canada and its evolution over the centuries due to economic, cultural and aesthetic influences.

9. Current Research

Current research and new approaches to the study of architecture and the built environment. Themes not otherwise covered will be addressed in this session. Members of the Trust who wish to attend SSAC should contact **Dale Jarvis** at the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador, Email: info@heritagefoundation.ca Tel: 709-739-1892

*****First Annual Gilbert Higgins Evening*****

The Association of Newfoundland and Labrador Archives and the Museum Association of Newfoundland and Labrador have co-established an annual talk in memory of Gilbert Higgins, a long time supporter of both associations. The inaugural lecture will be given Thursday 20 February by **Sandra Hannaford** on the Private Library of Senator F. Gordon Bradley. The evening begins at 7:30 pm at the Colonial Building, followed by a wine and cheese reception. Members of the Trust are cordially invited.

The Vernacular Architecture Forum's 2003 meeting will be in St-Pierre et Miquelon, June 4-7. The conference involves two days (June 5 and 6) touring private buildings not accessible to the general public. Historically, St-Pierre's economy has been based on catching and drying cod, and the landscape and buildings reflect this. During the Prohibition era, however, SPM was centre to a vast liquor shipping industry to the US; cement warehouses and whiskey crate architecture are a testimony to these times. Tours will examine: houses, churches, institutional complexes, stables, fisheries structures, summer housing, small industrial buildings. Technologies featured include the typical frame house built of mill-sawn timber imported from Canada or the US, brick-clad frame houses, versions of earthfast construction, a massive 1850s double-purlin roof in the town's Gendarmerie, and modern prefab buildings. The landscapes of these buildings will also be visited: stone drying areas for cod, gardens, hay meadows, the town and farmstead. Paper sessions will be on June 7. For more information, and to register, visit the VAF SPM website:

<http://departments.mwc.edu/hipr/www/vaf2003.htm> or contact Dr. Gerald Pocius at gpocius@mun.ca

Silent film night Sometime last fall Trust General Manager **Leida Finlayson** was thinking about building membership just as **John Templeton** of St Andrew's Kirk was thinking about raising support for the church restoration. Remarkably, they reached the same conclusion- a silent film night for fun and entertainment and all for a good cause. It wasn't long before their paths crossed and now the Kirk and the Trust are jointly planning for the event. Members of the Trust will hear more as plans solidify, but the films are tentatively scheduled for April at St Andrew's. Thanks to **Heather May** and **David Badrudin** for volunteering on behalf of the Trust to make the silent film night a reality.