

News Letter



Bringing History to Life

October 2005

From The Executive Director

A warm greeting from The St. George's Foundation. We hope you have enjoyed your summer months!



You will see in this newsletter a photo layout of the recently completed Phase 1 Restoration of the Queen's Warehouse.

We are very pleased with our progress to date and hosted several events in The World Heritage Visitors Centre during July. Many of you were able to attend these events and see the beautiful restoration which has been done.

Phase 2 restorations have now begun. Working with the team at Brimstone Media, this next phase of work includes the design and fabrication of exhibits, materials and interior fittings for The World Heritage Visitors Centre. Our schedule is to have our Ground Floor, Orientation Exhibits Gallery ready by May 2006. Yes, it is an ambitious goal but one we feel we can achieve!

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs. Leondra Burchall to The Foundation as Education Officer. You will be meeting her at future Foundation events. Leondra will be involved in the ongoing restoration of The World Heritage Visitors Centre, as well as the design of our Centre's educational programmes, events and activities. Welcome Leondra!

We look forward to seeing you soon in St. George's. Please stop by our offices and say hello.

Kind regards,

Street Restoration Begins in October

This October the restoration of two streets, Church Lane and Broad Alley (behind St. Peter's Church), began. The Corporation of St. George will oversee the street restoration with new lights and paving stones, and Sousa's Landscaping will perform the work. This street restoration is being funded by corporate donor KPMG and the Bermuda End-to-End Charity Walk. We say "Thank You" to our donors for restoring these streets, which are home to the Old Rectory, Whitehall, St. Peter's Church and the Broad Alley Cottages.

New Education Officer

On October 3, Mrs. Leondra Burchall joined The St. George's Foundation as Education Officer. She is the first person to hold this position with the Foundation and joins the organization as Phase 2 restorations are underway. She is responsible for developing both formal and informal education programmes, and events and activities targeting our residents, students, teachers and visitors.



Leondra is in the process of completing her Doctoral Degree in History from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. She also holds a Master's and Bachelor's Degree in History from Howard University, Washington, D. C. Her professional expertise includes experience in research, teaching and oral data collection.

"I am looking forward to my work with The St. George's Foundation. It is through education, collection and interpretation that Bermudians can embrace and showcase their heritage to visitors and promote Bermuda in new and unique ways. The Foundation's work is an important contribution to society, and Bermuda's residents, visitors, students and teachers will benefit from learning the historical significance of St. George's and how it fits within world history," stated Ms. Burchall.

Leondra is married to John-Anthony Burchall, Public Affairs Officer for the Department of Communication and Information, Bermuda Government, and they have 3 children, Terin, 13; Zindzi 11; and Zenani, 9 who attend Saltus Grammar School.

XL FOUNDATION *Funding Grant*

We wish to take this opportunity to thank XL Foundation, who has generously sponsored the Education Officer position for a period of three years. The XL Foundation has provided early support to The World Heritage Visitors Centre's restoration and, with this grant, we are able to continue our work in developing educational programmes and community activities for the Centre.

We are very grateful for the generous support of all corporate and individual donors to the Capital Campaign. We could not do it without you! Your support continues to "Bring History to Life" for future generations.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

THE MEMBERSHIP *Campaign*

Barbara Holmes Simon, Membership Coordinator

We welcome our new members who have joined since the publication of our last newsletter and we welcome back (through the renewal process) all of our valuable supporting members. If you haven't done so already, please renew your membership soon. You'll save me a phone call!

An Important Reminder.... As membership dues fund the operations of TSGF, your support is essential. Membership is the Lifeline of The St. George's Foundation and our progress continues thanks to your enrollment as a member.

Give the gift of Membership in TSGF for Christmas; children (especially) love to receive their very own newsletter!

THE BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE THEATRE

Barbara Holmes Simon, Theatre Coordinator



We're open! Our **Bringing History to Life Theatre**, where our film "A Stroll Through St. George's" is being shown, was officially opened June 15 by **Mr. E. Michael Jones**, Mayor of St. George's. The Theatre is located in Stiles House, the home of Butterfield Bank, on King's Square.

The space is provided by Butterfield Bank and the film and the furnishings in the Theatre were provided by **Bank of**

Bermuda HSBC – a banking partnership which has made this gift to the public possible. Our visitors are delighted with the film and our local friends are finding it a pleasurable educational experience. Stop by and check it out! The Theatre is open Mondays, 11 – 1 pm; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 am – Noon.

It's FREE!

We plan to keep the Theatre open through the end of October. Thanks to the volunteer spirit of **Joan Davis**, the Theatre will be open on Wednesday mornings (only) during the winter months.

In June, approximately 100 viewers visited, with 150 in July, 200 in August and a further 300 in September. To date \$730.00 has been donated to The St. George's Foundation by persons who have viewed the film.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to the following good people who have been Theatre Volunteers – **Charles Maguire, Dr. Eva Hodgson, Lesley &**

Sierra Konrad, Adriana Roberts, Connie Dey, Carol Bennett, Joan Davis, Doris Gibbons, Pat Hayward and Annie Williams.

The **Bringing History to Life Theatre WILL BE OPEN** during the Bermuda National Trust's Walkabout on **Friday evening, December 2**. Come and join us. Watch the film and enjoy some popcorn and Coca Cola while you do! As always, we need volunteers, please phone **Barbara Holmes Simon** to volunteer at this venue.

VOLUNTEERS

Barbara Holmes Simon, Volunteer Coordinator

We bid farewell to **Michelle Anderson**, former volunteer member of the Membership Committee, former teacher at East End Primary School. Michelle is now in New Zealand teaching. New Zealand's gain is Bermuda's loss. She volunteered with The St. George's Foundation as soon as she arrived in Bermuda, and we have no doubt that she is following the same course of action in New Zealand.

We welcome **Jeannie Siggins** to the Membership Committee. Jeannie is a lifetime resident of St. George's and we are delighted to have her on Team Membership. We'll profile Jeannie in our next newsletter.

VOLUNTEER *Profile*



Jacquie Savard

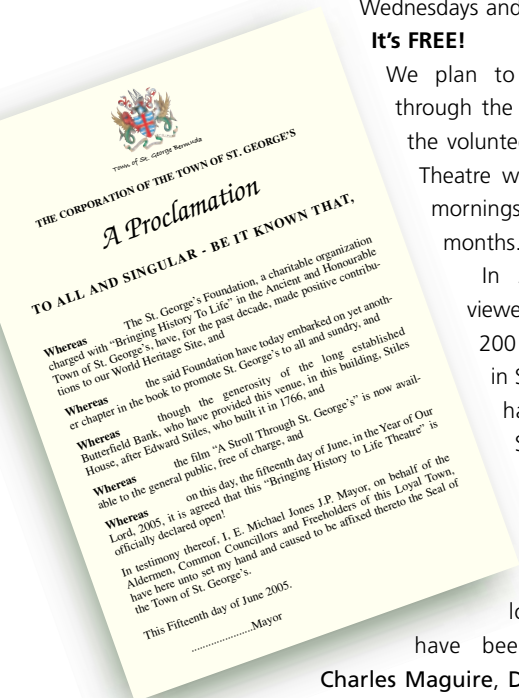
Jacquie has been a volunteer performing secretarial/administrative tasks in the Membership Office of The St. George's Foundation since 2002. She and her husband, Richard, arrived on the island in 1995 from Ottawa. They have one daughter living in Ancaster, Ontario with her husband and two sons and one daughter living in Casper, Wyoming with her husband, daughter and a second baby on the way.

Prior to her work at TSGF, Jacquie volunteered at the Visitors Centre at the Botanical Gardens and with the Bermuda National Trust at Waterville and the Globe Hotel Museum. Jacquie still maintains volunteer status at the Trust's Rogues & Runners Museum in St. George's, on a seasonal basis.

Jacquie's interests include bicycling, walking, quilting and needlework.

Without Jacquie's volunteer administrative support, our membership growth would not be as successful as it is. Jacquie works in the office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. She's truly a part of Team TSGF and we appreciate her volunteer contribution very much.

The Membership Office could use the services of ANOTHER Jacquie! Please phone me on 297-3686 if you are available.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

FUNDAY *Sunday* (formerly Member's Day)
Sunday, November 6, 2005 2-7 pm

DATA BASE UPDATE

Would you like to get our news by e-mail? If so, send us your e-mail address for notification of our planned upcoming events to:

Barbara Simon, memberships@ibl.bm
or Gayle Evans, events@ibl.bm

A CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL for the September 05 – August 06 membership year.

For those of you who have overlooked your membership renewal, we'll be mailing a second membership renewal request shortly. If you mail in your membership renewal today though, you'll save us that task!

Barbara Holmes Simon,
Membership Coordinator

MARK YOUR *Calendar* Save these Dates for Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 3 *Annual General Meeting, 7:30 pm*, The World Heritage Visitors Centre, Guest Speaker: Mr. Ross Andrews, Sustainable Development Project Co-ordinator, Bermuda Government

Sunday, November 6 *Community Day, "Funday Sunday" in St. George's, 2 pm*, The World Heritage Visitors Centre. It's time to get the family together for a lively afternoon in St. George's. A Motor Rally, fun activities for the children, food, prizes, and lots more! Come and join in the fun!

Friday, December 2 *Bermuda National Trust, Christmas Evening in St. George's, 6:30 pm*. We will be open at The World Heritage Visitors Centre and at our "Theatre on the Square". Parking at Tiger Bay.

Saturday, December 3 *Honorary and Advisory Council Meeting, 9 am* at The World Heritage Visitors Centre. Parking at Tiger Bay.

Sunday, December 25! *Happy Holidays and Season Greetings to All!*



Come, one and all

Funday SUNDAY
in St. George's

2 pm-7 pm, NOVEMBER 6th, 2005
The World Heritage Visitors Centre, Penno's Wharf

Lot's of **FUN, FUN, FUN...**

- Round The Town Auto Rally/Challenge -prompt start 2pm. Pre-registration required, call 297-3686 for details
- Complimentary soup and sandwiches
- Bonfire (burning a Guy Fawkes effigy) 6 pm
- Our film "A Stroll Through St. George's" will be shown throughout the day
- Loads of games and entertainment for the children
- Face painting
- Sandwich Making contest for the children
- Guy Fawkes creation contest
- Dottie the Clown from 4-6 pm
- Train rides around the town
- Raffles and prizes galore (including two round trip tickets to the USA/Canada/Caribbean courtesy of Continental Airlines).

...and it's all **FREE, FREE, FREE**

All children to be accompanied by an adult

PLEASE NOTE, an adult must accompany children.

In order for us to have some idea of the number of people to expect, please call and let me know if you plan to join us at the World Heritage Visitors Centre for Funday Sunday. Phone 297-3686.

World Heritage Visitors Centre - Update



Photos by Larry Jacobs

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Sign up a friend!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: INDIVIDUAL / FAMILY

Please fill in and return with cheque enclosed to our mailing address; or fax to 297-2479 with credit card information.

PLEASE SELECT MEMBERSHIP LEVEL:

King's Square	\$ 1,000 +
Somers Garden	\$ 500
Duke of York Street	\$ 250
Water Street	\$ 150
Printer's Alley	\$ 100
Turkey Lane* – Family (children under 18)	\$ 50
Queen Street* – Individual	\$ 25
Blockade Alley*– Students (students under 18)	\$ 10

* Overseas surcharge for mailings: add \$10.00

In addition, my/our contribution will be matched by:

_____ a matching gift company

PLEASE PRINT:

Name(s): _____
(As you wish entry to appear in the Annual Report and formal listings)

Mailing Address: _____

Tel(H): _____ Tel(W): _____

Fax(H): _____ Fax(W): _____

E-mail(H): _____ E-mail(W): _____

Spouse's name: _____

Children's Names / Birth Dates (under 18 only)

Call me about volunteer opportunities

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Cash Cheque (payable to The St. George's Foundation)

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Credit/Debit Card Please specify card type _____

Credit/Debit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Holder's Name (PRINT): _____

Holder's Signature: _____

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Gayle Evans, Capital Campaign Coordinator

The Capital Campaign is progressing well. We are pleased to advise that gifts and pledges now total \$8.5 million. Phase 1 restoration of the old Queen's Warehouse, now home of The World Heritage Visitors Centre, was completed in June and many of you visited us during our July events to view our progress.

Phase 2 has begun and includes the design and fabrication of exhibits, materials and interior fittings for the Centre. We are working to have the Ground Floor, Orientation Exhibits Gallery ready by May 2006.

Hence, we need your help. We are in the process of fundraising for "The World Heritage Visitors Centre Endowment Fund" to fund the Centre's operations and "Phase 2 Restorations of The World Heritage Visitors Centre" to fund the interior design of the Centre.

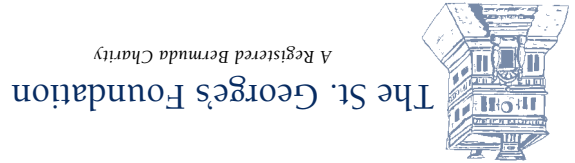
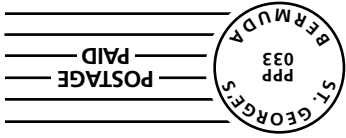
Our goal for the Endowment Fund is to raise \$4 million in total and through generous corporate donations we have already raised \$500,000. Very simply, your donation is critical to our future plans.

Next time, you are in St. George's give me a call at 297-3370. I'll be glad to show you The World Heritage Visitors Centre!

Pictorial update continued



To the Occupier



Looking for a Christmas Stocking Stuffer?

The 2006 St. George's Foundation Fundraising Calendar will make a wonderful Christmas gift. The Calendar shows beautiful postcard scenes of St. George's in years gone by. Order your Christmas gift supply by phoning Sharon Jacobs at 297-3676 or email directortsgf@ibl.bm. Calendars are also available at local retailers throughout the island.



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