

News Letter



Bringing History to Life

February 2007

Executive Director Report

A warm greeting from The St. George's Foundation and we hope you have enjoyed your holiday season.

We are very pleased to begin year 2007 with the opening of the World Heritage Centre during the week Tuesday – Saturday, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. **Debra Loader** is there ready to greet you with a cup of tea! Stop by and see the Orientation Exhibit Gallery and how we are progressing on the restoration of the World Heritage Centre.

We are working on finishing the ground floor by June 2007. Welcome and retail desks, benches, and large photographs will all be in place with the appropriate lighting and painting throughout.

The Corporation of St. George has begun the street restoration at Church Lane and Broad Alley. What a nice walkway this will be for residents and visitors to stroll, and arrive at St. Peter's Church and the Old Rectory.

Another successful Funday Sunday was held last November and the pictures show the fun that all had during the day. Mark the date for 2007 – November 4th.

We look forward to seeing you soon in St. George's and wish you and yours all the best in 2007.

Kind regards,

Shawn Jacobs

WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE

Opening of the World Heritage Centre

A major milestone was reached in 2006 with the opening of the Orientation and Exhibits Gallery in June. Several hundred persons have visited the Exhibits Gallery, and we were pleased to be open for the National Trust Christmas Walk in early December. We continue to receive positive comments on the restoration at the World Heritage Centre.

We are now open five days a week, Tuesday through Saturday from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. The phone number is 297-5791 for information. **Debra Loader** is manning the Heritage Centre and she is waiting for your visit. She typically has a pot of tea brewing, so come down and visit St. George's and see the World Heritage Centre.

Many of you will remember **Debra** and her husband, **Charlie**. They lived in St. George's and Debra was co-owner of **Second Hand Rose**. They now live in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania six months of the year, and on their boat, **Sea Turtle IV**, the rest of the time with their friendly dog, **Samantha**. We are so glad they are back in Bermuda and Debra is enjoying her work at the Heritage Centre. *"I truly enjoy working at the World Heritage Centre", says Deb. "The exhibits are wonderful, it is a beautiful restoration and I enjoy seeing my old friends and meeting new ones who visit the Centre. I am pleased to be a part of the work being done by The St. George's Foundation to enhance Bermuda's World Heritage Site".*



Current plans for 2007, are to finish the ground floor by June. The Welcome Desk has been installed during January and provides a welcoming first impression as visitors enter the Heritage Centre. The desk has space for three staff and contains a large amount of storage space. There is also space for mounting touchscreens for information or computers.

An array of large photo installations will be placed on the walls of the lobby and retail areas, that will reinforce historic sites, museums and fortifications which visitors are encouraged to visit. Bench seating will be placed in the lobby and retail areas to alleviate crowding and allow persons to wait for others in their party who may be receiving assistance. Track lighting to highlight the photos will be installed.

A custom retail sales desk to handle merchandise sales and visitor information has been designed. It also has adequate space for three staff to work and provide information or handle sales.

Looking towards the stairwell, one will see a St. George's **Time Tree**, named "St. George: A Town Through Time", which will highlight key moments in the Town's history. It will be a stylised 3D tree with circular graphics and spot lighting. This **Time Tree** will make a dramatic impact as visitors proceed to the upper floor.

Once this phase of restoration is finished, we will begin on the upper floor and the Capital Campaign Committee is hard at work fundraising for our proposed plans.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

THE MEMBERSHIP Campaign

Barbara Holmes Simon, Membership Coordinator

FUNDAY SUNDAY 2006

Sunday, November 5, 2006

A great day and lots of fun was had at the World Heritage Centre by all who attended. All attendees enjoyed seeing the Exhibit inside the World Heritage Centre, *Bermuda's Early Days – St. George's, Gateway to Bermuda.*



The presence of the sloop, **Spirit of Bermuda** was also a highlight. The weather did not give us its best performance but we partied on, in spite of it! Once again, we offer our many thanks to all participants, donors, and volunteers!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

We are relying on you and your membership dues! If you haven't sent in your membership renewal for the 06-07 year, please do so as soon as possible.

NEW MEMBERS "PERK"

Louis Mowbray has very kindly offered to meet each new member of The St. George's Foundation on the Town Square on a Saturday morning, at a time to be arranged. He will take our members on a very special guided historical tour around the town! **This offer is open to new members within 90 days of their membership sign-up**, so be sure to phone to make the arrangements as soon as you become a member! *If you're an "old" member and would like to take the tour, give me a call on 297-3686 and I'll include you!*

RARE BIRD FILM

Lucinda Spurling had very kindly agreed to show her film **Rare Bird** at the World Heritage Centre on Tuesday, October 24, 2006 – just as we went to press with our last newsletter. We are grateful to Lucinda for her support and generosity, which resulted in ticket sale donations of more than \$800 to The St. George's Foundation. **Thanks Luci!**

OUR TREASURES – YOUNG MEMBERS

Young members of The St. George's Foundation, enjoying a visit to the Town and the camaraderie of our Town Crier, **Mr. David Frith.**



For further information regarding any of the above, or to become a member of The St. George's Foundation, please contact Barbara Holmes Simon, Membership Coordinator, memberships@logicsgfm.com or phone **297-3686.**

The St. George's Foundation

Bringing History to Life

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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

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(As you wish entry to appear in the Annual Report and formal listings)

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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: _____



MARK YOUR *Calendar*

Save these Dates for Upcoming Events

TSGF Tag Day

Friday, April 20, 2007

Once again, we'll be asking for your support as we sell tags around the Island. This fundraiser also supports the operations of The St. George's Foundation. If you are able to volunteer to sell tags, please call Barbara on 297-3686.

The Garden Club of Bermuda Open Houses & Gardens – May 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2007

TSGF History Day

Saturday, May 26, 2007

"The Global Connect: Bermuda's role in the Settlement of Jamestown, VA and the America's"

A Somers Evening 2007

Friday, June 29, 2007

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend and join us for this delightful evening! Reenactments will be held throughout the town and among other events being staged throughout the town. The State House will be open again this year as enthusiastic Lodge St. George Members prepare to wow us with yet another dramatic presentation!



Honorary Council Meeting

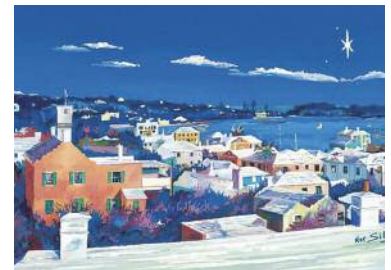
December 2006

The bi-annual meeting of the Honorary and Advisory Council was held on Saturday, December 2nd. We were pleased to welcome Honorary Council Members, **Mr. Ben Dendy** and his wife **Stacey**, **Mr. Frank Atkinson** and his wife **Diane**, **Ms. Jane Hanahan** and **Mr. Norman Haft**. Approximately 60 persons attended the meeting at the World Heritage Centre to hear of the progress made in 2006, as well as presentations by **Ben** and **Frank** on the 2007 Commemoration Events planned to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of Jamestown, Virginia. Signature events are planned throughout the year and a delegation from The St. George's Foundation will attend *"America's Anniversary Weekend"* in May. This promises to be a weekend of special events and ceremony.

Special thanks to **Jo** and **George Cook** who kindly arranged a Saturday afternoon tour and lunch in St. David's with our visitors. Our special thanks to **Louis** and **Betsey Mowbray** who kindly hosted a farewell breakfast for our group. We were pleased to have US Consul, **Mr. Gregory Slayton** and his wife, **Marina**, join us for that morning event.

Notecards available

We still have beautiful notecards available for purchase, showing the wonderful work of artist **Mr. Nick Silk** and artist **Ms. Shane Kjertinge**. These artists have kindly provided artwork and



merchandise so these beautiful cards may be sold by the Foundation to support our work. Stop by the World Heritage Centre and get yours today!



Street Restoration IN PROGRESS

The restoration of two streets, Church Lane and Broad Alley (behind St. Peter's Church) by the Corporation of St. George is continuing. 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. We thank all the Corporation of St. George workers, led by Mr. Shannon Outerbridge, who are working on this street restoration and are *"bringing history to life"*. It has been a challenging project and they are doing a great job.

Education Update

Happy New Year!

2007 is here and marks the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, Virginia and America. This watershed event will host 18 months of festivities, 10 signature events, and hundreds of community projects and commemorative programmes in Jamestown and throughout the state.

I am proud to say that The St. George's Foundation will host one of the most significant events that pays homage to 'America's 400th Anniversary' on Saturday, May 26, 2007 (so save the date).

The event will highlight months of research, historical expertise, and creativity. Beautiful exhibits, documentary videos, dramatic performances and scholarly papers on the theme "The Global Connect: Bermuda's role in the Settlement of Jamestown, VA and the America's" will fill the World Heritage Centre.

What is this spectacular event you ask? It is TSGF History Day.

History Day provides students with research, critical thinking, presentation and time management skills as well as poise and self-confidence. This high-quality, educational experience empowers our students to become local topical experts, preservers, and teachers of Bermuda history.

The one day competition is open to all middle and senior school students and the registration deadline was February 2, 2007; although if you know of an interested student please have them download the student guideline, parent's letter and NHD rulebook from our website www.stgeorgesfoundation.com and return the registration form and affirmation statement to edofficertsgf@logic.bm as soon as possible.

The success of History Day depends on a mutually reinforcing web of relationships between the TSGF, our schools, students, parents and community partners. We are proud of our students and we look forward to this opportunity to share in their growth and development.

R.I.P IT – Research, Interpret, Present

CREATE YOUR BEST HISTORY DAY PROJECT

The Education Officers' Organisation held its first professional training day on Saturday, January 27, 2007. Sixteen organisations held twenty-two concurrent workshops under the umbrella 'Opportunities to Learn'.

The St. George's Foundation sponsored a 'History Day' workshop titled 'R.I.P. It' (Research, Present and Interpret): Create Your Best History Day Project. The workshop provided a detailed explanation of the programme, its uses and benefits for students, and ways to incorporate History Day into the curriculum.

Midshipman Dale Commemoration

The Friends of St. Peter's will again hold the annual commemoration service for Midshipman **Richard Sutherland Dale**, USN on Thursday, February 22, 2007 at 6.00 pm. Midshipman Dale is the last American casualty of the War of 1812 who died in Bermuda and is buried in St. Peter's historic graveyard.

The commemoration will begin at 6.00 pm on King's Square in front of the Butterfield Bank building. From there, the Bermuda Regiment Band will lead those present to his grave in St. Peter's graveyard.

A reception and dinner will follow at 7.00 pm at the World Heritage Centre. Tickets are \$75 per person. The guest speaker will be **Mrs. Louise Hall Reider** from Bellevue, Washington, USA. For information and tickets please call 297-2459 or email friends@stpeters.bm.

The Capital Campaign

Gayle Evans, Capital Campaign Coordinator

It is a new year and our 2007 Capital Campaign drive is already well under way.

Our fund raising efforts continue to focus on the completion of The World Heritage Centre to coincide with the 400th Anniversary of the wreck of the Sea Venture in 2009.

In November, we received confirmation from the **Argus Group** that they would support our commercial kitchen project. We extend our thanks and appreciation to the **Argus Group** for this very generous sponsorship, especially **Mr. Gerald Simons**, President and C.E.O. and **Mrs. Joy Pimental** Executive Vice President of Marketing for their support and enthusiasm. The kitchen was completed within budget and will be called **The Argus Scullery**.

This sponsorship has enabled us to rent out The World Heritage Centre for private functions and special events and will greatly enhance and support the operations of The Centre. We currently have a number of functions and events already booked for the coming year.

Phase 2 restoration of The World Heritage Centre is near completion whilst Phase 3 is planned to begin later this year. To date, our goals have been met, thanks to the kind generosity of our many donors. Thank you for your continued support in "Bringing History to Life".

We are now soliciting support for "*The World Heritage Centre – Phase 3 – Upper Level Completion*". In addition, we are also raising funds for "*The World Heritage Centre Endowment Fund*" the income from which will help fund the Centre's operations. **Your donation is greatly appreciated and is critical to our future plans. We cannot do it without you!**

Funday Sunday 2006

Sunday, November 5, 2006

Held at the World Heritage Centre



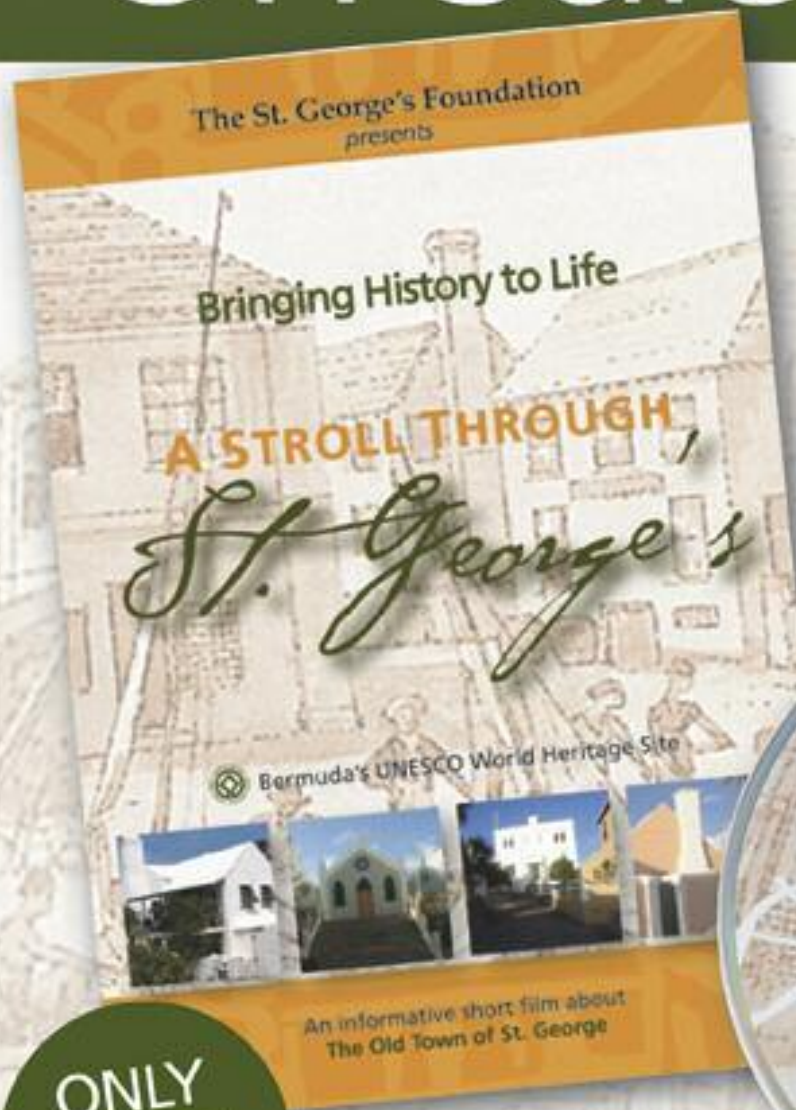
Photos courtesy of Larry Jacobs

DVD SALES

We are delighted to offer you, for the mere sum of \$15.00, our DVD "A Stroll Through St. George's", full of interesting historic information and narrated by **Mr. Lance Furbert II**. DVD's are also available on a wholesale basis (25 or more) please call Barbara on 297-3686 for further details. All proceeds support the operations of The St. George's Foundation. See the next page for a copy of the flyer.

Don't miss your chance to own
this informative short film by Lucinda Spurling.

On Sale Now!




Take a fifteen minute stroll around the Town of St. George with presenter **Lance Furbert II**. Focusing on the town's history as it relates to North America, this film has been created as an educational tool as well as a guide to help you discover the beauty, and realise the importance of The Town of St. George and Related Fortifications, and why it has been designated a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.



ONLY
\$15

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