

News Letter



Bringing History to Life

November 2006

From The Executive Director

Hello from St. George's! The summer has flown by quickly and we are looking forward to some special times at the World Heritage Centre in November and December.

It has been a busy time for the Foundation. The Orientation Exhibits Gallery opened in late June and it has been well received by our members and the general public. We have received many compliments regarding the outstanding quality of the exhibits.

Various events have been hosted at the World Heritage Centre including "A Somers Evening", our Members' Tea in August, as well as several large wedding receptions and small dinners. It is quite a treat to see the World Heritage Centre decorated for such gala events!

You will see photos of "A Somers Evening" which was a resounding success and persons attending were pleased to see the various reenactments by our museum partners and volunteers. Plans are underway to host the event again next year.

You will see the photos of our visit to Lyme Regis during July to celebrate the 10th year Anniversary of the Twinning of Lyme Regis and the Town of St. George. A contingent of some 26 persons was on hand for the Somers Day Parade and march to the Cobb Harbour.

We will be opening the World Heritage Centre on Saturdays and Sundays beginning 4 November through 10 December, 10 am – 2 pm, so it is a good time to visit St. George's, do some Christmas shopping, enjoy the restaurants, and see the World Heritage Centre. We will also be open for the Annual Bermuda National Trust Christmas Open House on December 1st.

Kind regards,

WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE

Opening of the Orientation Exhibits Gallery

The Minister of Tourism & Transport, **Dr. the Hon. Ewart Brown**, JP, MP, who became Premier of Bermuda on October 30, officially opened the Orientation Exhibits Gallery at the World Heritage Centre on June 27, 2006. This is a milestone event in the restoration of the World Heritage Centre. Some 120 persons were on hand for the formal opening and ribbon cutting ceremony followed by a cocktail reception generously sponsored by the **Bank of Bermuda Foundation**. The Exhibits Gallery comprises the western third of the lower floor of the Heritage Centre and presents interpretive exhibits to introduce our visitors to St. George's and Bermuda as a whole. For local residents and students, the gallery presents an opportunity to reconnect with the history of St. George's.

The World Heritage Centre serves as an advocate of other museums located in St. George's as well as throughout Bermuda. **The Orientation Exhibits Gallery** will spark one's interest and encourage our visitors to explore the real museum, the Town of St. George.

The Exhibits Gallery vividly showcases several aspects of Bermuda's history:

- The Age of Discovery,
- Our historic links to Jamestown,
- The wreck of the Sea Venture;
- The story of Bermuda's first forts;
- A model of the Town, "New London"-the first stone and timber town that soon became the Town of St. George;
- Maritime heritage, life models of the sea turtle and cahow;
- George Washington and the Gunpowder Plot, Blockade running and the US Civil War and;
- A Children's Discovery Area for children to explore a small St. George's home, play dress-up, and learn about the characters of the past in a visual and entertaining way. It's a great spot to take photos of the children!



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

THE MEMBERSHIP *Campaign*

Barbara Holmes Simon, Membership Coordinator

OUR MEMBERS ARE OUR LIFELINE Our Membership Campaign is vital to our success. We invite your membership – please help us bring history to life!

IT'S RENEWAL TIME! Thank you for your support during the past year. I think you will agree that we have made great progress and a lot remains to be accomplished. Your continued membership support is vital to our success. Please renew your membership as soon as possible.

YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

If you have received this Newsletter by "snail-mail", and you have a computer or access to a computer, would you kindly send us your e-mail address as soon as possible?

We're doing our best to conserve our resources. Sending our Newsletter by e-mail saves valuable time and paper, and the cost of printing and postage.

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!*

THE BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE THEATRE

The Theatre is being moved to the World Heritage Centre.

Butterfield Bank has been very generous to allow us the space in their building on King's Square, to show our film "**A Stroll Through St. George's**" where we have been fortunate, through the film, to educate thousands of people about the importance of our World Heritage Site, The Town of St. George's and its Related Fortifications. Henceforth the film will be shown at the World Heritage Centre and we look forward to welcoming you and showing it to you there.

"A tip of the hat" - We offer our thanks to Butterfield Bank for providing this important community service during the past 18 months.

Thank you to our generous Theatre volunteers – **Joan Davis, Barbara Atwood, Paula Inscoc, Nancy Parker, Pat Hayward, Connie Dey, Alan Green and Dallas Bowers.**

MARK YOUR *Calendar*

Save these Dates for Upcoming Events

BERMUDA NATIONAL TRUST OPEN HOUSE IN ST. GEORGE'S

Friday, 1 December, 2006, 6:30 PM

The World Heritage Centre will be open

THE HONORARY AND ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, 2 December, 2006, 9:00 AM

At the World Heritage Centre

TSGF TAG DAY

Friday, 20 April, 2007

THE CORPORATION OF ST. GEORGE'S PEPPERCORN CEREMONY

Wednesday, 25 April, 2007

THE GARDEN CLUB OF BERMUDA OPEN HOUSES & GARDENS

2, 9, 16, 23 May, 2007

TSGF HISTORY DAY

May, 2007

At the World Heritage Centre



A SOMERS EVENING

29 June, 2007

For one evening only – historical mini re-enactments and musical entertainment around The Old Town of St. George!

Stay tuned or phone us for further information



U.S. Congressman, Mr. G.K. Butterfield, tours the World Heritage Centre with Chairman Henry Hayward, Deputy Chairman, Dr. Kenneth Snaith and Executive Director Sharon Jacobs.

Photo by Mrs. Trudy Snaith

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO? We need more volunteers to show our film "**A Stroll Through St. George's**" in our Bringing History to Life Theatre at the World Heritage Centre. Please phone me.

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, membershiptsgf@logic.bm or phone **297-3686**.

HERE'S WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING UNDER THE MEMBERSHIP UMBRELLA DURING THE LAST QUARTER:

XL'S CORPORATE DAY OF GIVING

JUNE 16, 2006

In our last newsletter we reported that 25 employees of our Corporate Member **XL** came to St. George's to clean up and plant the entrance plaza at the World Heritage Centre on a very wet day. What a difference a wet day makes! They worked all day and created a beautiful planted section and generally made the entrance to the World Heritage Centre much more attractive. We are very grateful to all of you generous volunteers. **Thank you very much!**



A SOMERS EVENING

JUNE 30, 2006

WOW! WHAT A NIGHT!

It was my privilege and pleasure to coordinate this Event. I had a magnificent volunteer team who worked together like a well-oiled machine! If you missed it, please download the 2006 Somers Evening Programme from our website – www.stgeorgesfoundation.com.



Every participating venue was fantastic! The actors and actresses were superb. For those in attendance, the evening included a stop and a listen to historical happenings at **The World Heritage Centre, Tucker House Museum, Town Hall, Globe Hotel, Bridge House, Buckingham, The**

State House, Sir. George Somers Statue, The Deliverance, Bermudian Heritage Museum, Somers Gardens, St. George's Historical Society/Mitchell House, Featherbed Alley and St. Peter's Church.

The activity and entertainment at The St. George's Historical Society/ Mitchell House was a favorite of attendees – the Museum was open – Menuhin students (Quatro) were providing glorious music in the parlour – young adults were outside performing laundry chore demonstrations – the



kitchen was alive as Johnny Bread was being baked in their ancient brick oven by knowledgeable volunteers. A very important aspect of their programme was the Old Bermuda Shrub drink – a potent concoction enjoyed during yesteryears feasts – and consumed on the premises of Mitchell House (in large quantities) during A Somers Evening on June 30, 2006! The really good news is that you don't have to wait until June of 2007 to enjoy some Shrub again ... the recipe was kindly given us for distribution to you, and here 'tis...

When the evening came to an end, we all immediately agreed that we would plan this event again next year! You will want to include this event on your calendar when you read some of the many comments we received, which

Bermuda Shrub

- 2 pints cold water
- 3 lbs sugar
- 12 oranges
- 2 lemons
- 2 pints of orange juice
- 1-gallon rum (mix of Dark rum and Gold rum)
- 1 ounce of ginger grated
- 1 nutmeg grated
- 1 teaspoon cloves powdered

Dissolve sugar in water, bring to a boil. Let stand for 10 minutes. Finely peel oranges and lemons and add to sugar syrup with the juice from oranges and lemons, 2 pints orange juice, 1-gallon rum and spices. Let sit for week, strain through cheesecloth and bottle. If desired cut with more fresh orange juice on serving.

included the following:

From **Diane Gordon**, Executive Director, **The Bermuda Chamber of Commerce** *"The re-enactments were fantastic! I am delighted that you included (successfully I might add) the students/youth. A really entertaining evening and one I have been talking about ever since – as have others that I know attended"*.

From **Joy Wilson Tucker, The Bermudian Heritage Museum, St. George's** – *“Congratulations! I have been receiving lots of compliments on our performance and the overall night”.*

From **Suzanne Hollis, Ocean Sails, St. George's** – *“We heard great comments about the evening from the people who did stop in at Ocean Sails. This programme is definitely worthwhile. Great job!”*

From **Jasmine Anderson** – *“Just a note to say how much I enjoyed “A Somers Evening” and I hope it becomes an Annual Event. A balmy summer evening, soft music drifting in and out of the various venues, people dressed in period costume, Johnny Bread and Bermuda Shrub. What more could we ask for! It was a real glimpse of old Bermuda. Thank you for making it such a memorable evening”.*



Our thanks is extended to each and every individual who played an integral part of this memorable event and we look forward to doing it all over again in 2007!

July 15, 2006 - Titled what's NEW in Old St. George's, we had a Community Open House Day! We had a super "turnout" of interested folk for our first Open House for the new Orientation and Exhibit Gallery at the World Heritage Centre. It's the (positive) talk of the town!

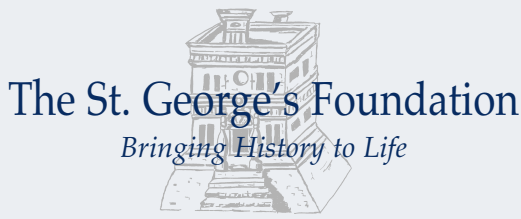


TEA IN THE WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE

On August 27, 2006 we hosted a Members (Only) Tea in the World Heritage Centre, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

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, mail to: membershiptsfgf@logic.bm or phone 297-3686.





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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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Spouse's name: _____

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

Call me about volunteer opportunities

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Breaking News

Volunteers are opening the World Heritage Centre on **Saturdays** during November – especially for our Members and Bermuda's public who work from Monday to Friday and are unable to get out from behind the desk to come to St. George's and see the World Heritage Centre and especially the new Orientation & Exhibit Gallery.

From January until April 2007, Debbie Loader will be "on deck" curating at the World Heritage Centre **five days** weekly, Tuesdays through Saturdays inclusive, from 10 AM until 4 PM.

In our next newsletter, we'll have the new schedule for opening the World Heritage Centre in the spring, when the cruise ships begin to arrive in April, 2007.

Street Restoration Begins

The Corporation of St. George has begun the restoration of Church Lane and Broad Alley, as we "Bring History to Life". This project should be completed by the end of December. We thank our donors, **KPMG** and the "End to End Charity Walk" who have made this restoration possible.

A special mention of appreciation to volunteer **Mrs. Jacque Savard**, who continues to help me with membership administration duties in the office throughout the year. Jacque joins us for two afternoons per week on a year-round basis. We are fortunate to have Jacque's able assistance. **Thank you so very much Jacque!**

And another special mention of appreciation to **The Bank of Bermuda HSBC** who will partner with us as we bring history to life in 2007. **The Bank of Bermuda** have agreed to host membership lunches in their Executive Dining Room. Specific funding will be raised for the lunches. Membership lunches are an invaluable tool as the majority of our new members, both Corporate and Individual, are introduced to the Foundation via membership lunches.



The Capital Campaign

Gayle Evans, Capital Campaign Coordinator

The Capital Campaign fundraising continues to go well with our focus on "Phase 2 Restoration of the World Heritage Centre" to fund the interior design of the Centre. We thank all those who have donated thus far. Your support is greatly appreciated. We have been able to rent the Heritage Centre on numerous occasions this past summer to private groups and individuals for functions such as wedding receptions, cocktail events and dinner parties. The Centre is a wonderful place for groups both small and large. We can accommodate a small intimate cocktail/dinner event in one of the rooms available or larger groups by using the whole building. If you are interested in using the Heritage Centre for your private function please call me for further details on 297-3370.

Beginning 4th November thru 10th December we will open the Heritage Centre to the general public for viewing between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. This will give both locals and our visitors the chance to see our new Orientation Exhibits Gallery. We will also be showing our movie "A Stroll through St. George's" in the Centre at this time and will have our merchandise on sale for those interested in picking up some great stocking stuffers! We are also seeking volunteers to help man the Heritage Centre during the above times - so if you have some time to spare on Saturdays or Sundays between 10am and 2pm please let me know by calling 297-3370 or e-mailing me at eventstsgf@ibl.bm. Thanks for your support!

Education

Leondra Burchall, Education Officer

There is not enough time or space to share all that has happened since the last newsletter or all that is underway, but I will provide a synopsis of my four main strategies (teach, train, reach and explain) as Education Officer.

Teach

This year we incorporated an essay competition into Funday Sunday. The theme was Guy Fawkes and the winners will be announced at 3:00 pm. the day of the event. Excerpts from the winner's essays will appear in the next edition of **Foundations** and **Youthnews** has agreed to print some of the entries.

We have also begun to prepare for the first annual History Day that is scheduled for May 2007. We have partnered with the **National History Day** program in the U.S. allowing students and teachers to use their online and print resources. Additionally, our students will be able to compete at their National History Day program held every June at the **University of Maryland**.

Train

The workshop titled '**Historically Speaking**' will examine the Town of St. George's through the lens of oral history and how unknown information can be found through oral testimony. Participants will tour and lunch at the World Heritage Centre prior to visiting some of the Town's historic sites.

We extend a special note of thanks to the **BUT** for allowing us to host the workshop in our new facility.

Reach

The second edition of Foundations (newsletter for Bermuda's educators) will be released on November 9, 2006. The newsletter will feature excerpts from the winning essays as well as information about our newly opened World Heritage Centre and the upcoming teacher's workshop and lunch.

We will also provide information on History Day and other upcoming TSGF events. Additionally, a monthly feature will appear in the **Bermuda Sun**. The article will highlight our programs and events, provide information and educational material and inform the general public of our significant role in the community and the importance of preserving and promoting our World Heritage site.

Explain

School programs like the Heritage Hunt and the '**Bringing History to Life**' tour (beginning in 2007) provide opportunities for exploration and explanation. Students are given clues to an array of public historic sites ranging from agriculture, architecture and the environment. Unlike the Heritage Hunt which prompted students to research the topic prior to hunting for the physical clue, the '**Bringing History to Life**' tour will work in reverse.

Students will receive a photo of an item found in one of the three listed museums in St. George's (**Bermudian Heritage Museum, St. George's Historical Society, BNT-Tucker's House**). Leaving from the Heritage Centre they will hunt for the item. Once 'discovered' a guide will provide detailed information on the item and students will have the opportunity to ask questions about the item and the period under study.

So as you see we are hard at work '**Bringing History to Life**'.

10 year Twinning Anniversary

This year's visit to Lyme Regis marked the 10th year Anniversary of the Twinning of Lyme Regis and the Town of St. George. A delegation of some 26 persons led by **Mayor Mariae Caisey** traveled to Lyme Regis for this special occasion.

Both are now World Heritage Sites and our group was treated to special tours of historic origin. It was an opportunity to see our many friends in Lyme Regis and celebrate our mutual history.

The St. George's Foundation held its bi-annual Honorary Council Meeting in the Guild Hall, Lyme Regis, where Sir George Somers presided as Mayor in 1604. Updates on our restoration of the World Heritage Centre were presented, as well as other committee reports. The group visited Berne Manor and was given a boat tour of the

Jurassic Coast. This World Heritage Site includes 95 miles of beautiful, unspoiled cliffs and beaches from Exmouth in East Devon through West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland, to end near Old Harry Rocks in Purbeck. The rocks record 185 million years of the Earth's history, presenting a walk through time.

During our meetings, the Dorset County World Heritage Team gave an educational presentation on how they manage the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site. After Lyme Regis, the group traveled to London and was hosted at the Guild Hall by Sir Peter Gadsden, past Lord Mayor of London.

We will look forward to seeing our Lyme Regis friends here in St. George's at next year's Peppercorn Ceremony.



Photos by Larry Jacobs



2007 CALENDAR

WATER COLOURS BY MOLLY SMITH

Copies of our 2007 Fundraising Calendar which, showcases water colours by Molly Smith of 12 scenes in St. George's are still available and make wonderful Christmas gifts! Get your copy or order a dozen for gifts by calling 297-8043! Also available in retail stores island wide. Reduced rates for bulk orders.



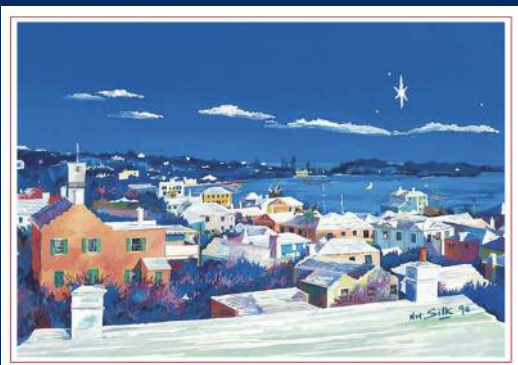
NEW PASSPORT TO ST. GEORGE'S

The new "Passport to St. George's" is now available which provides entry into The **Bermudian Heritage Museum**, The **Bermuda National Trust Museum at Globe Hotel**, the **Tucker House Museum**, the **St. George's Historical Society Mitchell House** and **Fort St. Catherine**.

Cost is **\$20** and allows entry for one adult and one child. Makes a great gift.



Give us a call if you would like to purchase this Passport. All revenues are shared by the museums and support ongoing programmes.



Christmas Card

We wish to extend a special thank you to artist, **Mr. Nick Silk**, who has kindly donated the artwork of his St. George's painting for a Christmas card to be produced and sold by The St. George's Foundation. The beautiful painting is of the Town of St. George and the harbour view of Town Cut, with a brilliant star in the sky. Nick, thank you for your generous contribution to support our work to "bring history to life". The Christmas cards will be ready by mid November. To place your order, please call 297-8043.