

News Letter



Bringing History to Life

June 2006

From The Executive Director

Hello from St. George's! What a busy few months!

You will see the news about our successful Annual Tag Day and Red & White Day.

Our thanks to all volunteers for their support each year, and to the general public who donate and help "bring history to life".

We had eight visitors from Lyme Regis with us in April for the Annual Peppercorn Ceremony. We are traveling with a contingent of some 20 plus persons to Lyme Regis in late July to celebrate the 10th year anniversary of the Twinning of Lyme Regis and the Town of St. George.

The walking map of the Town of St. George has been updated and published and is available through our office or at the Visitor Service Bureau. The walking map has been well received by our visitors.

And you will see the new Education Newsletter, "Foundations" developed for Bermuda's Educators by Education Officer, Leandra Burchall.

June 30th "A Somers Evening" is almost here! Special thanks to Barbara Simon for a sterling job as Event Chairperson. Join us for a magical evening, and see the newly opened Orientation Exhibits Gallery at the World Heritage Centre. We believe you will be very pleased with the Gallery and restoration progress. If you haven't seen the Heritage Centre, call us and come view this beautiful building.

See you in St. George's,
Kind regards,

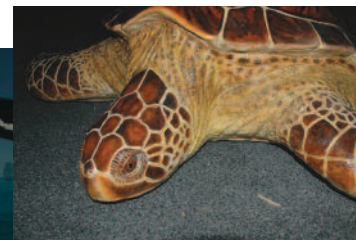
Shawn Jacobs

WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE

Orientation Exhibits Gallery set to open



Volunteer Gabriel Jones aged 4 "kid tests" some of the exhibits



A model of a sea turtle



A section for exhibits and Town Model prior to completion

The Orientation Exhibits Gallery at the World Heritage Centre will be officially opened on June 27, 2006 by the **Minister of Tourism & Transport, Dr. the Hon. Ewart Brown, JP, MP**. This is a milestone event in the restoration of the World Heritage Centre.

The Exhibits Gallery comprises the western third of the lower floor of the Heritage Centre and will present 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 before re-exploring the town.

We wish to commend the work of **Brimstone Media Ltd.** for the design and production oversight of the Orientation Exhibits Gallery and **Taylor Studios Inc** for the production of the diorama murals and all exhibit models.

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Orientation Exhibits Gallery set to open CONTINUED

Inside the Exhibits Gallery you will see exhibits on:

- **The Age of Discovery, which would tie in with the first 500 years of recorded Bermuda history;**
- **Our historic links to Jamestown and the first settlements, including familial links;**
- **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. Fun spot to take photos of the children.**

Come down to St. George's on June 30th for "A Somers Evening" (details on next page) and see the new Orientation Exhibits Gallery.



2007 CALENDAR – WATER COLOURS BY MOLLY SMITH

Back by popular demand! Copies of the 2007 Fundraising Calendar for The St. George's Foundation will again showcase water colours by Molly Smith of 12 scenes in St. George's. Get your copy or order a dozen for gifts by calling **297-8043**! They make wonderful gifts for any occasion. Also available in retail stores island wide. Reduced rates for bulk orders.

HAVE YOU SEEN **RARE BIRD** YET?

Film Producer **Luci Spurling** will be showing her film "Rare Bird" at BUEI on Saturday, July 22 at 6 pm and at 8 pm and on Sunday, July 23 at 6 pm and 8 pm.

Tickets are available at www.boxoffice.bm

This is a fundraiser to support educational outreach and we are delighted to partner and help raise awareness about this extraordinary film. Funds are being raised to produce a DVD for schools, as well as develop a website and study guide for schools.

"Rare Bird" was the winner of a Special Mention in the Best Documentary category of The Bermuda Film Festival.

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.



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

LOCATED ON THE TOWN SQUARE

IT'S OPEN! Thanks to our Volunteers **Jacque Savard, Sarah Lowe, Annie Williams, Pat Hayward, Joan Davis, Connie Dey and Dallas Bowers**, who have worked during the last couple of months at our Theatre showing our film "**A Stroll Through St. George's**". As our volunteers will attest, without fail, everybody who sees the film enjoys and appreciates it immensely.

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 on the Town Square. Please phone me.

MARK YOUR *Calendar*

Save these Dates for Upcoming Events



A SOMERS EVENING IN ST. GEORGE'S

"Bringing History to Life"

**June 30th, 2006
6-8.30 pm**

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

Please see The Somers Evening Programme in the Events section of our website: www.stgeorgesfoundation.com.

The Planning Committee has been hard at work planning this special evening! The Orientation Exhibit Gallery at The World Heritage Visitors Centre will be open.

The Corporation of St. George's, The Bermuda National Trust, The Chamber of Commerce, The Bermudian Heritage Museum, The St. George's Historical Society, Lodge St. George, St. Peter's Church, The Ebenezer Methodist Church, residents of historic homes, and many other good folks who are getting together to open the Town for you! Historical re-enactments will take place, restaurants and shops will be open, and we will be *bringing history to life!*

Here's our planning crew: Event Coordinator - **Barbara Simon**, Committee Members - **Sharon Jacobs, Gayle Evans, Alison Outerbridge, Henry Hayward, Laura Lyons, Tim Taylor, Leondra Burchall, Mariea Caisey, David Frith, Jeannie Siggins, Jeannie Olander, Karen Martin, E. Michael Jones, Joy Wilson-Tucker, Connie Dey, Kevin Sousa, Jacque Savard, Joan Davis, Mary Malone, Cotty Outerbridge, Steve Conway** and **Rev. David Raths**.



(The Second Annual)
**FUNDAY SUNDAY
2006 –
November 5, 2006**

Dottie the Clown has said she will definitely join us.
Mr. Peter Lewis has agreed to be our Master of Ceremonies.

We're seeking Food & Beverage Vendors to provide food service.

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**.

The St. George's Foundation

Bringing History to Life



P.O. Box GE 58, St George's GE BX, Bermuda

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: _____

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



TAG DAY APRIL 21, 2006

With a ton of thanks to many volunteers who sold tags, our Tag Day went off without a hitch. We topped last year's figures and raised **\$7,526.30**. Thank you Bermuda's public for your support!

RED & WHITE DAY SCHOOLS APRIL 24, 2006



We asked the schoolchildren of Bermuda to participate in Bringing History to Life by wearing red and white (the colours of the flag of St. George) and by contributing \$2.00 to The St. George's Foundation. They raised **\$2,434**. Well-done students, teachers, parents, caregivers, friends!

RED & WHITE CORPORATE DAY APRIL 21, 2006

Our Corporate sponsors supported this effort and raised **\$1,810** for The St. George's Foundation – that's several employees wearing Red and White in support of our operations!

THE ANNUAL PEPPERCORN CEREMONY

APRIL 26, 2006

Hosted by **The Corporation of St. George's**, many of our members thoroughly enjoyed the Peppercorn Ceremony.

MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION/RECEPTIONS

MAY, 2006

A big thank you is due to **Bank of Bermuda HSBC** for sponsoring three Membership/Presentation Receptions in your beautiful 6th Floor Boardroom Room during May. We are pleased to report that we have several Bank of Bermuda staff members who are now new members of The St. George's Foundation.

A DAY OF GIVING

JUNE 16, 2006

25 employees from the offices of our corporate member **XL** came to St. George's during their Corporate Day of Giving on June 16, 2006. They worked all day to clean up and make the front of the World Heritage Centre beautiful. **Martin Brown** of Brown & Co. Landscaping oversaw the project and kindly donated his time during the day. We are very grateful for your generous assistance! Many thanks to each and every one for your donation to The St. George's Foundation.

Are you interested in a tour of **Jamestown, Va., Charleston, N.C., Historic Yorktown or Richmond, Virginia**? Please contact us for further information.

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@logic.bm or phone 297-3686.



Foundations

June 2006

MARK YOUR *calendars!*

The St. George's Foundation & its partners are pleased to present "A Somers Evening" Friday June 30, 2006 from 6-8:30 p.m.



Beginning at the World Heritage Centre you will be transported back in time as re-enactments occur at several historic sites (Tucker House, Sir George Somers Statue, The Deliverance, Town Hall, Globe Hotel, Bridge House, Buckingham, The State House, Somers Gardens, Bermudian Heritage Museum, Mitchell House/The St. George's Historical Society, Featherbed Alley and St. Peter's Church) while local merchants and restaurateurs in period costume serve visitors.

We cordially invite all teachers and students to witness this magnificent journey in time as we "bring history to life" and demonstrate why St. George's is a World Heritage Site.

For more information please contact Barbara Simon, A Somers Evening Chair, at **297-3686**.



SPEAK *and be heard*

Approximately 20 middle and high school teachers attended an oral history workshop sponsored by the Ministry of Education's Development Curriculum and Instructional Leadership Department. Linking Curriculum and Community: **The Student as Oral Historian** Workshop was facilitated by TSGF Education Officer, Leondra Burchall, and was held on March 23, 2006.

Educators were encouraged to use current curriculum objectives such as:

- the history of the school
- people and culture of Bermuda
- the history of the Town of St. George
- or suggested topics from the Bermuda Connections Cultural Resource Guide,

like food or play as a way to incorporate oral history into the classroom.

When properly trained and given authentic opportunities, students can make important and valuable contributions to Bermuda's heritage and culture. The information can then be donated to a historical agency such as The St. George's Foundation, a governmental entity like the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs, or posted on the school's website.



For more information or to request a workshop, contact Leondra Burchall at **297-3480** or edofficertsgf@logic.bm

LYME REGIS *St. George's Twin*

The towns of St. George, Bermuda and Lyme Regis, a seaside town in Dorset, England were officially twinned July 25, 1996. The "twinning" signifies a shared connection to Admiral Sir George Somers, often credited founder of Bermuda and former Mayor and Parliamentary representative of Lyme Regis.

The historical and cultural link of the two towns is further strengthened by their unique status as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Lyme Regis was added to the list in 1996 for its geology and fossil finds and the town of St. George's received its designation in December 2000 for being the oldest continuously inhabited town of English origin in the Western Hemisphere and its numerous unique, diverse and authentic sites dating as far back as the 17th century.

The association has also established a tourism partnership where visitors from Lyme Regis attend significant Bermudian traditions like the Peppercorn Ceremony, National Trust Annual Walkabout, and The St. George's Foundation Honorary Council Meeting. This year's Peppercorn Ceremony was attended by approximately eight visitors from Lyme Regis and a significant Bermudian contingent will travel to Lyme Regis this summer to participate in their annual Sir George Somers Civic Parade; a celebration of the twinning of Lyme Regis and St. George's, Bermuda.

For more information on the Twinning, Lyme Regis or Sir George Somers see: www.bermuda-online.org/sirgeorgesomers.htm, www.lymeregis.com, and Owen Darrell's booklet - "Sir George Somers: Links Bermuda with Lyme Regis", \$5 (available through The St. George's Foundation).

HERITAGE *Hunt*



The St. George's Foundation was pleased to partner with the **Annual Exhibition** and **LookBermuda** on the first **Heritage Hunt**.

We want to extend congratulations to **Saltus Grammar School** (1st place), **Gilbert Institute** (2nd place), and **Bermuda High School** (3rd place) for a job well done.

The Hunt spanned three months and covered nine parishes. Thirteen schools participated in the event and we want to extend a note of thanks to all participating teachers at Bermuda High School, East End, Elliot, Francis Patton, Gilbert Institute, St. George's Preparatory, Saltus Junior School, Southampton Glebe, Warwick Academy, West End, Somerset, Dame Marjorie Bean and Port Royal Schools for your assistance. If you have any comments or suggestions for improvement please share; your input is invaluable to any successful student endeavor.

Please email TSGF Education Officer, Leondra Burchall with your comments.

WHAT'S GOING ON: *September*

Events: **NAME THE DRAGON** and **GUY FAWKES ESSAY COMPETITIONS**

In celebration of community, family and good old fashioned fun The St. George's Foundation is hosting the **SECOND ANNUAL FUNDAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2006 at The World Heritage Centre, located at Penno's Wharf, from 2-7 p.m.**

This year we are introducing two student competitions: Name the Dragon (for pre-school and primary school aged children) and the Guy Fawkes essay competition (for middle and senior school students).

We are asking for your continued cooperation in distributing information and your assistance in returning submissions. Teachers will receive all materials including guidelines in early September as the deadline for entries is **Friday, September 29, 2006.**



HISTORY *Day*

TAKE NOTE:

The St. George's Foundation will present the first History Day Competition for middle to high school students in 2007.

Further details will follow in the Fall Term newsletter.