

PRESS RELEASE

A new partnership between Trinity Historical Society & Wooden Boat Museum of NL

New exhibit to open June 30th

June 27, 2014 - The summer and fall of 2014 is set to be a busy one in Trinity as not only is the Trinity Historical Society celebrating its 50th anniversary this year it is also partnering with the Wooden Boat Museum of Newfoundland and Labrador on a number of initiatives. Both organizations are very pleased to be entering such a partnership especially given the encouragement for such partnerships coming from federal and provincial governments. Ian White, President, Trinity Historical Society says, "We are very pleased to be entering this partnership with the Wooden Boat Museum of Newfoundland and Labrador as we embark on a new venture together to enhance the visitor experience in Trinity, promote each others work and demonstrate the tradition of wooden boat building. We look forward to telling the story through Chapter 1 of the exhibit at the Court House and look forward to working with the Wooden Boat Museum on Chapter 2 during the coming fall/winter and unveiling it in 2015."

Both parties are also pleased to announce that Glen Vokey, a descendant of the Vokey boat building family, will be their Trinity Boat Builder this summer and will be offering workshops on the following topics - stem and keel; timbers; moulds and battens; and planking - every Tuesday and Wednesday with children's workshops being held on Thursdays - throughout July and August.

Frank French, Chair of the Wooden Boat Museum of Newfoundland and Labrador says, "We will be officially kicking off on Sunday, July 13 with Boats in the Harbour and the Grand Opening of *Before Fiberglass: Wooden Boats of Newfoundland and Labrador* at the Trinity Court House and look forward to working with Trinity Historical Society as we celebrate and safeguard our wooden boat building heritage"

This is not the first time that the Society and the Wooden Boat Museum have partnered as in 2011 the Society, Town of Trinity and Rising Tide Theatre welcomed the Annual Wooden Boat Museum Conference and they also worked together for the official launch ceremony held in 2012 when the wooden schooner, the Leah Caroline, built by Master Boat builder, Henry Vokey, was launched in Trinity.

In addition to the exhibit at the Court House and workshops over the summer the Wooden Boat Museum of Newfoundland and Labrador will also be in the Trinity area for the following events:

Make and Break Engine Workshop - How to Keep your Engines Running

Saturday, July 12, 2014

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Court House Boat Shed, Trinity

Costs-\$60.00

Join Charlie Donnolly for this workshop to learn more about the operation and maintenance of traditional marine engines with specific topics related to the removal and installation of piston rings and contact points with igniters.

This workshop will combine hands-on technical training with informative discussions exploring the history of make and break engines and their contribution to the evolution of traditional wooden boats.

Space is limited so please register in advance at the Court House or by contacting Jim Miller at either 464-3599 or info@trinityhistoricalsociety.com

Boats in the Harbour

Sunday, July 13, 2014

1:00-3:00 pm

Trinity Harbour

Grab your oars, rig your sails and start your make n' break engines! Trinity Historical Society and the Wooden Boat Museum of Newfoundland and Labrador are calling on wooden boat enthusiasts to join us for a day on the water in Trinity Harbour. To register your boat contact Jim Miller 464-3599.

Before Fiberglass: Wooden Boats of Newfoundland and Labrador

Exhibit Grand Opening

Sunday, July 13, 2014

3:00 pm

Court House, Trinity

The official opening of the Chapter 1 exhibit "*Before Fiberglass: Wooden Boats of Newfoundland and Labrador*" will follow the Boats in the Harbour event at the Court House with a reception after the exhibit opening at the Dock Marina Restaurant.

The exhibit will be open daily from 9:30 am - 5:00 pm on June 30 until October 10 with admission fee being included as part of the Trinity Experience Pass which costs \$20.00 per person for admission to the following historic sites: Lester-Garland House, Lester-Garland Premises (Ryan's Shop), Cooperage, Green Family Forge, Court House, Hiscock House and

Trinity Museum. Please get your admission pass and start your visit at the Visitor's Centre, West Street. A great price of only \$2.50 per building.

Admission passes to just the Boat Building Exhibit will be also be available at the Court House for those only wanting to visit the exhibit for \$5.00 per person.

Wooden Boat Heritage Workshops

Session One	Session Two
Tuesday, July 15	Wednesday, July 16
9:00 am-4:30 pm	1:00-4:30 pm
Parish Hall	Parish Hall

Session One: Lifting Lines Workshop

Naval Architect, Bruce Whitelaw will teach participants the process for recording the hull shape and construction details of traditional wooden boats.

Session Two: Interview Techniques Workshop

Join folklorist Dale Jarvis from the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador to learn digital recording and interview techniques for collecting local oral histories.

During the following week, interested participants will have the opportunity to join WBMNL's Documentation Team in collecting boat lines, construction details, and oral histories in Trinity and the surrounding area.

To register contact Jim Miller at (709) 464-3599 or Crystal Braye at (709) 699-9570.

WBMNL Documentation Team

Sunday, July 13 – Friday, July 25

Folklorist Crystal Braye and Naval Architecture Student Lois Bragg will be in Trinity collecting information on wooden boats and boat builders in the area. If you know a boat builder or own a wooden boat, or if you are interested in helping with this research, please contact Crystal Braye at (709) 699-9570 or email folklore.wbmn@gmail.com.

Boat Building Workshops

The Wooden Boat Museum of Newfoundland & Labrador offers Boat Building Workshops that teach the basic skills and knowledge required to build a wooden boat. Workshop participants actively learn how to build a traditional wooden boat through hands-on training with instruction and interpretation from our resident boat builder and museum staff. Workshops are offered at three levels with each level increasing in duration, material covered, and skills developed.

Level 1 Workshops in Trinity– Afternoon Sessions

Afternoon workshops provide museum visitors with the opportunity to experience an element of wooden boat construction while visiting the Court House exhibit. Participants will take part in demonstrations and building exercises focused on one of four topics: stem and keel, timbers, moulds and battens, and planking. Level 1 workshops are offered every Tuesday and Wednesday in July and August from 1:00-4:00 pm.

Duration: 3 hours

Cost: \$25

Location: Trinity

Stem & Keel:

Tuesday, July 1

Tuesday, July 15

Tuesday, July 29

Tuesday, August 12

Timbers:

Tuesday, July 8

Tuesday, July 22

Tuesday, August 5

Tuesday, August 19

Moulds & Battens:

Wednesday, July 2

Wednesday, July 16

Wednesday, July 30

Wednesday, August 13

Planking

Wednesday, July 9

Wednesday, July 23

Wednesday, August 6

Wednesday, August 20

Registration

For more information or to register contact Jim Miller at (709) 464-3599 or email tci@nf.sympatico.ca

Children's Boat Building Workshops

WBMNL's Children's workshop offers an age appropriate (ages 7-12) approach to learning about traditional boat building in Newfoundland and Labrador. Activities combine classroom learning with hands-on practice to build team-work skills and develop an appreciation for local heritage.

In the classroom

Through interactive discussions and demonstrations, children will learn:

- ‡ The types of boats in Newfoundland and their uses
- ‡ The differences between a flat and round bottom boat
- ‡ The modern and traditional names for parts of the boat
- ‡ An explanation and demonstration on how a boat floats
- ‡ Traditional boat caulking using oakum
- ‡ Net knitting

In the shed

Under the supervision of our boat builder, children will have the opportunity to learn about the boat building process.

- ‡ The workshop begins with a small talk regarding safety and the importance of being careful when working with tools. Children are provided with safety goggles for the workshop and Museum staff are present to ensure continued safety throughout.
- ‡ Children are taught about traditional hand tools and have the opportunity to use a hand drill and a hand plane.
- ‡ With our boat builder's guidance, children work together to assemble a dory kit specifically developed for children ages 7-12.
- ‡ Following completion of the kit, children learn about traditions associated with launching a boat. This includes superstitions, compass directions, weather and songs.

The workshop ends with a presentation of junior boat builder certificates to all participants.

2014 Schedule & Registration

Children's Boat Building Workshops are offered Thursdays in July and August from 1:00-4:00 pm in Trinity. The cost is \$25/child.

For more information or to register for any of the above events please contact Jim Miller at (709) 464-3599 or email tci@nf.sympatico.ca

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