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Fortress of Louisbourg Culinary Events Receive Rave Reviews

Building upon its rich history and recent success in the culinary arena, the Fortress of Louisbourg celebrated the holiday season with a sold-out dinner and concert within the Fortress walls. Themed “The Most Wonderful Time of the Year,” the two-hour event paired the best of 18th century French cuisine with interpretations of holiday standards performed by the Richard Burke Jazz Quartet. This enthralling blend of seasonal music and food captivated the concert audience of over one hundred and prompted comments that ranged from, “Absolutely fantastic... encore in 2009 please!” to “It’s a real treat to be on site in the evening and see the lanterns lit, candles in the windows,” and “This was one of the most enjoyable evenings I have spent.”

Praise from local food enthusiasts echoed the glowing reviews collected from over fifty national food writers and members of Canada’s culinary industry following a recent 18th century dinner hosted by the Fortress of Louisbourg at Toronto’s Fort York. “It was fascinating and fun, and I felt proud to be part of celebrating a piece of maritime history,”

and “...all of you should be very proud as it was very well thought through and professionally presented. History, delicious food, fine wines and friendship - what else could anyone ask for?”

As the Fortress culinary experience continues to win national attention from media including the CBC, National Post and a top five listing in Wine Access magazine’s top 101 reasons to love Canadian food, the Fortress is planning to enhance its reputation among food and wine enthusiasts by launching its new three-day French culinary workshop in June, 2009.



Anne Marie Lane Jonah, Susan Lane and Anne Marie Pitcher



Centenary of Flight of Silver Dart

February 23, 2009 marks the centennial of the flight of the Silver Dart. This is recognized as the beginning of controlled, powered flight in Canada. There will be a number of events held across Canada throughout this special year. There are many events also taking place in Baddeck in cooperation with the Silver Dart Centennial Association. Below are just some of the events taking place in February:

Friday, February 20th

An assembly at Baddeck Academy of students from the Cape Breton-Victoria District to meet with Dr. Roberta Bondar and Hugh Muller, Bell Family representative;

Opening of the National Aviation Art Exhibit at AG Bell NHSC, evening reception;

CF 18 Flight Simulator on grounds of AG Bell NHSC; this will be present for the 4-day celebration;

Saturday, February 21st

Official signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between Parks Canada and SDCA - 2:00 p.m., AG Bell NHSC

Monday, February 23rd

10:00 a.m. – A series of commemorative events including a First Day Cover and launch by Canada Post, the issue of a coin by Royal Canadian Mint and the unveiling of a plaque, Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada;

11:00 a.m. – Centennial Fly Past and performance by the Skyhawks, the parachute demonstration team;

Re-enactment flight of *Silver Dart*

2p.m. - 4p.m. – Celebration of National Aviation Day with special guest Her Excellency the Governor General of Canada;

6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – 100th Anniversary Reception at Baddeck Academy – Centennial of Flight Exhibits

Evening ends with fireworks.

Condolences

Our sincere condolences to Francine Pertus and family of the death of their father, Clem Pertus, on Dec. 20, 2008.

Sincere condolences to Heidi Moses and her family on the death of their father, Terry Moses on January 8, 2009.

Sincere condolences to Andy Ganaway and family of the death of his companion, Anne Marie Gillis on January 13, 2009.

Sincere condolences to Anne Marie Lane Jonah and family on the death of their mother, Carol Lane, on January 21, 2009.

Our thoughts are with all our fellow employees and their families during this difficult time.



Anyone wishing to contribute to the Hear Ye! Hear Ye!, please contact Donna MacNeil at donna.macneil@pc.gc.ca or telephone 733-3551. All newsletters since 1999 are available at <http://fortress.uccb.ns.ca/parksproject/nhscbnews.htm>