

WATERFRONT TELEGRAM

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Getting Better and Better!!!

Another Successful Season.

This past summer has been the busiest one yet and once again we have succeeded, and even surpassed, our goals for the season.

The beautiful, warm weather that we experienced this year certainly helped us in our activities, but once again we were shown that dedicated, hard-working individuals who believe in their purpose and are willing to work together can accomplish anything they set their minds to achieve.

Now it is time to wrap up many of the seasonal elements of the organization as we prepare ourselves for the coming cold weather.

But, never fear there is still lots of opportunity to buy our new carousel merchandise before Christmas arrives or to help out in the gardens preparing them for the winter and planning for the springtime ... And, of course, the exciting and much-anticipated Grand Opening @discoverynorthbay is still being planned for late 2005, as soon as all the new exhibits are in place and ready for the

public to come in and enjoy. Our revamped giftshop will definitely be a place to find unique Heritage North Bay Christmas gifts

So thank you everyone for helping to make this another exceptional season.

*"Imagine
North Bay."*



A Salute to The Volunteers.

Once again it is time to note the tireless efforts of over 750+ volunteers. It is my pleasure to welcome all our new volunteers in every department of our organization and to acknowledge the many crossover volunteers who are finding fulfilment and time to help in several aspects of Heritage North Bay. **THANK YOU ALL!!**

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Forever Young

Riding the mini-train past the tulips, the carousels, and the rail lands along the Waterfront brings out memories of the past and dreams for the future!

**Smiles, laughter
and fun for kids of
all ages.**

Fall 2005

@discoverynorthbay.

Grand Opening Later This Fall.



Progress Report!!

Providing a progress report for the Grand Opening @discoverynorthbay is an interesting concept and is definitely a challenge.

The various designs, exhibition pieces and new components are arriving everyday and changes are occurring with each arrival. Although this newsletter can not give away too many of the actual design

elements because that would just spoil the surprise, those of you who took the opportunity to come down and visit us earlier this summer when we opened for our Preview Season, will be pleased to know that the artist's renderings we had hanging on the wall are coming to life before our very eyes.

"Patience is the key to Paradise!"
Turkish proverb

The Build.

Volunteer Opportunity.

Would you be interested in helping out at our skating paths this winter?

We are once again looking for volunteers who would like to come down and learn how to drive our zamboni. If you love to be outside and want to have a truly Canadian experience this winter simply call us and all training and information will be provided.

Potential Exhibit design - artist's rendition.

For years the North Bay Area Museum's staff, Board and volunteers have worked diligently planning and dreaming for the future exhibits that will come to fruition later this fall @discoverynorthbay. It has taken years of hard work and discussion, designs and redesigns to come up with the conceptual drawings of what stories it is we want to tell about our town's history, present and future.



We have now completed polishing the entire new red cement floor and added a couple of unique design elements that create a whimsical feel to the giftshop, the new brickwork has been completed around the exterior footprint of the building and really helps to finish off the outdoor perspective, the rain barrels are here and stored for installation early in the spring and the new cabinets and desk have arrived for our completely rearranged giftshop.

Now, don't misunderstand there is still a tremendous amount of work to do to get the exhibit components up and running and if you were allowed in at this point the place would probably look like mad chaos, but those of you who know us well can attest that this is how we are able to reach some of our most challenging goals. Working together ... through all the obstacles.

We absolutely plan to hold our Grand Opening later this year and want more than ever to share our beloved new home and displays with you. We'll keep you posted.

The Summer

This summer was a chance for us to open our doors and test our new home in all the ways that matter. Were people happy to see the building back in use? Did we do a good job of bringing it back to life? What type of things did visitors want to see? And how did people use the facility?

It was a successful venture in that we had almost a 200% increase in traffic through our doors for the same time period at our old building last year. People who remember the building as it was, whether as past workers for the railway company or as community members who used the Station as their means of transportation in and out of town, all seem to agree that it was wonderful to see the old building come back to life even if it was in a completely different capacity. So many memories were shared and ideas for future exhibitions presented that we knew all the hard work was paying off.

This facility provides such a unique chance for us to bring in shows of every type ... history (of course), science and technology, art and entertainment ... as far as our imagination can take us. Look at the shows we brought in this summer ... The History of the Toilet, The Bayeaux Tapestry, The Carousel artists and carvers and even the Robotics team joined us for the Heritage long weekend!! You just never know what you might see @discoverynorthbay!



The Robots.

The Future

All of our plans for the future of Heritage North Bay hinge on the continuous movement towards our goals for finding ways to bring together dedicated individuals and strong community-minded groups in a common purpose of caring for our Waterfront and rail lands / park project.

Our move to the former CPR Station and name change to @discoverynorthbay all fall in to these big picture ideas. We want to show our visitors what our community was like in the past and help them to imagine what it could be like in the future, if people only believe and are willing to put in some effort to get there.

@discoverynorthbay is essentially a brand new and tremendously unique facility that has the potential to become anything we can dream it into being. We will obviously honour this area's history by telling interesting stories about the past in ways that the visitors can actually take part in or touch ... and we will look to tomorrow with the technology and visions of a great future.

Reaching out to people in our world today is a challenge when everything is so fast-paced and easily dispensable. So our new criteria for each and every component that comes into our facility is that it must fall into the following four categories: it must move, it must make noise, it must be able to be touched or it must be alive in one way or another.

We want it to be a place that conjures up memories of the past and entertains in ways that make visitors want to return again and again. This is obviously a lot to aim for and inevitably it will never meet the expectations of everyone, but hopefully people will open their hearts and minds to a new way of looking at our town and our world.



Thank you to the North Bay Heritage Gardeners for caring for the flower boxes @discoverynorthbay.

Searching for the Past...

Do you or anyone you know have any film footage that would show North Bay and area's past that you would be willing to share with us?

We want to make use of several technological mediums to show North Bay through the years so if we could make copies of any relevant material to show our visitors we would really appreciate it.

NORTH BAY HERITAGE GARDENERS.

Learning as We Grow.

Thank You Gardening Teams

* Flower Power
* Forget-Me-Nots
* Quilting Bees
* Morning Glories
* Perky Pruners
* Phelps Pruners
* The Sunset Gals
* Jumping Junipers
* Earth Goddesses
* The Spruce Beetles
* Island Clippers
* Voyageurs
* North Bay Horticultural Society Green Thumbs
* Positive Planters
* Earth Angels
* The Hydrophobics
* Rocketts
* Weed Eaters
* Lady Bugs
* Gardening Angels
* Dirt Devils
* Happy VONderers
* Dizzy Diggers
* Sundial Flower Buddies
* Crazy Daisies
* Positive Perennials
* Fortune Tellers
* Sore Thumbs
* Puppy Willows
* The Secret Keepers
* Sweet Peas
* Mariposa Blooms
* The Forest Dwellers
* The Sand Flies

For your tireless efforts!

The Waterfront Blooms

The North Bay Heritage Gardeners have once again worked through a summer season of changes and challenges to produce an outdoor environment that every citizen of this community can be proud of and enjoy. This summer's warm, hot weather was a blessing for those who enjoy the outdoors and all the activities that allows; however, it also provides challenges for gardeners who need to take care of the fragile and beautiful plant life along our Waterfront and @discoverynorthbay's planter boxes.

The stone and wood exterior of the former CP Station @discoverynorthbay were brought to life with the whimsical and brightly coloured flower choices in the new planter boxes and were enjoyed everyday by visitors and staff who finally had a living space outside to enjoy lunch or a coffee break or to simply wait for a bus to take them home.



Thank you to all the Gardeners for working for the beautification of our outdoor spaces.

Some teams even attempted to avoid some of the sun's heat by moving the times for working in the beds to evenings or early morning when the temperature were slightly cooler. Challenges still occurred with watering as well, but the new hoses

certainly helped to alleviate some of the problems of the past and more will be done next spring to fix this issue.

"Alone we can do so little.

Together we can do so much."
Helen Keller

A New Home

The North Bay Heritage Gardeners have made several moves over the past few months as their office has moved from North Bay's City Hall to an on-site location at the former Marina store at the Waterfront during the summer season to a new home @discoverynorthbay.

The North Bay Heritage Gardeners new contact information is as follows:

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The Summer

This past summer was one of great learning for the North Bay Heritage Gardeners as they took on the challenge of providing guided walking tours through our amazing Waterfront gardens. Several variations of the tour were provided to the public as bus and group tours were welcomed, as well as specific drop-by dates being available for individuals who wanted to come down and learn more about our waterfront and the organization's involvement in the community.

This summer's tours provided the Gardeners with an opportunity to learn what worked and what needed to be tweaked for next year's rendition. Thank you's must go out to those volunteers who agreed to try out being our docents or guides this summer.

The Waterfront Gardens are an excellent teaching tool and part of the Gardeners mandate reflects the goals of providing horticultural education while beautifying our space through community involvement.

The Heritage Gardeners are hoping to increase the number of volunteer docents for next season so if this seems like something you would like to do please don't hesitate to contact us today. Training, a guide book and practise sessions with experienced docents will be provided to any new volunteers who would like to try out this fun activity.



The Tulips.

The Fall

It seems the work of a gardener is never done. The fall season may seem like a slow-down period as beds and plants are prepared for the coming cold weather, but plans are already in the works for the next planting season as hopes of even more beautiful and hardy beds are dreamed up for next summer.

The clearing and pruning of the beds are taking place from now until mid-October, the tulip bulbs will arrive and be available for planting after Thanksgiving to ensure that they are all in place for next spring and new plans are being evaluated by the Design Team for the future of the beds.

General cleanup in the beds is always welcome and pulling of weeds never ends. Of course, this prep work helps make the spring launch that much easier. So if you see our Gardeners out there doing their work make sure to give them a smile, a wave and even a thank you if there's the chance. It's always appreciated!

Tulip Presentation

A Friendship Tulip garden is being presented to the City of North Bay on Wednesday, October 19th at 9:30am. Rain or shine. Join us for this special tribute to Canadian veterans from the generous people of the Netherlands.

Heritage North Bay Photos

Thank you goes out once again to Brenda Turl for her beautiful Waterfront photos of the gardens, as well as for her new photos of the Heritage Railway & Carousel Co. and @discoverynorthbay.



Autumn Colours 2004.

Volunteer Opportunities.

- * Become a Heritage Gardener
- * Help plant the Fall bulbs
- * Adopt a bed
- * Committee member
- * Cleanup days
- * Special Events
- * Become a Friend of the Heritage Gardeners

Heritage Railway & Carousel Company.

Extra Efforts Pay Off.



**Carousels,
Trains and
Tulips**

**Volunteer
Opportunities.
-- Heritage
Carousel &
Mini Train
(seasonal)**

- * Carousel crew
- * Railway crew
- * Tickets
- * Souvenirs
- * Special Events

Summer of Success

The Heritage Railway and Carousel Co. once again enjoyed a successful season as weather, visitors and construction plans all worked

in our favour.

The addition of our new Winter Wonderland carousel, which opened on July 1st during a windy Canada Day celebration to a record number of riders, provided renewed excitement for the children in our community who watched with anticipation as the big, blue "circus-like" tent went up below the Heritage Railway van.

Special thanks goes out to the volunteers who helped us fill out the new requirements within the shift schedule due to adding a whole new ride into the fun-filled adventures of visiting us, as well as those who were willing to help out with learning how to open and close the new structure.



Volunteer Dinner 2005

Approximately 175 volunteers gathered for a fun and laughter-filled evening on Friday September 23 at the Royal Canadian Legion to celebrate another successful season of the Heritage Railway & Carousel Co. The volunteers were thanked for all their hard work during the season and 40 new volunteers were welcomed by the group.

After the meal, Chair Rod Johnston led the informal meeting and computer presentation providing an overview of the 2005 season and took a vote on plans for the future of the Company.

Several members of the Executive provided reports from the various branches of the company: mechanical, financial, volunteers, track and carousels.

The evening was definitely a celebration of another great year as amusing stories ensued and much laughter could be heard throughout the Hall. It was also pointed out that given the large number of attendees at the dinner the Company certainly had come a long way from the first year when only a dozen or so volunteers worked for the mini-railway.

The season has been another overwhelming success with few significant concerns noted and several accomplishments celebrated including the opening of the new Winter Wonderland Carousel, exciting new merchandise available and a ridership (so far) of approximately 121,000 visitors. With continuing good weather, hopes were that by the end of the season on Thanksgiving weekend we could reach a high of 130,000!

***"What we see
depends mainly
on what we look
for."
- John
Lubbock***

The Mini Trains

Last year several changes were put in motion after a vote was cast regarding the sale of the two steam engines for safer, more easily handled locomotives. Since that time one engine was sold to a buyer from California and the second engine has had several interested individuals contact the Company.

Progress is being made on the first of our new steam look-a-like engines with much attention to detail being paid to make it a replica of the first steamer to arrive in the North Bay area called "The Lucy Dalton". This will be a electric-powered engine that has several features including a sound system and potentially a smoke generator that will create the image of a full-fledged steamer while providing a safe and reliable vehicle for visitors and volunteers.

The plan for the future is to use the same carriage system and then to produce several different shells that depict the history of North Bays' railroading past. This will allow the volunteers to learn to drive a single, consistent engine type no matter which train they are driving that particular day providing a much safer environment for themselves and their passengers.

Merchandise

The much anticipated new merchandise depicting the horses from the Heritage Carousel was also



Heritage Carousel Umbrella.

Every engine will have the same control system making it easier for the engineers to drive as well as for the mechanical crew to get replacement parts.



A vote was taken after the dinner to decide which engine should be created next. Given several options including the #701 steam engine (now located in Timmins), North Bay's own steamer #503 and a Hudson type engine, the volunteers voted on the #503 steamer that has a home in our Community Waterfront Park project and is planned to be pulled up alongside the former CP Station @discoverynorthbay.

Chairman Rod noted that this was an excellent first choice as once the mini railway tracks are extended over to the Station during one of the next phases in the Vision, the new little 503 will run right beside the full-scale version. He also told the volunteers who voted for other options not to worry as the other choices will be created sometime in the future.

available at the dinner.

Having arrived a few days previously, the beautiful black umbrellas ringed with the images of the original Heritage Carousel horses around a carousel pole and the four miniature horses sold vigorously. These items will be available at local malls and other locations in the near future. Check our website at www.heritagenorthbay.com for details.

Carousel-lovers and individuals looking for souvenirs of their visit to North Bay or for the perfect Christmas gift will be able to choose from these or the beautiful Second printing of the Heritage Carousel book or the new North Bay Carousel colouring book for children or adults alike.

The 503

A Great Christmas Gift.

If you or someone you know has fallen in love with our beautiful Winter Wonderland Carousel perhaps you should find out more about adopting a piece of it as a extraordinarily unique Christmas gift!

The perfect gift for a child who enjoys their beloved carousel every summer or the person "who has everything"!

Contact us today and we'll be happy to give you all the details.

HERITAGE NORTH BAY.

Growing Together.



A Message of Thanks

I have learned one prevailing lesson during the time I have worked and volunteered for this organization ... anything is possible if people believe in it enough. This past season is a shining example of what can be accomplished

when people work together for a common goal ... creating a better community for ourselves, our visitors and for future generations.

When we all came together last summer under the Heritage North Bay umbrella we all were asked to take a leap of faith ... to believe that by combining together we were not going to lose the things we were passionate about to others, but that by working together we could accomplish even more. There have been growing pains along the way and people have had to learn to compromise at times for the good of the larger organization, but in the end every single person involved in this organization has shown that community spirit and hard work always pay off.

Look at everything that has been made possible by working together ... another new carousel brings even more laughter and smiles to the young and young at heart, walking tours through our beloved Waterfront flowerbeds allowed us to share with visitors the unique experience that is our town and a historical building once again opened its' doors and brought back memories of days gone by.

For all of you who have become crossover volunteers thank you for seeing the bigger picture and for helping us dream a brighter future.

Heritage North Bay -- Upcoming Events...

Tulips 2005 - 60th Anniversary Tulip Friendship Tour - October 19th 9:30am
Rain or Shine at the Waterfront Park near the Sundial in the Seniors' Garden

Heritage Gardeners Team Leader's Meeting - October 20th 6:30pm
@discoverynorthbay

Heritage Railway & Carousel Co. General Meeting - November 22nd, 2005 -- 7pm at North Bay City Council Chambers

Old-Fashioned Christmas Walk - Nov. 25, 2005 Downtown North Bay

Please note that we are attempting to collect as many members and volunteer e-mail addresses as possible. This will allow us to send newsletters and events lists by e-mail quickly and will save us the added cost of sending our mail-outs to the 1000+ individuals and groups within our new organization. Thank you for joining us and if you received this newsletter by snail mail it probably means we don't have your e-mail address so if you have one and are willing to help us out please send it in today.

**THANK YOU FROM
HERITAGE NORTH BAY!!!**

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Joining Heritage North Bay

- * Drive a Train
- * Dig in Dirt
- * Spin A Carousel
- * Scan Photos
- * Preserve our History
- * Plant a Flower Bed
- * Get covered in Paint
- * It's all possible ... you just have to believe!

Volunteer Hours.

(Documented hours between June 1st, 2004 and October 15th, 2005)

Total = 36 299

**THANK YOU
ALL FOR YOUR
OUTSTANDING
WORK!!!**