

WATERFRONT TELEGRAM

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Welcome To Heritage North Bay!!!

A New Organization Begins June 1st, 2004.

Welcome to our brand new combined Newsletter!

This newsletter is being produced for all those members, volunteers and interested individuals who want to be kept informed about all the amazing events going on with North Bay's Waterfront Park.

This quarterly paper will be used to keep everyone up-to-date about what's happening within and around the parkland and will allow it's readers to act as well-informed, enthusiastic ambassadors of these activities for other North Bay residents, as well as to visitors to our community.

After many years of hard work and planning, everyone is excited that Heritage North Bay came into existence on June 1st, 2004.

The umbrella organization consists of three previously separate groups: The North Bay Area Museum, The North Bay Heritage Gardeners and The Heritage Railway & Carousel Company.

To see a more detailed version of Heritage North Bay's "Master Plan" visit the Community Waterfront Friends Website at: <http://waterfrontfriends.org>

*"Imagine
North Bay."*



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In Dedication to The Volunteers.

It is important to note that Heritage North Bay is run predominantly through the tireless efforts of over 700+ volunteers and that number grows every week. We would not have reached this point without their giving spirits and would never be able to plan for the Vision we have for the future.

THANK YOU ALL!!

NORTH BAY AREA MUSEUM.

Moving To A New Home Spring 2005.



THE STATION!!

The biggest news from the North Bay Area Museum is, of course, the planned move to the newly refurbished CPR Station at the end of Ferguson Street.

We are extremely excited about our new location and anticipate several varied Opening Celebrations to take place in the Spring of 2005.

The Station will act as a central administration body for the newly

established Heritage North Bay organization, with the staff available to provide every visitor with answers to each question or request -- whether it will be in terms of booking tours or programs, making contacts, renting equipment or simply giving directions to the next exciting event.

To watch the progress at the Station in full photographic detail take a look at the Community Waterfront Friends newsletters on-line at www.waterfrontfriends.org.



HISTORY ... ENTERTAINMENT ... THE FUTURE!

The North Bay Area Museum has always been dedicated to the preservation of the community's history through the care and collection of artifacts, photographic materials and the passing of information to interested individuals. We remain committed to these goals while attempting to bring entertainment and fun into the learning process.

Visitors to the Museum will be allowed to touch the past. The exhibit spaces at the Station will be filled with hands-on activities to challenge, entice and inspire every visitor. The main exhibition hall will be focused on the transportation elements that helped to create this community.

What else can we expect from a Museum located in a railway station?

We can expect more, much, much more! We will tell local interest stories and stories from around the world in our ever-changing temporary gallery space. Imagine all that we can be ... the past ... the present ... the future ... Imagine North Bay!

"If you can dream it, you can do it!"
Walt Disney

New Railway Book Available

A Century of Travel On The Ontario Northland Railway
By Douglas Smith.

To celebrate the Centennial of the first passenger train to run on the ONR, Trackside Canada proudly announces the release of a new book with over 75 colour and 200 B&W photos!! This 160 page book traces the past century of passenger operations of the Ontario Northland from the shores of Lake Ontario to the tidewaters of James Bay through detailed text and illustrations, including many in full colour.

A Big Move.

Volunteer Opportunities.

- * Giftshop
- * Special Events
- * Collections Management
- * Data Entry
- * Administration

Educational Programming

The North Bay Area Museum has been offering educational programs for area schools for several years. Each year the number of programs has increased and their content has become more diverse. All programs have been developed to compliment the Ontario curriculum.

Choose from over 20 curriculum based educational programs!

Available programs include Child's Play, Magnet Mania, Nipissings: The Way Of the Manitous or History - Live!. Take students or other groups on a walk through history with our Downtown History Hike or Tales from a Cemetary!

We also offer Special Programs during specific times of the year such as Remembrance Day (Offered November 8 to 11, 2004), 2 Christmas Programs(Offered December 1 to 17, 2004) titled 'Tis the Season to be Creative and Oh Tannenbaum or Heritage Day (Offered February, 2005).

For any questions about booking a program contact the Museum at 476-2323 or take a look at our detailed Educational Programming section on our website at:
www.heritagorthbay.com

Tales from a Cemetary program.



Exhibition Gallery

Current Exhibit

-- *Treasures of North Bay.* --

Visit the Museum to see a new temporary exhibit based on the history of North Bay as told through the Museum's own collection pieces.

This exhibit has something for everyone! Look at the history of sports, entertainment, railway, lumbering, mercantile and aviation industries through the unique or treasured mementos from our past.

This exhibition includes some of the most asked about pieces from our collection such as the one-of-a kind Heritage Quilt created by Doris Sanderson. Come and see the intricate workmanship in this truly unique piece of artwork depicting the history of North Bay.

Future Exhibit

-- *Electricity in Motion.* --
COMING IN JANUARY!!

It's the closest thing we have to magic! A mere flick of the switch, a quick press of a button, and presto! The world is brighter, warmer, cooler, noisier and infinitely more interesting.

Electricity not only powers our environment, it is the very essence of human awareness and our ability to think.

**FUN! CHALLENGING!!
EDUCATIONAL!!**

Lots of hands-on activities for kids of every age!! Play and learn all at the same time.



Treasures of North Bay.

Upcoming Exhibits.

* Treasures of North Bay

* Electricity in Action

* Sitting Pretty

NORTH BAY HERITAGE GARDENERS.

Growing A Better Community.

Thank You Gardening Teams

- * Late Bloomers
- Too
- * Flower Power
- * Forget-Me-Nots
- * Quilting Bees
- * Morning Glories
- * Perky Pruners
- * Phelps Pruners
- * Lady Bugs
- * The Sunset Gals
- * Jumping Junipers
- * Earth Goddesses
- * The Spruce Beetles
- * Island Clippers
- * Voyageurs
- * North Bay Horticultural Society
- * 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 Tillers
- * Sore Thumbs
- * Puppy Willows
- * The Secret Keepers
- * Sweet Peas

For another extraordinary season of beautiful beds!

Where We've Come From.

During the summer of 1996, the Living Fit Program, with the City of North Bay's approval, attempted to make some improvements at the Waterfront. The gardens had become neglected after a series of financial cutbacks and were in need of some care. The group believed they could help make a difference.

In the beginning the task seemed insurmountable, but the group remained undaunted and with the City's assistance, looked for ways to tackle this challenge.

In 1997, an Educational Horticultural Program began using the Waterfront as a living classroom. In the spirit of community caring, sharing, and learning, groups of five to ten people were teamed up with a master gardener as their instructor.



"Nature gives to every time and season some beauties of it's own."

Charles Dickens

These Teams of gardeners took on the task of enhancing the garden beds while learning about horticulture and the environment.

To date over 300 participants have taken part in the Heritage Gardeners program with approximately 40 beds currently being maintained. These numbers continue to increase each year as new and exciting projects are planned for the future.



Where we are today.

The ongoing results of this program can be seen today as you meander along the walkway. The efforts of the Heritage Gardeners goes well beyond the borders of the Waterfront to helping to preserve our heritage and building community spirit.

Along with the beautification of the waterfront, the Heritage Gardeners enjoy making new friends and enjoy active living. "It's not what the Heritage Gardeners do that is important, it's how and why we do it. We believe that we are modeling care and respect for our community and that creates change."

Northern Ontario Botanical Gardens Update

As some of you may already know, we are moving forward with the development of the Northern Ontario Botanical Gardens. Unlike many other gardens, our proposal is a bit different. Rather than have a large fenced area full of beautiful gardens, we see ours being spread throughout the community. Some of these spaces will likely be new while others will be gardens that already exist. It's amazing just how much there already is in the community – we just don't know about it or promote it to the public.

In order to move forward with the project, a group met in mid-November to discuss the next steps. After an afternoon of good discussion it was agreed that the next step is to complete a full inventory of the many different resources that already exist. With this work in place we can begin to draw the links between them to create the very early stages of what will be an incredible resource and attraction for the community.

As an early piece of this project we are hoping to offer regular horticultural tours at the Waterfront beginning next spring. Just imagine – next summer we could have regular visitors from outside the community stopping by to see all of the incredible



work we've completed and to learn from our example!

Where we are going.

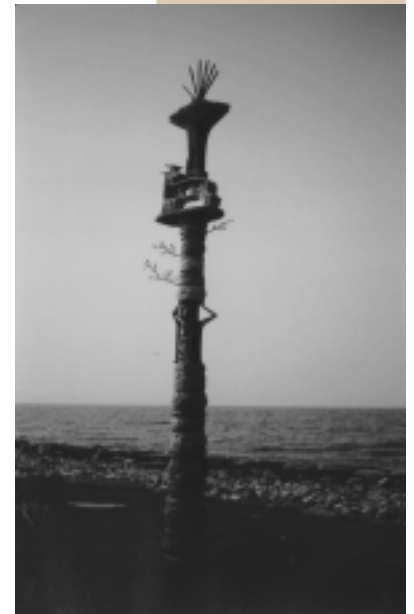
Now with most of the gardens at the Waterfront well at hand, the North Bay Heritage Gardeners are beginning to look ahead to the future. The Executive committee and Design Team are now gathering thoughts and ideas in the preliminary stages of planning for the various gardens envisioned in the Waterfront Park / rail lands development project.

Excitement and enthusiasm are building as the Gardeners look forward to the challenges and rewards of creating a parklands filled with green spaces, botanical gardens, new experimental and theme gardens and maybe even a beautiful green house for year-round enjoyment.

Becoming A Heritage Gardener

If you love to garden, want to help out and love being outdoors or simply want to learn more about the Heritage Gardeners program contact us today. The Gardening Teams always welcome new members and we will do our best to find the perfect match for you.

Maybe you would like to take on the challenge of caring for a bed yourself. We do have beds that are currently looking for someone to adopt them. We have some teams who are made up of friends, families, neighbours, work colleagues or organizations and we welcome them all!!



Visit all of our Waterfront beds including those surrounding the SunDial.

Volunteer Opportunities.

- * Become a Heritage Gardener
- * Adopt a bed
- * Committee member
- * Clean-up days
- * Special Events
- * Become a Friend of the Heritage Gardeners

Heritage Railway & Carousel Company.

Smiles and Laughter.



Extending the Tracks.

behind the CPR Station and a brand new carousel!!!

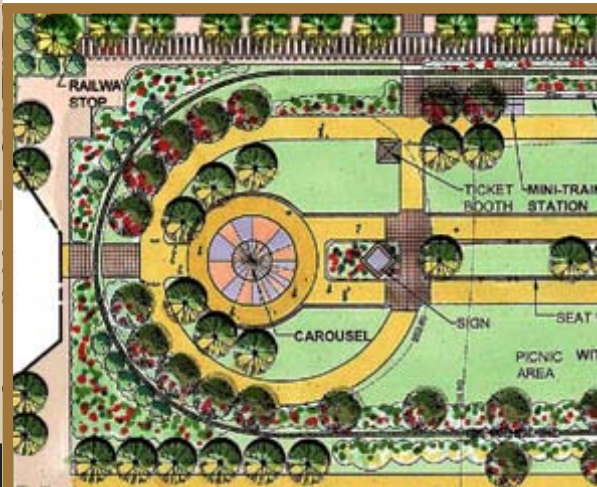
One of the most important elements involved in the waterfront development project will be the creation of a large pedestrian and a vehicular underpass for the mini train.

The underpasses will be the connectors that will bring the waterfront and the downtown core together and will allow for the extension of the miniature railway tracks to add another link within the community.

Take a round trip tour or plan a different destination stop in the downtown core.

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

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



The Heritage Railway and Carousel Company are anticipating great changes in the future. Long range plans for the Waterfront Park show an extension in the mini railway tracks to the downtown core

Annual General Meeting.

The Heritage Railway and Carousel Company's Annual meeting was held on Tuesday, November 16th, 2004. This has proved to be yet another banner year in the history of the Company.

This "little idea" has become a truly successful venture over the last ten years and will be pushing towards an even brighter future. However, numerous decisions were required regarding the direction of the company.

With the expansion to the tracks planned for the coming years, more powerful engines are going to be necessary to literally "make the grade" from the Waterfront through the underpass to the future parklands.

New regulations has also made it necessary for the engineers of the steamers to meet ever-increasing licensing requirements in order to ensure driver and passenger safety.

These issues have prompted the Railway and Carousel Executive and volunteers to vote in

favour of preparing the steam engines for sale and putting that money towards the purchase of at least one steam-engine look-alike to replace them.

Discussions continue with a local mining railway manufacturing company to design the perfect engine to meet all our needs (safety, strength, reliability and cost). The company is certainly looking towards a bright future.

Other items on the agenda included opening and closing dates for the 2005 season, shift scheduling, future merchandising ventures, financial reports and the new carousel.

We must be the change we wish to see.

M.K. Gandhi

Carousels, Carvers & Crayons.

In combination with the Heritage Railroad, the North Bay Heritage Carousel has proven to be one of the premiere attractions in Northern Ontario. The music, lights and laughter remind visitors of the past and memories of childhood rides on the backs of carousel animals abound during the summer season at North Bay's Waterfront.

Second Printing - Carousel Book

Everyone involved with the North Bay Heritage Carousel Book is astounded with the amazing success of this beautiful coffee table book. A second printing of the book is planned for the early New Year with an addition 16 pages of photographs and stories about the people involved with the Company and the events that have taken place since the original print run. The book will sell for the same price as the original.

Colouring Book

Plans are also in the works for a children's colouring book based on sketches by the artists involved with the Carousels. This will be a unique marketing venture that we hope will give children the chance to take home a little memento of their ride on the Heritage Carousel.

Carousel Horse.



Winter Wonderland Menagerie Carousel.

The second carousel is currently under construction with volunteers carving a series of 14 Northern Ontario Animals to adorn this new carousel. The carving of the animals are nearing completion and several are now located at various locations around the city being painted by other volunteers.

THE FOX -- UP FOR ADOPTION!!

All of the carousel horses from the Heritage Carousel and the animals from the new Menagerie carousel have been adopted by caring groups or individuals. The donations help to off-set the costs of creating these incredible pieces. The donor's names for the first carousel have been placed on a plaque at the base of each horse and to date every new animal with the exception of one, the fox, have a new adoptive family, so if you or someone you know is interested in adopting this unique, hand-crafted creation contact us today!

Thank you for all the extra time and effort everyone. We are dreaming of the Menagerie.

Awaiting the Menagerie.

Menagerie Animals.

- * Fox
- * 2 Deer
- * Black Bear
- * Mountain Lion (Cougar)
- * Moose
- * Skunk
- * Otter
- * Chipmunk
- * Beaver
- * Wolf
- * Raccoon
- * Rabbit
- * the mythical Hippocampus
- And a Sleigh

HERITAGE NORTH BAY.

Growing Together.



Joining Heritage North Bay

- * Get Involved
- * Take part
- * Make new friends
- * Enjoy the outdoors
- * Preserve our history
- * Build a better community for the future

Volunteer Hours.

(Documented hours between June 1st and November 15th)

Total = 18,259

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING WORK!!!

Waterfront Telegram

Volunteering.

It is clear that Heritage North Bay is a volunteer-based organization that is always on the lookout for dedicated, enthusiastic individuals who want to help in the improvement of our community. One of the main goals of Heritage North Bay is to bring a

closer integration of the people who have been working so diligently to create our plans for future. We want to be able to provide our volunteers with a fun place to learn, play and help create something extra special!!

We hope to use this integrated newsletter to provide people with the opportunity to see what is happening within all the different sectors of Heritage North Bay and show them how they or their friends can get involved. So ask questions, find out more and join us in our Vision.

WOW Workshops

Heritage North Bay will be conducting brain-storming workshops throughout the winter to assist our volunteers in understanding the important role they play in the success of the organization. We will be asking for ideas, thoughts and advice about creating the ultimate experience for every visitor that comes to our park.

We want your input! You are our greatest asset. Please consult your WOW Workshop schedule for the time posted for your team / crew to meet. If there are conflicts, please don't hesitate to call me and other arrangements can be made on alternative days. But please take part. Everyone's input is valuable and 700+ brains are definitely better than one ...

Heritage North Bay -- Upcoming Events...

November 26th - Downtown Christmas Walk 6-9 PM Downtown North Bay

Early January 2005 - New Exhibition Opening "Electricity in Action" - North Bay Area Museum

Sunday February 27th, 2005 - North Bay Heritage Gardeners 8th Annual Symposium at the Clarion Resort

***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 & WELCOME TO HERITAGE NORTH BAY!!!

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