

WATERFRONT TELEGRAM

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Excitement Of A New Season!!!

2005 Shaping Up To Be A Remarkable Year.

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2005!

As spring finally arrives everyone is becoming excited about the upcoming year. Lots of activities, events and new elements are being planned or added to our Heritage North Bay community and we want you to be a part of it.

To kick-off the season we are planning a Community Clean-Up Blitz to be held at the North Bay Waterfront on Saturday, April 30th, 2005. Everyone is welcome to join us and help make this the most exceptional year yet. We will gather at the Waterfront Pavilion at 9am. Please remember to bring your gloves and your friends!

*"Imagine
North Bay."*

All three segments of our Heritage North Bay organization have exciting new adventures in the works. This summer, the North Bay Area

Museum finally moves to our new home since the work at the former CPR Station is almost complete. The Gardeners will be running brand new, guided garden tours this summer. And not to be outdone, The Heritage Railway & Carousel Company will be adding a brand new carousel to their set of rides.

Learn more about these and other activities in this edition of the Waterfront Telegram or go to our website at www.heritagenorthbay.com.



BC Turf '04

The North Bay Waterfront

CLEAN-UP BLITZ

Join Us!!

Saturday, April 30th, 2005

9am to 12 noon

Meet at the Marina Store

Everyone is Welcome!!

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WoW Workshops.

The first set of 30 workshops for the Heritage North Bay volunteers are now complete and I would like to thank everyone who took part and provided us with a multitude of ideas, suggestions and inspirational stories regarding every aspect of Heritage North Bay.

We appreciate all your comments and will try our best to implement as many of them as we can in the future plans of the project. You truly are the ambassadors for our organization and our community and you make us very proud to work with you. THANK YOU

NORTH BAY AREA MUSEUM.

History and the Future Meet.



THE STATION!!

We are extremely pleased to announce that the construction work for our new home at the former CPR Station is now complete!!

The finishing touches have been put in place and the building is absolutely beautiful. We want to invite

everyone to come down and visit our new space, while taking part in several planned activities throughout our Preview Season that will lead to our official Grand Opening later this year!

It's finally happening! A fun-filled and exciting Preview Season will once again allow visitors to come in and see the interior of the one hundred year old former Canadian Pacific Railway Station. Our inaugural season will officially run from May 16th to the beginning of August so be sure to stop by for a visit, look around and take part in all the adventures that await you.

This Preview Season will provide an opportunity for everyone to see all the work that has taken place to ensure that we have a structurally sound building that will stand for at least another hundred years in the heart of the community.

The architectural details of the past are also captured with extraordinary archways that give the building a cohesive look throughout. Inset windows and arched entrances to rooms allow the space to flow from one area to the next.

The stunning frameworks from the original windows were lovingly restored, after hundreds of hours of work, by the talented Heritage North Bay volunteers. Simply looking out the windows takes you back in time.

Upstairs, an exceptionally beautiful and intricate hardwood floor echoes

“Whatever you can do, or dream you can... begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it. —Goethe

with the footsteps of all the visitors who will come through our doors ... and help to remind everyone of times past.

So we welcome you, your family and friends to a place that will take you beyond anything you ever dreamed or imagined.

Later this year, following our exciting “Preview Season”, we will hold our Grand Opening celebrations that will bring together the past, the present and the future in one incredible location that will be the first step in a transformation of our City.

Be a part of it ... Imagine North Bay ... Discover it with Us!!

The Hershey's Giant Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26.

The Hershey's Giant Easter Egg Hunt that took place in Thompson Park was a smash. There were over 400 children in attendance scurrying around the field to gather their treats. The children had fun taking part in games, face painting, and of course the “egg hunt” and are already looking forward to next years' event.

Special thanks go out to Hershey's Canada who generously donated over 8000 pieces of chocolate, and our local sponsors Landriault's Dental Clinic, EZ Rock, TWG Communications and The North Bay Nugget for their much appreciated support.

We Welcome You To Our New Home.

Available in the Giftshop

- * Model Railway Equipment and Supplies Now Includes N Scale!
- * Model Plane Kits
- * Die Cast Model Cars
- * Special Orders
- * Books
- * Postcards
- * Engineer Hats
- * Toys
- * Posters

Preview Season ...

May 17th - August 2nd, 2005

The Preview Season will have something to entice everyone ... it is an exciting blend of history, geography, architecture, learning, laughter and fun. It is the first step in an amazing plan to transform our community from within ... come and be a part of it!

Some of the exciting events and exhibits planned for our inaugural season include a breathtaking work of art that tells the story of events that happened centuries ago, in a place far away, but still stirs the imagination of all who see it today. We will also have an amusing show about a critical space in everyone's lives and finally a showcase of the talented individuals we have in our own community. It's a trip to the other side of the world and an acknowledgement to home.

The Bayeux Tapestry

This embroidered artwork is 20 inches tall and 230 feet in width. It is woven replica piece depicting the Battle of Hastings on October 14th, 1066. Come and learn the tale of the Bayeux Tapestry. It is the story of William the Conqueror and Harold, the Earl of Wessex, the men who led the Norman and Saxon armies in 1066. An amazing piece of history and artwork.

The Bayeux Tapestry.



Sitting Pretty

A hilarious look at the history of the toilet ...

This travelling show comes to us from the Guelph Museum and combines learning and fun as it lets visitors look at a space they have in their own home in a whole new light.



Looking Over The Rail Lands Through Our Back Door.

The Winter Wonderland Carousel

An opportunity to showcase the beautiful artwork and animals of the new Winter Wonderland Carousel. See firsthand, the talent, time and care that went in to each hand-crafted piece in our temporary gallery.

The Transition Period

Immediately following the end of the summer Preview Season the CPR Station will close down as a public facility while we prepare all the incredible exhibits planned for the Grand Opening later this fall.

The Grand Opening ...

COMING LATER THIS YEAR!

Trains, planes and so much more ... Movement, sound, colour and life are all key elements in every component of our new facility. It will amaze you!

So come in and see it for yourself. Did you ever dream of being an engineer? Come and drive our train simulator ... an airplane pilot? Push a button and fly your own model airplane ... see the sights and hear the sounds of yesterday or record your own memories of the past ...

It's all about fun, entertainment, learning, celebrating the past and imagining the future ...

Come and Discover it all!!

Coming Soon to the New Giftshop:

* Second Edition of the Carousel Book

* Carousel and Railway Memorabilia Including:
- Miniature Horses
- Pearl
- Sir Winsalot
- Bisquit
- Dream Weaver

Carousel Umbrellas

Canadian Animal Figurines:

- Moose
- Bear
- Chipmunk
- Deer
- Wolf
- Otter
and others ...

* Garden Gifts

NORTH BAY HERITAGE GARDENERS.

Growing A Better Community.

Welcome Back 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

It must be spring!

Spring.

So, the first day of spring has come and gone and the North Bay Heritage Gardeners look ahead to the coming spring and summer season with great excitement. Several new endeavours planned for the next few months make this spring an even more eagerly awaited event than usual.

Along with all the Gardeners' normal spring duties of cleaning up and preparing the beds and planting for the spring, this year they have taken on the challenge of creating a wonderful new element for our Waterfront space. The Gardeners have developed a series of guided walking tours through their beloved gardens.

Several volunteers have agreed to be trained to act as docents or guides for visitors who wish to learn more about the history and development of the Waterfront, botanical features of the gardens themselves, community involvement and finally, plans for the future.



BC Turl '04

“Spring is nature's way of saying ‘let’s party!’”

Robin Williams

This venture will provide the Gardeners with a source of revenue for their activities and will provide the public with a chance to learn more about the Heritage Gardeners and their important role in the community.

This unique component of the Waterfront activities will help to bolster North Bay's image as a place to visit as a “Destination City”. We have several bookings from groups within the community, as well as tours from Sudbury, Southern Ontario and Quebec coming for a visit.

Symposium Re-cap.

The North Bay Heritage Gardeners 10th Annual Gardeners Symposium held Sunday, February 27th at the Clarion Resort was another resounding success.

Guest speaker, Liz Primeau was informative and entertaining, providing the 180 attendees with suggestions from her book “*Front Yard Gardens*”.

During the event 175 Heritage Gardeners received their 5 Year Certificate for their continued efforts at the Waterfront. *Congratulations!*



BC Turl 04

Nipissing Botanical Gardens... in Northern Ontario!

(submitted by Hariett Madigan)

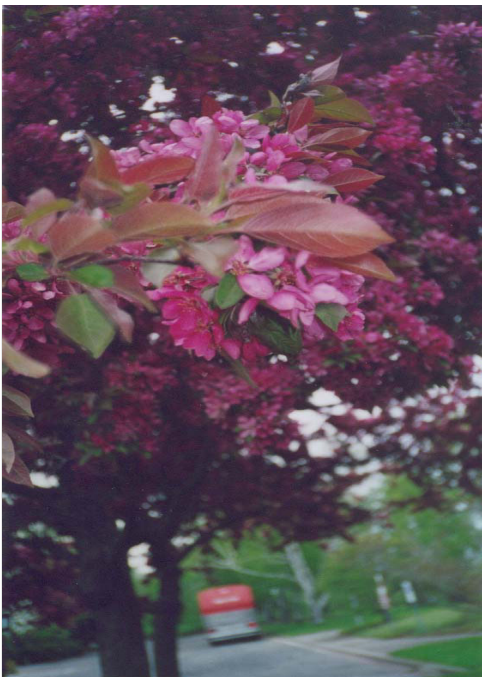
The botanical gardens concept has been part of the visioning process for the North Bay Heritage Gardeners since 1997 and has been a large component of the Community Waterfront Park.

Over 25 members from various businesses and organizations gathered January 12, 2004 for the visioning process for the Nipissing Botanical Gardens. From that meeting a steering committee was formed to put together a strategic plan.

This initiative involves the creation of a network of natural and cultivated "greenways" already in existence throughout North Bay which would tie in to the proposed development of North Bay's waterfront (e.g. botanical garden, greenhouse, arboretum). Obviously, such a development would promote tourism with a significant global attraction.

In fact in June of 2005, City Council passed a resolution supporting the concept.

Nipissing University also strongly supports this concept and their partnership will bring opportunities for research and education.



In the meantime, the Nipissing Botanical Garden committee continues to develop the botanical garden concept with 3 key goals for this year:

1. The waterfront guided garden tour is one of the first projects to be developed with tours beginning in June 2005.

2. Dr. Peter Nosko will investigate the development of research and education opportunities with support for an ethno-botanical garden on University/ College property.

3. The committee is exploring the development of an arboretum to be located at various sites within city boundaries. Inventory of these sites is in the works for this year.

Support for the Nipissing Botanical Gardens and the Heritage Gardeners is welcome by booking a tour at the Waterfront for family and friends. You won't be disappointed!

Guided Tour (French or English)

Rates

1 to 4 people

\$20.00 flat fee, includes gst

5 to 12 people

\$5.00 per person, includes gst

Additional Docent(s) required if group size exceeds 12

Motor coach Group of 30 to 52 people

\$100.00 flat fee, includes gst

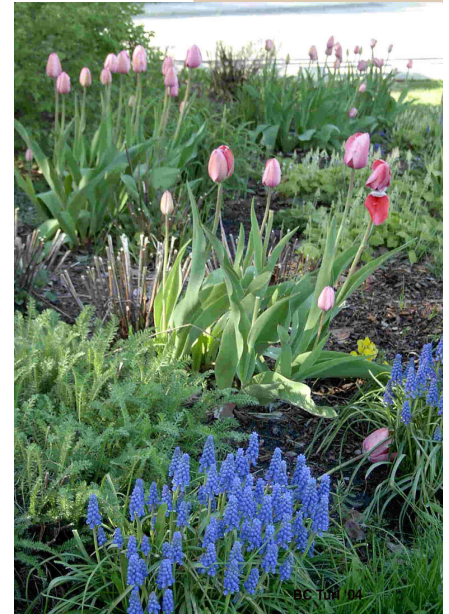
Location: The Waterfront Marina

Hours: Seasonal, by appointment only,

Call Gail Green, 476-2323

Photo Acknowledgement

Thank you to Brenda Turl, the Heritage Gardeners talented archivist for most of the beautiful garden photos of the Waterfront.



The blooms of spring at the Waterfront.

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.

A New Season.



Carvers hard at work.

A New Season.

The visitors to North Bay's Waterfront are always thrilled when spring arrives and it's time once again for the Heritage Railway & Carousel Company to throw open the big doors, turn on the lights and music, fire up the engines and start the rides for another successful season.

But anyone who knows the dedicated railway

and carousel volunteers, from the maintenance crew who look after all our equipment to the carvers and artists who work diligently onwards to the future, knows how much work goes on throughout the entire year.

Overcoming Challenges

We have had a remarkable up-and-down off-season in creating our newest carousel. With unforeseen challenges turning up here and there, the volunteers and executive moved onward with incredible poise and determination, often finding themselves with wonderful opportunities they never expected would come of the difficulties.

Logistics

The second carousel will be located temporarily alongside the original Heritage Carousel at the Waterfront until the rail lands are prepared for use. It will be housed on a cement floor under a large blue and white striped tent reminiscent of the circus tents of days past.

Currently, the carousel is being refurbished, greased and assembled piece by piece. The floors needed to be repaired this spring and the rounding boards are being painted.

This carousel is 28 feet across ... 6 feet larger than anticipated, so the original 14 carvings will need to be increased to 16 animals. For the time being, 2 spare horses from the first

carousel will be used, but they will eventually be replaced with a lynx and a calf moose.

Several safety and accessibility issues have also been looked into in creating this wonderful new addition. In order to follow TTS regulations the antlers of the deer and moose had

Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

—Will Rogers

to be removed, but may be replaced with a safe alternative in the future.

This new carousel will also be accessible for those with mobility challenges.

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

* Carousel crew

* Railway engineer

* Railway conductor

* Tickets

* Souvenirs

* Special Events

New Merchandise.

Last fall a decision was made to try and create miniatures of our Heritage Carousel horses for sale to the general public. The prototypes of the first four horses have arrived and are expected to be ready for June. If this is a profitable fund-raising venture other versions may be made available in the future.

The group representing the different styles of carousel horses is: Bisquit, Pearl, Dream Weaver and Sir Winsalot. Only four hundred copies of each horse will be produced in this first batch.

So watch for these special items to be on sale soon!!

Spring Meeting, March 22nd. 2005

(Notes provided by Colin Vezina - Secretary)

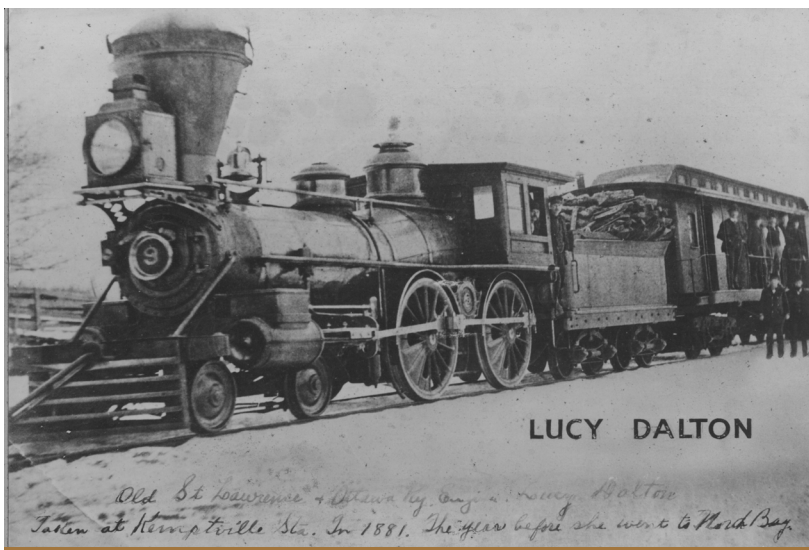
The spring meeting of the Heritage Railway & Carousel Co. provided several positive reports from all aspects of the company with many decisions being made regarding plans for the future.

The Mechanic's Report from Dick Smith revealed that the engines and other equipment have been serviced and are ready for the summer opening. The steam engines have all been repaired and are ready for sale. Terry Shore reports that all the necessary new track ties have been ordered.

A vote was taken to go ahead with the plan to have a battery-operated steam engine look-alike reminiscent of the "Lucy Dalton" designed and built by a local engineering firm. This option was approved by members over buying used engines and cars from the Conklin Company.

Potential future additions to our running stock may look like the ONR 701 and a CPR Hudson 2800 series. These engines are only in the planning stages at this point.

The Lucy Dalton.



Starting in June, Gord Edwards is planning to create a schedule with 8 volunteers per daytime shifts and 6 volunteers for the night shift and 8 to 10 shift. This will accommodate the extra jobs created with the opening of the new carousel.

Two fund-raising days are scheduled for the season with the Shriners and Rotary Clubs sharing proceeds from June 11 and the Gathering Place receiving monies from September 10th.

A Security report from Doug Arthur reminds us that Police Checks mandatory for all volunteers. Police Checks must be updated every four years and notices have been sent out to all volunteers whose checks are due. Costs for this procedure are incurred by the Company.

Howe Saunders' Financial Report stated that business outlook is good with money coming in during the off-season from adoptions, Carousel books and ticket sales made during the Christmas season.

See you Mother's Day Weekend ... for the start of another great season!!

Awaiting the Wonderland.

Winter Wonderland Animals.

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

Coming Soon

- * Lynx
- * Calf Moose

HERITAGE NORTH BAY.

Growing Together.



The Volunteers.

Our volunteers are the best of the best ... and we are so proud of all the work that has been accomplished over the years. The volunteers are the lifeblood of this organization and we hope you all know how much we appreciate your hard work.

This winter I put out the call for some very unusual positions and you always came through ... so an added thank you to the

zamboni drivers, window washers, chocolate bar counters, frame sanders and painters, carousel builders, haulers and carriers, mechanics and mascots of one type or other.

The volunteers of Heritage North Bay are outstanding Ambassadors for our organization and for this community and I have learned so much from all of you in terms of promoting community spirit, being a truly giving human being and believing in things that once seemed impossible. Working together we can do anything ... everyday we are making this a better place to live ... and I thank you for letting me be a part of it ...

Gail

WOW Workshops

A special Thank You also goes out to all the volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to come in and take part in our WoW workshops this past winter. We were able to gather many great ideas, stories and suggestions that will assist us in the plans for the Waterfront development project in the future.

We hope that we were able to provide some insight into where we working on in the upcoming months and bolster enthusiasm for the coming season.

Upcoming Events...

Saturday, April 30th 9am - 12 noon - Waterfront Clean-Up Blitz

May 6th (Mother's Day weekend) -- Heritage Railway & Carousel Opening - weekends until June

May 8th - 11th - "the Changing Point" Conference with Ian Hill

Mid May - North Bay Area Museum Moves *Preview Season Opens at the former CPR Station location*

May 16th - Aug 3rd - Sitting Pretty and the Bayeux exhibit *at the former CPR Station location*

June 22 - Heritage Gardeners - Thank You cruise on the Chief Commanda II courtesy of the Georgian Bay Boat Co.

Please note that we are attempting to collect as many 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.

Joining Heritage North Bay

- * Become part of a growing team
- * Learn new skills
- * Meet new people
- * Enjoy the outdoors
- * Earn volunteer hours

Volunteer Hours.

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

Total = 20 597

THANK YOU ALL FOR HELPING IN SO MANY WAYS!!!

Any Inquiries Please Contact

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