

Nunavut Heritage Network Newsletter

Facilitating a collective support network towards building capacity through promotion, education, and preservation of Nunavut's heritage

WEEK OF JUNE 1, 2009

Unikkaarvik Visitors Center has a visit from Canadian Museum of Nature (CMN) Conservators

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During the week of May 25th, 2009, three conservators from the CMN were in Iqaluit working on the displays at the Unikkaarvik Visitors Center.

Unikkaarvik had a one-time opportunity to receive some extra funding from their parent (Nunavut Tourism) to fix some of the biggest issues in their displays, primarily dealing with animal skins (taxidermy). Through the Canadian Conservation Institute, they were directed to the CMN and Alan McDonald, Luci Ciperia and Kieran Shepherd.

The work they did was general cleaning and maintenance as well as touch-ups to parts of the skins that had faded and/or were cracking (ex. black parts of animals around eyes, nose and mouth). The biggest job was the walrus whose skin was cracked and ripped, has a broken tusk and was missing all its whiskers. As well they worked on a seal, polar bear, muskox and skin drum from the large sculpture at the centers entrance. They also did a general cleaning of displays, clothing and hanging textiles. All the work they did will be documented in a thorough report along with reasonable recommendations such as facility maintenance and minor repairs / upgrades that will lend stability to the displays.

Thank you to the CMN again for their wonderful support of Nunavut heritage workers and our cultural heritage!

Left Image: Conservators from the Canadian Museum of Nature at the Unikkaarvik Visitors Center in Iqaluit: Kieran, Luci and Alan.

Right Image: A sad but soon to be happy walrus, mid-treatment.



NUNAVUT HERITAGE SECTOR STRATEGY – 5 YEAR REVIEW

Inuit Heritage Trust is leading a 5-year review of sectoral challenges and collective strategic plan

In 2004-05, IHT began the process of bringing together the heritage stakeholders across Nunavut in ways that hadn't been done before. This project consisted of stakeholders filling out a survey followed by a face-to-face meeting in Iqaluit in Jan. 25-27, 2005. This meeting was the beginning of directions set that would benefit the whole sector, especially in the areas of training.

Now, in 2009, it is time to review this initial plan to see if the challenges are the same, to gauge how as a sector we've moved forward and to re-prioritize our goals and set out how we'd like to achieve them. This project is being done by Aarluk Consulting on behalf of IHT. It will consist of another survey followed by analysis of responses and the issuing of another report.

IHT would like to thank everyone in advance for your cooperation and quick responses in filling out the survey that will be sent out to you within the month. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ericka at 867 979-0731 or echemko@iht.ca.

HERITAGE CLASSIFIEDS

2009 Winnipeg Aboriginal Film Festival - Deadline June 19

The 8th Annual Winnipeg Aboriginal Film Festival (WAFF) invites artists to submit their work to one of North America's longest-running indigenous film and video festivals, happening this November 18-22, 2009. Submissions are now being accepted in 7 categories. WAFF pays screening fees to artists and there is no submission fee for entries received on or before the June 19 deadline (with a \$25 late fee applying thereafter).

For complete rules and entry forms, go to <http://www.aboriginalfilmfest.org> or email info@aboriginalfilmfest.org

Traveling Exhibit Opportunity

Traveling Photographic Exhibit 'Robert J. Flaherty's Northern Focus: Photographs of Canada's Arctic Peoples 1910-1914' by the Thunder Bay Museum. 600-1200 sq. ft. required; bilingual panels; inquire about free shipping offer; Inquiries call Christie Parry 1-807-623-0801; Flaherty@thunderbaymuseum.com; www.thunderbaymuseum.com

Project Nunavut - Qanuilingaliqita: How are we doing?

<http://mapcommunications.posterous.com/project-nunavut>

MAP ...MAP Communications is part of a team conducting the research and public consultation needed for a comprehensive review of the Government of Nunavut's strengths and weaknesses. The project will include podcasts, facebook, twitter, and community consultations. MAP is excited about seeing even more overnight sunshine this summer. Stay tuned for more updates.

HERITAGE CLASSIFIEDS CONT...

Dressed Ringed Sealskins for Nunavummiut

www.sealingnunavut.ca, www.furharvesters.com

For over 10 years, Nunavut has been sending its surplus ringed sealskins to Fur Harvesters Auction Inc. (FHA) in North Bay. They are proud to announce that dressed ringed sealskins are available through FHA as a service to Nunavummiut who need finished skins to make garments, accessories and crafts. This service is only available to Nunavut producers (no retailers) so costs can be kept at the lowest possible level (cost of sealskin and preparation + 10%). The Government of Nunavut covers the shipping charges. Prices are \$110 for a large (6'-7') and \$90 for a medium (4'-5'). To order contact FHA, foha@furharvesters.com, (f) 705-495-3099 (t) 705-495-4688.

Circumpolar Young Leaders Program

<http://www.iisd.org/interns/arctic>

The International Institute for Sustainable Development is currently recruiting northern Canadian youth to take part in a six-month internship program. Placements are with leading organizations working on northern issues in other circumpolar countries and in southern Canada.

As a Circumpolar Young Leader, you will have the opportunity to: live and work in another circumpolar country and/or live and work in southern Canada; gain leadership skills; develop valuable relationships with other young northern Canadians; grow personally and professionally; and contribute meaningfully to a more sustainable and equitable future in the North.

To be eligible, you must: be a northern Canadian citizen or landed immigrant (originally from, or living in, the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Yukon, or northern Quebec and Labrador); be 19-30 years of age (exceptions may apply); have demonstrated interest or experience in circumpolar issues; be computer literate, including word processing, e-mail skills and experience in using the World Wide Web for research and information delivery; have excellent oral and written communication skills in English; be able to live and work in multicultural environments; and be flexible and adaptable.

Applications will be accepted until June 22, 2009, or until placements are filled. Placements will start in September. For more information contact intern-info@iisd.ca.

Resource – Children and Interactives (London Regional Children's Museum)

IHT worked with Kirsti Cheese a couple years ago to locate some resources about the arctic for their children's gallery. She has made the kind offer (to Nunavut heritage stakeholders) to help out with children's programming and help with thoughts about children's interactive. If anyone is working on child-specific programming and would like some feedback or help, please feel free to contact her.

Kirsti Cheese, Exhibits & Collections Manager, London Regional Children's Museum
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www.londonchildrensmuseum.ca, Play Together. Learn Together.

LINKS

PBS Television Series – U.S.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/weshallremain/>

At the heart of the project is a five-part television series that shows how Native peoples valiantly resisted expulsion from their lands and fought the extinction of their culture -- from the Wampanoags of New England in the 1600s who used their alliance with the English to weaken rival tribes, to the bold new leaders of the 1970s who harnessed the momentum of the civil rights movement to forge a pan-Indian identity. We Shall Remain represents an unprecedented collaboration between Native and non-Native filmmakers and involves Native advisors and scholars at all levels of the project.

CHIN – Membership Services

We are refreshing our sites – take this opportunity to do the same! You are invited to update your institution's profile by going to the [Members' Corner](#). It's a simple and effective way to make your institution known and to promote your activities. If you need assistance in this process, please contact our Help Desk (service@chin.gc.ca).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

If your organization has any events coming up that you'd like to advertise (ex. openings, launches, programs, special events, meetings), please let me know and I will put it in this space.

CHRC (PATAAC Meeting) – Ottawa

June 18th