

## Celebration of provincial heritage at Village Historique Acadien



FREDERICTON - The annual New Brunswick Heritage Fairs Provincial Showcase will be officially launched on Sunday, June 27, at the Village Historique Acadien. Wellness, Culture and Sport Minister Hédard Albert made the announcement today.

"I am pleased to see how many schools and students presented their projects for the heritage fairs in our schools," said Albert. "This event brings together the best projects among the students from our province. This is a great way to promote heritage and culture in our youth's lives."

During the weekend of June 25-27, 17 students and their families will gather on the Acadian Peninsula for a three-day heritage camp, highlighted by activities at the Village Historique Acadien; camping at Club Plein Air in Caraquet; and the opening of the showcase at 11 a.m. on the Sunday, June 27.

"The choice of the Village Historique Acadien to hold such an event is a source of great pride and also meets the mandate of our historical site - to promote culture and heritage," said Clarence LeBreton, general manager, Village Historique Acadien, and assistant deputy minister of tourism and parks. "We are also pleased that Lt.-Gov. Graydon Nicholas will be present."

Nicholas is the honorary patron for heritage fairs in New Brunswick.

Out of 130 school fairs throughout the province this past winter and spring, regional fairs were held in each school district during April and May. As a result, the following students have been selected to represent their districts at the showcase:

- Xavier Cole, Fredericton - Les lieux historiques
- Caden O'Brien, Moncton - Maple Syrup
- Émélie Gagnon, Grand Falls - L'histoire des écoles francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick
- Phillip Doucet, Beresford - L'industrie forestrière
- Elizabeth Trecartin, Quispamsis - Nouveau-Brunswick vers la confédération canadienne
- Jennifer Sheehan, Saint John - For Peace and Freedom: Remembering Great Uncle Joe
- Jocelyn Robichaud, Neguac - La foresterie
- Jonathan Harrison, St. Andrews - Home Children
- Mélanie Bourque, Bas Cap-Pelé - Ma généalogie
- Meghan Blanchard and Mariah Sewell, Grafton and Jacksonville - La petite école

- Dominic Laviolette, Bathurst - Al Hébert - The Voice of Bathurst for Over 50 Years
- Natasha Daigle and Vanessa Steinmann, Adamsville and Saint-Louis-de-Kent - La culture acadienne
- Grace Blechschmidt, Rusagonis - Le camp d'internement de Minto
- Zachery Storey, Doaktown - Russell & Swim, 1922-1981
- Jordan Grondin, Beaverbrook - Richard Bennett: New Brunswick's Native-born Prime Minister of Canada

All projects will be on exhibit at the Village Historique Acadien from Monday, June 21, to Saturday, July 24.

"I invite the people of New Brunswick to visit the exhibition at the Village Historique Acadien and to discover the many talents of our students," Albert said. "I also congratulate the parents, teachers, sponsors, and many volunteers who each year are involved in the Heritage Fair Program and are responsible for its success."

New Brunswick's Heritage Fairs Program is a provincial initiative of Heritage Branch of the Department of Wellness, Culture and Sport. Support is also provided from the departments of Education and Intergovernmental Affairs, the New Brunswick Museum, the Advisory Council on the Status of Women, the Council of Archives New Brunswick, the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages, the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame, the New Brunswick Labour History Project, the Provincial Capital Commission, and the Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat. National support is provided by The McCain Foundation and Canada's National History Society.

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