



## President's Report to Members May 15, 2014 for Year ended March 31, 2014.

Activities of 2013/14 were focussed primarily on preparations for the 2014 Rockwell Kent Centennial Commemoration in partnership with The Rooms Provincial Art Gallery. A Kent Centennial Committee comprised of Milly Brown (chair), Caroline Stone (representing The Rooms), Landfall directors Marcia Spence, Elizabeth Bourgeois and Sue Crichton has been working diligently over the past two years in planning a broad range of exciting events for the summer of 2014 to mark this most significant event in Landfall's history. On March 1, we welcomed Jacquy Ryan to the team in an executive support role.



Artist Jennifer Young absorbs the inspirations of Landfall.

These events are being organised, not only to commemorate the remarkable contribution of Rockwell Kent and his art and writings to Newfoundland's cultural heritage, but also to raise the profile of Kent Cottage at Landfall generally and to serve as a catalyst in generating financial support for Landfall's long term preservation and conservation. We are most appreciative of the support of key sponsors to date and to all those who have taken advertising space in the Rockwell Kent Centennial Showcase Booklet to be released shortly.

In the preparations for this Centennial Commemoration, it became apparent at an early stage that a "corporate identity" would be central to promoting the events. Vis-à-vis Graphics was retained for this task and created the distinctive logo which now adorns all our publicity material. Vis-à-vis was subsequently engaged to produce a promotional booklet used in the solicitation of Centennial event sponsors and for the production of the Showcase Booklet itself.

While Centennial preparations progressed, Landfall continued with its regular programming for the season, consisting of:

- Open House on May 19, 2013 with approximately 90 visitors,
- A knitting workshop on Thursday, June 20. Milly Brown, Landfall's program director reported, "We had a wonderful "Knit-Along" at Landfall. Eleven participants, with Shirley Scott as instructor, and me as the kitchen skivvy and extra participant had a great time knitting, eating, laughing and smelling the lilacs. Landfall is \$550 richer, and everyone seemed well-pleased."
- The Rooms artist-in-residence Michael McCormack of Nova Scotia, from June 25 to July 13. Michael held a workshop at Landfall for children from Brigus Summer Recreational Program on Thursday, July 4.
- "Installation", a public event and artist's talk with Michael McCormack at St. George's and The Tunnel – a unique display of art with sound and illumination. Thanks to Landfall director Dennis Flynn for his captivating photography and subsequent article in the Downhome Magazine.
- Our annual participation in the Brigus Blueberry Festival, August 10 and 11, at which we sold tickets on the framed Gerald Squires print, *Kent Cottage at Landfall* realizing \$745.00.
- Writer-in-residence, provincially acclaimed writer and actor Berni Stapleton, from September 14 to 27,
- Open House on Sunday, September 29 in association with Culture Days Canada.



Michael McCormack, Artist-in-Residence, delivers childrens' workshop at Landfall

Successful programming at Landfall is dependent upon a well maintained and functional facility. The facts that Landfall is “off utility” and that Kent Cottage is over 200 years old provide a set of unique challenges. A battery failure at a critical time during the past season reminded us of how vigilant we need to be. A power outage, whatever the cause, cannot be blamed on the local utility provider. We were fortunate that repair technicians were able to get to Landfall within a couple of days to install replacements.



Winter road damage – an annual maintenance challenge!

On an operational basis throughout the season we need to continuously monitor levels for propane and heating fuel, battery charging from the solar panels, and the operation of our appliances. After nine years since installation, some of these appliances, while having served us well, may soon need replacement. After two seasons of inactivity, the Landfall golf cart, used around the property as a utility vehicle, was transported to Torbay and back for repairs and hopefully will be fully functional for the 2014 season. Among other maintenance and preservation issues still needing attention are:

- Repairs to the roof and eaves on the East side of the bathroom,
- Rock wall and ground repairs in the vicinity of the former Fowler property.

In 2013 we completed all the legal steps towards creating the *Bradley J. Folensbee Jr. Landfall Legacy Endowment*. We are most appreciative of the support of the executors of Jake’s estate, Bob and Norman Frampton, for their supportive role throughout this process. Through their generous financial commitment, the Endowment has been established to assist the Trust to:

- Perpetually maintain the Landfall property and conserve its Kent Cottage as a Provincial Heritage Structure, and
- Avail the facilities to individuals and organisations thereby continuing charitable opportunities to practice and study the arts and humanities complimenting and benefiting provincial cultural heritage.

The Endowment Committee has been established comprised of Tony Dearness as Vice-President Finance and Andrew Crichton as another member of the Board. A third member, who shall be a qualified lawyer, accountant or investment advisor, is yet to be selected. I wish also to acknowledge the assistance of Kevin Sullivan of KPMG and Aubrey Bonnell of Curtis Dawe Lawyers in guiding us through this process.

Once again during the past year we were most appreciative of the commitment of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador with their operational support grant of \$1,600 through the Cultural Economic Development Program (CEDP).

As I now relinquish the office of President, I wish to express my personal thanks to all members of the Board for their dedication and commitment, and to Ray Kennedy and Lorraine Whelan for “keeping the home fires burning”. It has been a pleasure and privilege to work with each and every one of you. All together, we have made a great team and I look forward to continuing my association as Past President.

Respectively submitted  
Andrew Crichton  
President, 2013/14

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