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NATIONAL TRUST HOSTS INAUGURAL ANNUAL HERITAGE GALA

“Such an elegant, intimate affair,” is how one enthusiastic member described the National Trust Heritage Gala that was hosted by the Governor General on August 11th, on the picturesque grounds of Government House.



The Governor General chats with Trust E.D. Ryllis and President Schneidman Warner

Guests dressed in ‘heritage wear’ mingled on the front lawn, sipping locally made wine and listening to the strains of string band music.

They feasted on traditionally-inspired fare, viewed special video presentations about the work of the Trust, and were entertained by the dynamic Huggins Masquerade Troupe and the Jingle Bells String Band.



An art auction later in the evening caused quite a buzz as works by local artists Joan Mallalieu, Tom Jones and Vaughn Anslyn were put on the block. The auction raised several thousand dollars toward the Trust’s Heritage Appeal.

“Our Heritage Appeal gala was our way of saying thank you to the

many individuals and firms who had made a financial contribution to our Appeal Fund,” Executive Director Ryllis Percival stated.



“The work of the Trust depends on the financial support of our members and we cannot do it without the funds,” she said, going on to thank the members of the volunteer committee, led by Mrs. Laverne Caines who planned the event and worked hard to make the evening a success.

The Heritage Gala has now been placed on the National Trust’s



TRUST PRESIDENT CALLS FOR CHRISTENA EXHIBIT

The President of the National Trust Schneidman Warner has expressed his support for the mounting of an exhibit about the sinking of the MV Christena.

“It’s a story that needs to be told and unfortunately it is not yet part of our curriculum and it’s almost 50 years old,” Mr. Warner remarked during a press conference at the Museum on August 1st, the anniversary of Christena disaster.

Mr. Warner acknowledged the anniversary and remarked that it was a pivotal event in the country’s

history.

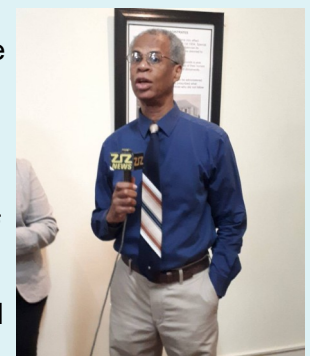
“The sinking of the Christena on August 1st 1970 is a very important day in our history, because the over 200 people who died on that day represent the largest single loss of life on a single day in the history of this country,” he said.



The MV Christena was a government-owned ferry that plied the channel between St. Kitts and Nevis for some 11 years. The vessel regularly travelled at well over its capacity of 155 passengers.

On that fateful day in 1970, the Christena went down off St. Kitts’ Nag’s Head on the day’s final run to Nevis. There were 320 people onboard. Ninety one survived.

“I trust that one of these days the National Trust will be able to mount an exhibition of the Christena disaster and [how] it affected us,” Mr. Warner stated.



Trust President S. Warner speaks to the press

While there is a monument along Charlestown’s Bay Front listing the names of those who perished, a monument has never been mounted in St. Kitts to memorialize the event or those who lost their lives.

WE'RE ON THE AIR!



**Executive Director on the air
hosting 'Heritage Voices'**

The National Trust has been invited to host the popular Voices Radio Programme on WINN FM, every Tuesday. Dubbed 'Heritage Tuesday,' the Trust has been on the air since June 26th (2018), with our E.D, Ryllis Percival ably serving as the primary host.

The show focuses largely on the work of the Trust as well as leading

discussions on a number of heritage issues, including the importance of conservation and volunteerism.

Members are encouraged to join the programme by listening and calling in. We also welcome suggestions for future topics of conversation related to our work, mission and mandate. We look forward to your participation and hearing from you. You can contact us at admin@stchristophernationaltrust.kn.

Heritage Voices airs Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at 98.9 FM or you can view the live stream at www.winnfm.com

BECOME A MEMBER!



Your membership fee helps fund a number of efforts such as:

- The renovation of the National Museum
- Mounting of special exhibitions
- Research and documentation of our heritage and history
- Our Education and public relations initiatives

Become a Member today!
Annual individual membership is just \$50.00 XCD

Membership also includes:
Discounts in our Museum Gift Shop
Free Admission to the National Museum
Free Access to our Documentation Centre
Discounts on Members Activities & Events

For a form or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to visit our offices on the Bay Road or call (869) 465-5584 or 662-5548

OUR ANNUAL HERITAGE APPEAL CONTINUES

The St. Christopher National Trust launched its Annual Heritage Fundraising Appeal earlier this year as a means of raising much-needed funds towards the work of the organization. Our goal for 2018 is \$500,000.

With your generous contribution to our Appeal, you will make it possible for the Trust to achieve its Mission which is **"To preserve and promote the natural, cultural and historical landscape of St. Kitts and to build interest and stimulate minds through the development and preservation of our heritage while educating our people to transform communities."**

Your financial contribution will allow the Trust to function at its optimal level. It will also ensure that the organization continues to protect, preserve and restore many of our built heritage and monuments to their original beauty while creating opportunities for re-use of the spaces that would bring economic benefits to our citizens and residents.

When you partner with the St. Christopher National Trust you will not only be contributing to the work of the Trust, but you will also be investing in the future of St. Kitts by enhancing our tourism product to be more focused on our history and heritage.

**Our success depends on YOU!
Your gift can change the future**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our 2018 AGM will be held in October 2018. Any member wishing to be considered for a position on the Board is most welcome and is encouraged to do so by contacting the Executive Director or emailing schs@sisterisles.kn to make their application.

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