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HISTORY AND HERITAGE MONTH HAILED A SUCCESS

History and Heritage activities have been a great success, says General Manager of the Brimstone Hill Fortress Percival Hanley.

Brimstone Hill spearheads the annual events with the support of the Nevis Historical and



**Brimstone Hill GM
Percival Hanley**

Conservation Society and the St. Christopher National Trust. "It's been going successfully... we are grateful to the public for their response and look forward to their continued

support for the remaining events," General Mr. Hanley said, as February drew to a close.

In February and March, History and Heritage activities dominated our attention. Traditionally observed in February, History and Heritage activities this year spilled over into March.

The Month was officially declared open on February 1st by Minister of Culture and Deputy Prime Minister

Shawn Richards at an intimate ceremony at Matheson House, home of the Brimstone Hill Society offices.

Committee members attended church services in both St. Kitts and Nevis, worshipping at the Seventh Day Adventist church in Sandy Point and at the Charlestown Methodist Church.

February also saw the staging of the popular Heritage Trail organized by the St. Christopher National Trust. This year the trail went through the recently-cleared, historic Charles Fort to the Brimstone Hill Lime Kiln. Several dozen trekkers participated.

The UWI Open Campus hosted a lecture on Statehood by Queens Council Charles Wilkin CMG.

The QC took an eye opening, no-hold barred look at where St. Kitts and Nevis has come as a nation in 50 years of self-governance, and he fielded a



**Charles Wilkin QC,
CMG (left) and
Governor General
Sir Tapley Seaton
GCMG, CVO, QC, JP**

number of probing questions from attendees afterward.

A Cultural Fair organized by the CFB College's History Club, was held on Friday 24th, the same day that the Nevis

Historical and Conservation Society promoted its Heritage Wear Day.

The seniors were not left out of the activities. Dozens enjoyed an afternoon social of singing, poetry and storytelling, on the grounds of Matheson House.

This year saw the addition to the calendar of activities, a High School Writing Exercise focusing on the importance of history and heritage. The top essayists in the two age categories were Abigail O'Flaherty in the 1st&2nd Form Category and Shuauna Joseph in the 3rd&4th Form Category.

Meantime, the Seventh Day Adventist Primary School team emerged winner of the 11th annual "Know Your County" History

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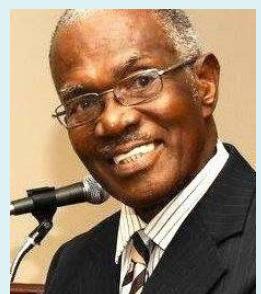


Cultural Fair display

ST. KITTS AND NEVIS LOSES AN ICON

It was with the deepest sadness that we learned of the passing of Sir Probyn Inniss MBE. A distinguished former public servant, former governor, a lawyer, author, educator and historian, Sir Probyn was a friend and ardent supporter of the work of the National Trust. As President of the Brimstone Hill National Park Society, Sir Probyn was the founder of History and Heritage Week (Month). He was a fervent advocate of historic conversation and a man committed to recording the history of this country.

The St. Christopher National Trust's Board and Staff extend deepest condolences to Lady Inniss and the entire Inniss family. May his soul Rest in Peace.



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and Heritage Month Primary Schools Quiz.

The National Archives and the St. Christopher National Trust opened an Exhibition on Statehood at the National Museum in Basseterre on the 50th anniversary, February 27th. The Exhibit is open until the end of March.

On March 11th, the much anticipated 'Stepping Stones' theatre arts production did not disappoint.

Hosted at the ECCB auditorium, it recounted the tale of a high school student doing research on Statehood, and followed her discoveries in vignettes of drama, song and dance.

A panel discussion was also held on the 11th, on the legacy of Statehood with panelists Richard Caines, Stanley Franks and Spencer Howell.

History and Heritage Activities culminate with the CFBC History Club's now iconic Roots and Culture Pageant on March 25th.

WE NEED YOU!!!

Can you spare two hours or more during the week, on Saturdays or even just once-in-a-while? Then we need you!

We need volunteers in the Museum, the Documentation Centre, the Gift Shop, the office and at fund-raising events.

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STATEHOOD EXHIBIT OPENS

On the 50th anniversary of Statehood on Monday (February 27, 2017) the St. Christopher National Trust and the National Archives opened an Exhibition marking the milestone.

The Trust was honoured to have His Excellency the Governor General Sir S.W. Tapley Seaton, GCMG, CVO, QC, JP officially declare the exhibition open.

The Exhibition was mounted as part of History and Heritage Month which is being hosted under the same theme, "Statehood: A Milestone to Freedom." It includes original documents, photographs and other memorabilia from the period.

The exhibit is mounted in the National Museum's Independence Room which is open to the public Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**THANK YOU!!!**

The St. Christopher National Trust would like to extend a hearty thank you to the companies and individuals who supported our Heritage Trail Fundraiser: Amory Enterprises, Fraites Bakery, Rams Trading, OB Brisbane, Island Purified Water Coury's Wholesale.

Also very special thank you to Mr. Thenford Grey who provided us with a coaster bus and driver to transport our intrepid hikers to and from Brimstone Hill. We also have to give a big shout out to the good folks from SKNVibes Inc for sharing our poster on their website to promote the event!



Our sincerest thanks to Percy Hanley and Kate Orchard for being our guides...and thank you to our hikers for coming out so early in the morning and for being so engaged. You're the best! We had a great turnout this year and look forward to having you join us again on our next adventure!

BECOME A MEMBER

Help support the work and upkeep of the National Trust by becoming a Member.



Members get: To support the work of the Trust, free admission to the museum and use of our Research and Documentation Centre, our quarterly newsletter, discounts in the Gift Shop, special member rates for all our events and for a limited time only...a St. Christopher National Trust pen!

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