

Age of Sail 20th Anniversary Celebration



The Elastic Big Band entertained the 100+ guests with a range of swing music at the Age of Sail 20th Anniversary celebrations on August 2nd. (Submitted)

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On August 2, the Age of Sail celebrated 20 years as a tourist attraction in Port Greville. The day dawned slightly overcast but the weather cooperated as over 110 guests came to the center to celebrate the community and museum.

Friends old and new enjoyed music by the Elastic Big band, a live blacksmithing display and a generous reception put on by President Ohra Colins. Guest speakers spoke about the early beginnings of

the museum and the path it has taken to become the destination it now is. Speakers included MLA Jamie Baillie, county Warden Keith Hunter, Councillor Don Fletcher and Association of Nova Scotia Museum Director Anita Price.

Also speaking were some important voices from the past former MP Bill Casey, former Councillor and honorary board member Ruth Allen and Ann Rankin. Letters from the original architects as well as MP Scott Armstrong and the Tony Ince, Minister of



Blacksmiths Michael Tennyson and Mel Musgrave demonstrate at the on-site blacksmith shop at the Age of Sail Museum during 20th anniversary celebrations. They will return Aug 30 for another demonstration. (Submitted)



Special guests at the 20th Anniversary celebrations at Age of Sail Museum included Paul Roberts and Charlene Delouchery Roberts in mid 18th century costume. (Submitted)

enjoying sampling the fresh fruit more than the "hands on" approach to harvesting.

They continued experiencing the wild blueberry harvest first hand, with stops at a receiving shed and wild blueberry fields in Earltown and Londonderry. The following day the group was headed to the wild blueberry capital of Canada, for a tour Oxford Frozen Foods blueberry processing plant.

Included in the delegation was Mrs. Bing Wu, a TV anchor for a daily cooking show, and her executive producer Mr. Xiaokang, who were interested in learning how wild blueberries are used in cooking and Ms. Tao Yang, Editorial Director of China's #1 cooking magazine, with 1.5 Million subscribers.

The last week of August a group from Germany were expected to arrive in Debert and follow a similar tour of wild blueberry harvesting in the area.

Wild Blueberries are exported to over 30 countries world wide.

Chinese Journalists visit Debert



Chinese journalists visited the Wild Blueberry Producers of Nova Scotia office in Debert on August 21st. Left to right-Ni Xiaokang, WBPANS Executive Director- Peter Rideout, Jing Cesareone, Executive Director of WBANA-Neri Vautour, Bing Wu, Tao Yang, David Wang.

A Chinese delegation of journalists were touring Nova Scotia August 21st and 22nd, beginning with a stop at the Wild Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia (WBPANS) office in Debert.

WBPANS Executive Director Peter Rideout and Neri Vautour, Executive Director of the Wild Blueberry Association of North America (WBANA), wel-



Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture Research Assistant, Scott Veitch explains the use of experimental weather stations to a group of journalists visiting from China.

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President Ohra Colins, curator Oralee O'Byrne and volunteer and board member Jeff O'Byrne prepare to greet the guests in the multi-purpose room of the museums Wind and Wave building. (Submitted)



On August 2nd Jeff O'Byrne stood guard as a early 19th century British sailor during 20th Anniversary festivities. (Submitted)

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