

Cupids400 Inc. supports Winterton's Indeavour Story Exhibit

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Representatives of Cupids 400 Inc. were in Winterton last Monday, July 6, to help launch a new project.

The Indeavour Story Exhibit is a cultural tourism project to be housed in the Wooden Boat Museum in that Trinity South town.

Named after John Guy's ship, *The Indeavour*, the project is designed to preserve and

promote the art of traditional boat building in the province.

Roy Dawe, chair of Cupids400 Inc., announced the first of Cupids400 Inc.'s cultural projects for the 2010 Celebrations in Winterton. Dawe said he is "excited to partner with the Town of Winterton to build a legacy project that will impact this region long after the 2010 Celebrations are done."

Jerome Canning of Merasheen, who will be running the boat building workshops at the Wooden Boat Museum, says he's excited as well to work with the old, preserved fishing boats and looks forward to replicating a Gunning Boat.

"It's my first time being exposed to such an older boat," Canning says.

Frank French, chair of Winterton's Wooden Boat Museum says Canning will be at the museum five days a week, with special demonstrations every Friday, as well as teaching a boat building course on Saturdays for those who want to learn how to build a boat from start to finish.

Mike Buist, Cupids400 Inc. event manager, was also at the Winterton event, along with Avalon MP, Scott Andrews, and Clar Barnes, a devoted Cupids resident who plays John Guy for special events.

Speaking on behalf of Clyde Jackman, minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, area MHA and Environment Minister, Charlene Johnson said government, through the Department of Tourism, is investing \$10,000 in the Indeavour Story Exhibit project.

Johnson reminded attendees Premier Danny Williams announced an additional \$1.8 million last month to help fund the construction of the Cupids Legacy Centre to assist the

anniversary celebrations.

"This funding is in addition to just over \$2 million the province has already committed," says Johnson, adding, "This brings government's investment in this world-class facility and the Cupids400 celebrations to over \$3.8 million."

"This is a golden opportunity to capitalize on a major milestone in our history and to use it to build a better awareness of our history and culture — as well as a brighter economic future for this region and province as a whole."

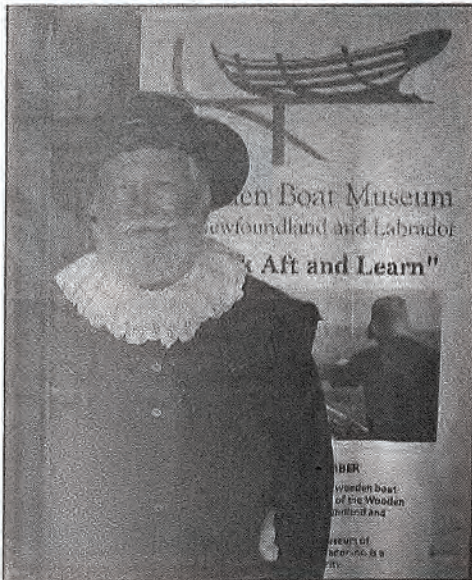
Johnson says she has no doubt Winterton's experiential boatbuilding exhibit will enhance activities around the Cupids400 Inc. Celebrations and "remain an important, long-term attraction to this area for many years to come."

The Winterton project is the first of several throughout the Northern Avalon region to be approved under the Cupids400 Inc. Cultural Programming Initiative. Approximately 30 projects from various towns, cultural groups and organizations throughout the region will receive financial support from Cupids400 Inc., as a part of the 2010 Celebrations' line-up.

"If we do it right, we may have events throughout the full year, 2010," adds Roy Dawe.

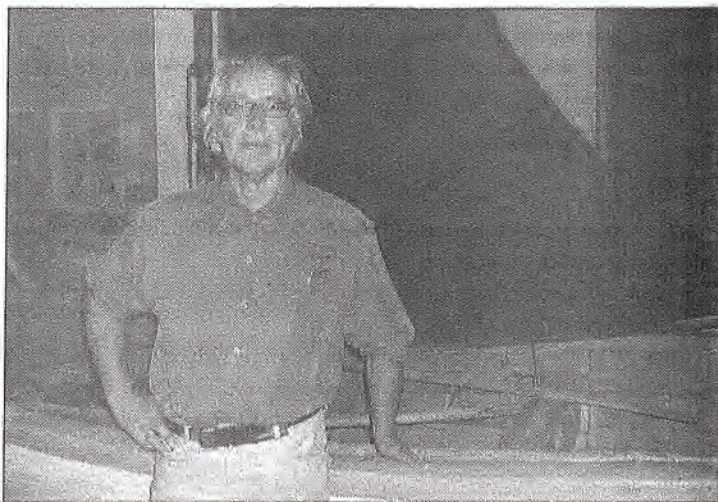
Other partners in the Indeavour Story Exhibit include the Wooden Boat Museum of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Winterton Heritage Advisory Board, the Baccalieu Trail Heritage Corporation, Canadian Heritage, as well as the provincial Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation.

The 2010 Celebrations will commemorate the establishment of the first English colony in Canada. John Guy of Bristol, England, along with 38 other colonists, arrived at Cuppers Cove in 1610 to establish the colony.



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DEDICATION - Clar Barnes of Cupids, was at Winterton's Wooden Boat Museum last Monday, July 6, for an announcement regarding financial support for the Indeavour Story Exhibit. Barnes has been portraying John Guy at special events for about a decade.



INSTRUCTOR - Jerome Canning of Merasheen, Placentia Bay, is the boat building instructor in charge of building a replica of John Guy's *Indeavour*, as part of the *Indeavour* Story Exhibit at the Wooden Boat Museum in Winterton.



FUNDING - Charlene Johnson, minister of Environment and Conservation, was at the Cupids400 Inc. financial support announcement at Winterton's Wooden Boat Museum, on behalf of Clyde Jackman, minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation. Johnson said government is currently investing \$3.8 million in Cupid400 Inc.