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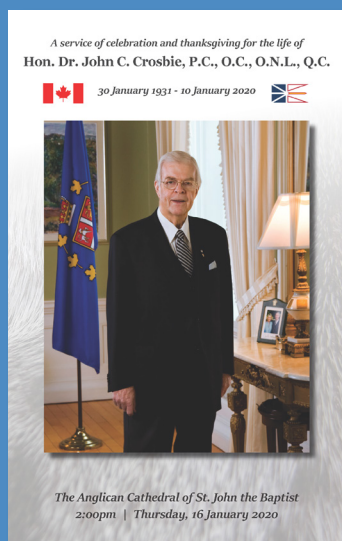
ACTIVITY REPORT 2019-20

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Front Cover:

The flags on the grounds of Government House were flown half-mast in recognition of the passing of former Lieutenant Governor The Honourable John C. Crosbie who was laid to rest January 16th, 2020. Mr. Crosbie served as Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador 2008-2013.



Back Cover:

Among the many groups to tour Government House this past year was ExxonMobil Women's Interest Network. The group enjoyed taking a selfie with Her Honour on the patio of Government House.



A MESSAGE FROM HER HONOUR THE HONOURABLE JUDY M. FOOTE, P.C., O.N.L.



The second annual report from Government House is another opportunity for me to share with you what I have done this past year on behalf of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador as the Lieutenant Governor, and the Queen's Representative, in the province. While 2019-20 began similar to my first year in office as Lieutenant Governor, fulfilling the constitutional responsibilities of the role, engaging with Newfoundlanders and Labradorians throughout the province, as well as using the power to convene to highlight issues of importance to the province and its people, the way of doing things as usual came to an abrupt end with the news of COVID-19. The world became a different place as everyone grappled with the knowledge that



a pandemic was on our doorstep and the priority became responding in a way that ensured, as much as it was possible to do so, the ability to remain safe from the coronavirus.

We have been living in unprecedented times and, as I write this message, we remain so as we try to return to some sort of normalcy while still striving to remain safe. I am so appreciative of those on the front lines. Essential workers did, and continue to do, whatever was required to ensure essential



services were delivered. One of the first acts I did as Lieutenant Governor was to acknowledge 40 categories of essential workers with a series of social media posts, each one reaching from 35,000 to 55,000 people. Letters of thanks and encouragement were sent from Government House which was, and remains, lit yellow every Sunday evening as a show of support, and appreciation, on behalf of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The heroic efforts of all front line workers during the #COVID19 pandemic deserve recognition and our sincere appreciation.

Today
we acknowledge & thank our
Nurses



We must do our part to help by staying home, washing our hands well and often, and practicing physical distancing.
Working together, we will get through this together.
#StaySafeStayHome to help #FlattenTheCurve

Government House Newfoundland & Labrador
COVID-19 Community Outreach Program



Government House Chef Jerome Smart prepared meals twice a week for the past two months during COVID-19 for participants of Stella's Circle.

Stella's Circle employee, Daphne Loveless, picked up the last gift of food today - chicken soup and beef stir fry.

The guidelines issued by the health care officials in the province required the cancellation of all activities at Government House. A usually very busy place, as you will see from this annual report, everything came to a standstill and thoughts turned to how we could be helpful and productive during this pandemic while following the health care guidelines. A Community Outreach Program was initiated that included partnering with Stella's Circle, a non-profit community organization that provides support services and housing for youth and adults. We provided 200 meals a week for participants of Stella's Circle programs.



Another initiative supported by Government House was Project Grow. The grounds were used to prepare 500 container garden starter kits for distribution to community centres so people could grow their own vegetables. Such partnerships were invaluable in helping the most vulnerable during the pandemic.



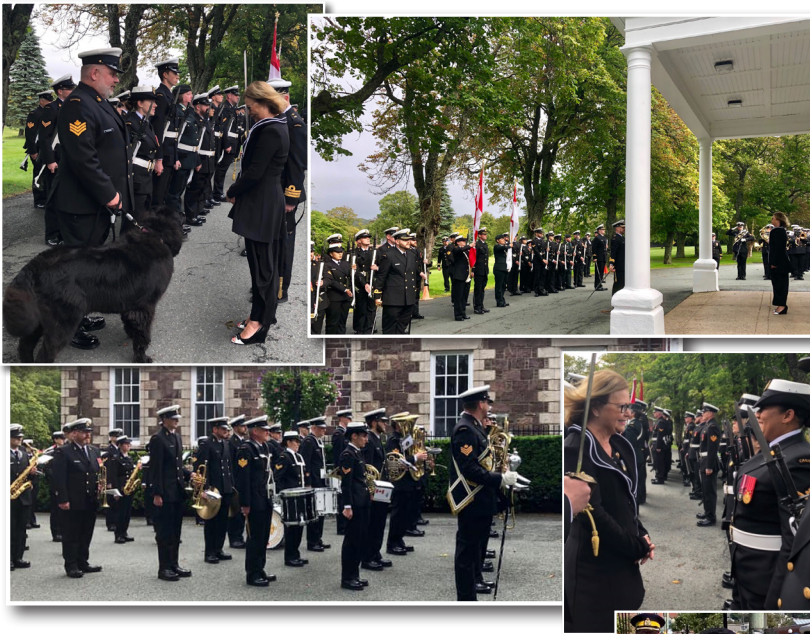
While all people were, and are, negatively impacted to a degree by COVID-19, the artistic community was severely affected as public performances were prohibited. The Lieutenant Governor's Performance Series, which is held at Government House and profiles local artists, provided an opportunity to continue to do so online through The 'Patio Series' with Brian Way. Pianist Brian Way brought his series featuring local artists to the patio of Government House once a week. The performances can still be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/JudyFooteLG>.

The message we are in this together, and we will get through this together, speaks to who we are as a society. When faced with adversity being able to reach out to others for support can make a difference and be reassuring for those who need that support. Kindness is always important but especially so when confronted by circumstances beyond our control. As we wait for a vaccine to be developed, let us continue to look out for one another. It is in everyone's best interest to do so.

Judy M. Foote, P.C., O.N.L
Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador



Her Honour's official Coat of Arms designed by the Canadian Heraldic Authority, responsible for designing Coats of Arms in consultation with representatives of the Crown.



HMCS CABOT 70TH ANNIVERSARY

HMCS Cabot, accompanied by the Royal Canadian Navy Band, paraded to Government House as the Ship's Company celebrated its 70th anniversary. Her Honour received the Royal Salute, inspected the troops, and thanked them for their service during this special occasion in the history of HMCS Cabot. The Unit paraded from City of St. John's City Hall exercising Freedom of the City which was originally conferred in 1985. Parade Commander was Cmdr Alan Brown (right).



79TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

A wreath laying ceremony at the National War Memorial in St. John's marking the 79th anniversary of the Battle of Britain was followed by a parade at which Her Honour reviewed the March Past. Historians have described the Battle of Britain, which took place between July and October of 1940, as the turning point of WWII. Almost 3,000 allied aircrew were engaged, more than 100 were Canadian of which 23 lost their lives, as did two Newfoundlanders. The Battle of Britain parade honours and commemorates members of the Air Force who fought and died during the battle, and recognizes those who continue to serve in the Air Force.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

REPRESENTING THE CROWN

Our system of government is a constitutional monarchy and a parliamentary democracy. Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, is Queen of Canada and Head of State. The Lieutenant Governor is appointed in the name of The Queen, by the Governor General, on the advice of the Prime Minister of Canada, for a period of not less than five years. The Lieutenant Governor is the representative of The Queen in Newfoundland and Labrador; the position is non-partisan and apolitical. The Lieutenant Governor acts on the advice of the Premier and the government, but has the right to advise, to encourage, and to warn.

One of the Lieutenant Governor's responsibilities is to ensure the province always has a Premier. The Lieutenant Governor presides over the swearing-in of the Premier, Cabinet Ministers, and Members of the House of Assembly. The Lieutenant Governor summons, prorogues, and dissolves the House of Assembly, approves and confirms the election of the Speaker, delivers the Speech from the Throne, and gives Royal Assent to Bills of the Legislative Assembly. The Lieutenant Governor signs official documents and meets with the Premier.



Their Honours in the House of Assembly for the election of the Speaker, November, 2019.

In the months covered within this report, the Lieutenant Governor granted Royal Assent to 31 bills, and delivered one Speech from the Throne at the opening of the Forty-Ninth General Assembly of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador on June 10th, 2019. Additionally, 154 Orders-in-Council were signed from June 1st to December 31st, 2019 and 89 Orders-in-Council were signed from January 1st to May 31st, 2020. The Lieutenant Governor presided over 10 swearing-in ceremonies.



Fulfilling constitutional responsibilities include giving Royal Assent to legislation passed in the House of Assembly, (above left) in the presence of former Speaker of the House of Assembly, the Honourable Perry Trimper and (middle) Speaker, the Honourable Scott Reid; swearing in Members of the House of Assembly (above right), MHA Jordan Brown at Government House.



Her Honour signed proclamations declaring White Cane Week (February 3rd to 8th) for the Canadian Council of the Blind (St. John's Chapter), February 3rd, 2020, and Lymphedema Awareness Day, March 6th, 2020, for the Lymphedema Association of Newfoundland and Labrador.

REPRESENTING NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

The Lieutenant Governor, as the representative of Her Majesty, acts as the representative of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and receives visitors from the Commonwealth and foreign dignitaries on official visits to the province. The Lieutenant Governor hosts members of the Royal Family, visiting Heads of State, diplomats, and other official visitors.

The Lieutenant Governor participated in three courtesy calls, before the onset of COVID-19, meeting with foreign dignitaries including His Excellency, Fahad Alraqbani, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates (September, 2019), His Excellency, João da Câmara, Ambassador of the Portuguese Republic (August, 2019), and His Excellency, Henk Van der Zwan, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (September, 2019).



HISTORIC EVENT AT 32ND ANNUAL VICE-REGAL CONFERENCE

Her Honour joined fellow Lieutenant Governors, Territorial Commissioners, and Governor General Julie Payette at the University of Toronto Munk School for Global Affairs and Public Policy where discussions included the importance of reconciliation with the Indigenous people of Canada, and Crown-Indigenous relations in our country. Her Honour participated in rituals led by Indigenous leaders. National Grand Chief Perry Bellegarde's address at Chapel Royal at Massey College was an historic event marking the first time Vice-Regal representatives in Canada and a National Grand Chief had come together to discuss Crown-Indigenous relations.



The Kingdom of the Netherlands "Liberation 75" Tulip Planting Ceremony on the grounds of Government House on September 22nd, 2019. The ceremony was a thoughtful way to commemorate the efforts of 1.1 million Canadians, 7,600 of whom paid the ultimate sacrifice, for helping liberate the Netherlands during WWII. The Netherlands Ambassador to Canada, His Excellency Henk Van der Zwan, participated in the ceremony. The tulips in bloom May, 2020.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The Lieutenant Governor engages in meaningful dialogue with Newfoundlanders and Labradorians from all regions on issues important to the well-being of the province through multi-disciplinary discussions, sharing circles, public gatherings, and a varied program of community events.

THE POWER TO CONVENE

The Lieutenant Governor continued holding Sharing Circles at Government House. These gatherings create opportunities to share and learn by listening to and respecting the views of others.

The first Sharing Circles held at Government House focused on mental health and immigration. A third Sharing Circle focused on empowering women, and organized by Equal Voice NL, was held following International Women's Day. The experiences of the participants were invaluable in sessions that discussed strengths, challenges, and opportunities that come with encouraging and supporting women in leadership positions, and advancing the economic security of women in Newfoundland and Labrador. As with all Sharing Circles at Government House, provincial government officials are invited to hear from individuals they might not hear from otherwise.



Participants in the Sharing Circle focused on empowering women which was organized by members of Equal Voice NL (above) and held at Government House, March, 2020.



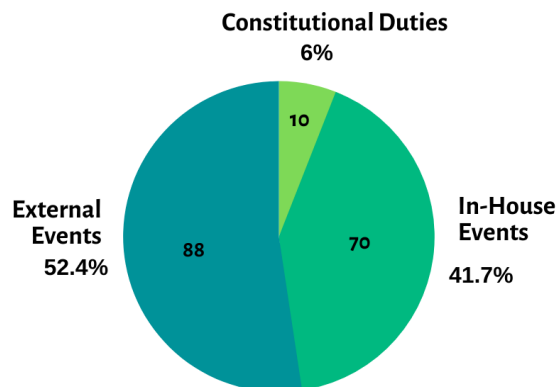
Her Honour delivered the keynote address at the 2019 Atlantic Women in Law Enforcement Training Conference in St. John's, attended by over 200 delegates who marched past Government House at the conclusion of the conference.

OVERALL ACTIVITY LEVEL

The various activities undertaken by the Lieutenant Governor are divided into three categories, along with speeches delivered at many events. Constitutional duties consist of the Speech from the Throne, meetings with the Premier and Executive Council officials, signing Orders-in-Council, and statutory and non-statutory instruments. In-House events consist of investitures, performances, presentations, meetings, ceremonies, and receptions held at Government House and are presided over by the Lieutenant Governor. External events include those that are presided over by the Lieutenant Governor, which may or may not be organized and arranged by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and are held at an outside venue including events such as the Duke of Edinburgh Awards presentation, the presentation of Sovereign's Medals for Volunteers, or the annual CLB parade, church service, and awards presentation.

Overall Activity Level At A Glance

For the period June 1st, 2019 to May 31st, 2020



PATRONAGE SUPPORT

Their Honours are Honourary Patrons to 47 organizations that enrich life in Newfoundland and Labrador.



SCOUTS CANADA NL

As Patron of Scouts Canada NL, His Honour opened the 2019 Provincial Jambore attended by over 400 youth and leaders at Camp Nor'West.



OPERA ON THE AVALON

One of the performances by Opera on the Avalon attended by Their Honours was *Shanawdithit* which was presented on National Indigenous Peoples Day, June 21st, 2019. Shanawdithit was the last surviving member of the Beothuk on the Island of Newfoundland. She died June 6th, 1829. Opera on the Avalon has helped ensure her story, and that of her ancestors, lives on.

HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION RED DRESS CAMPAIGN



Faces of heart disease and stroke survivors at the NL Heart and Stroke Foundation 2019 Red Dress Event. No one is immune. (L-R) Senior VP NL/NS/PEI Heart and Stroke Foundation Mary Ann Butt, heart attack survivor Leon Brown, stroke survivor Jackson Brogan, heart attack survivor Jackie Evans.

GRAND BANK HERITAGE SOCIETY

The annual Mariners' Memorial Service on the grounds of the George C. Harris House, site of the final resting place for mariners lost at sea and whose bodies were never recovered.



EASTER SEALS OF NL



The launch of the 2020 Easter Seals Campaign at Government House, and the unveiling of the Easter Seals, with 2020 Ambassador Claire McCarthy (left) joined by 2019 Easter Seals Ambassador Cassandra McGrath (right). Easter Seals life-changing programs and services for persons with disabilities are provided by the staff at right.



COLONY OF AVALON

As Vice-Regal Patron of the Colony of Avalon Foundation, Her Honour, joined by His Honour, visited the Colony of Avalon, a National Historic Site which has, and continues to, investigate, preserve, and present the archaeological remains of Lord Baltimore's Colony of Avalon. Met on arrival at the site by Memorial University of Newfoundland Archeologist Dr. Barry Gaulton.

The tour included the archeological dig site and a visit with historical interpreter Lori Pittman who prepared a 17th century dish. The day concluded with a visit to close by Lighthouse Picnics, another historic site, where visitors can enjoy the breathtaking scenery while picnicking outside, blankets provided.



SOCIAL MEDIA AND LIGHTING GOVERNMENT HOUSE

A leader in sharing information through social media, and specifically championing the achievements of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador, especially women, as well as issues and causes of importance to the province, official profiles on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are regularly updated by Her Honour. Audiences have grown on each platform, with current totals of 14,226 followers on Facebook, 6,277 on Twitter, and 2,599 on Instagram.

Averaging three or more posts daily on all platforms, the Lieutenant Governor highlighted a number of individuals, groups, organizations, and awareness days/weeks/months. Average engagement and views of posts made to Facebook are between 4,000 and 5,000 interactions (views, likes, shares, etc.). Cumulative average Facebook post reach within a month is 180,000 people (views), with 55,000 engagements (likes/shares).

Often, awareness days/weeks/months, issues, or causes have colours associated with them. As a gesture of publicly displaying support, and with the intention of inspiring curiosity to learn more, Government House has adopted the policy of being thematically lit whenever possible. This is done in the spirit of Government House being an active participant within the Newfoundland and Labrador community. Over the months covered by this report, Government House was lit 144 times.



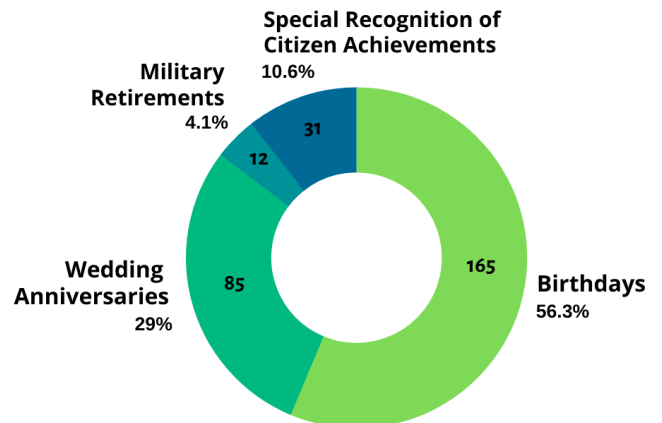
RECOGNITION OF MILESTONES

Upon request, the Lieutenant Governor recognizes milestone birthdays, wedding anniversaries, military retirements, and special recognition of citizen achievements, which resulted in 293 certificates and individual greetings being issued to people throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, either by mail or with an in-person presentation this past year. A request for a certificate to acknowledge a milestone occasion can be made by contacting Government House. Call 709-729-2669 or email reginawhiteway@gov.nl.ca. For more information about recognition opportunities, scan the QR code to the left with the camera on your smartphone.



Milestone Occasions At A Glance

For the period June 1st, 2019 to May 31st, 2020



IN THE COMMUNITY

MENORAH LIGHTING



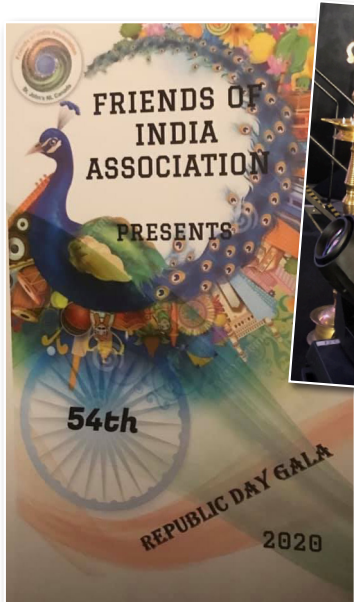
Her Honour welcomed the invitation from Rabbi Chanan Chernitsky, and the Chabad of Newfoundland, to join the Jewish community and participate in the Menorah Lighting Ceremony by lighting the Shamash to start the eight day celebration of Hanukkah, also known as The Festival of Lights. The Menorah has nine candles, eight of which represent each day of Hanukkah.

CHINESE NEW YEAR BUSINESS GALA



Their Honours attended the 2020 Newfoundland and Labrador Chinese New Year Business Gala, inaugural event of the China-NL Business Association (CNLBA) dedicated to promoting NL-China businesses, trade, and investments. Her Honour spoke to the value of the partnership and presented the China-NL Economic & Trade Contribution Award to Steinar J. Engeset, President of the Harbour Grace Shrimp Co.

REPUBLIC DAY GALA



Their Honours joined the Friends of India Association to celebrate India's 71st Republic Day. Members of the Indian community have lived in Newfoundland and Labrador for 54 years contributing to the diversity and growth of the province. Her Honour joined President Shirley Swamidas in the lighting of the Diya.

MIAWPUKEK 24TH ANNUAL TRADITIONAL POWWOW



Her Honour was proud to be the first Lieutenant Governor to attend a Miawpukek Annual Traditional Powwow in Conne River, a celebration of Indigenous culture and traditions. Their Honours were greeted by Chief Misel Joe, O.C., O.N.L. (top left) and spent time with Calvin White Sr., O.N.L. (bottom left) from Flat Bay.

BELL ISLAND MINE TOUR



Their Honours were met by Executive Director Teresita McCarthy on arrival at #2 Mine and Community Museum on Bell Island where an exhibit depicts the life of those engaged in underground mining. A travel through time showing how iron ore was mined, 1895 to 1966. Tour guide Brian Hickey spoke of his grandfathers who were miners. This was a turbulent time during WWI and WWII. German U-boat attacks in 1942 saw a significant loss of life. Up until the war much of the iron ore mined on Bell Island was sold to Germany. It is suggested missiles used by the Germans in the attacks were made of iron ore from the mine.

CANCER AWARENESS

A breast cancer survivor, Her Honour welcomes every opportunity to be in the company of other survivors, and those still battling cancer, including at the launch of the Clarenville Warriors of Hope new dragon boat.



LAUNCH OF TIME TO TALK CAMPAIGN



His Honour is Patron for the Newfoundland and Labrador Prostate Cancer Support Groups.



The 2019 Annual Avalon Dragon Boat Festival and Flower Ceremony.



REMEMBRANCE AND DUTY



Her Honour signing the proclamation for the Poppy Campaign before receiving the first poppy at Government House; attending the National War Memorial Remembrance Day ceremony November 11th where Her Honour helped 95 year-old veteran Mr. Allister Downton place his poppy; the unveiling, at Government House July 1st, 2019, of the Royal Canadian Mint new \$20 silver coin which commemorates the 733 brave Newfoundland soldiers who were killed or wounded in the Battle of the Somme at Beaumont-Hamel on July 1st, 1916.

GLENWOOD WAR MEMORIAL DEDICATION

Their Honours met by Mayor Jason Kinden for the dedication of the new war memorial in Glenwood, an initiative of the Glenwood Heritage Society. The memorial contains the names of the 59 veterans from Glenwood who served in WWI, WWII, and the Korean Conflict.



66th BIENNIAL CONVENTION IN GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR



Their Honours participated in the 66th Biennial Provincial Convention of the Royal Canadian Legion-NL Command which included Her Honour taking the Royal salute following a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the cenotaph in Grand Falls Windsor.



POLICE AND PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL



Their Honours at the Annual Newfoundland and Labrador Police & Peace Officers' Memorial Service at the Memorial Monument Site on Confederation Hill, St. John's. Organized by the NL Police & Peace Officers' Memorial Association, the

service remembers and pays respects to those officers lost in the line of duty, and acknowledges their family members. The service is also an opportunity to thank those who still serve.



REMEMBRANCE CEREMONIES



The Alderwood Estates Remembrance Day ceremony in Witless Bay where Her Honour joined the Local Vocals (above), and (below) the annual Remembrance Day ceremony, Caribou Memorial Veterans Pavillion.



HONOURING ACHIEVEMENT



Frances Sweetland received the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers at the Lieutenant Governor's Garden Party held in Bonavista, July, 2019, recognizing her for over 80 years of volunteerism in the Girl Guide movement.



The Lieutenant Governor presents honours and awards to those who have demonstrated excellence, valor, bravery, or dedication to service that brings credit to the province and the country.

Each year, during events at Government House, the Lieutenant Governor presents a number of awards for long service, for outstanding public service, and for achievement. She presides over Investitures of the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, the Royal Life Saving Society of Canada, and other organizations.



Order of Newfoundland and Labrador investees, January, 2020, included (back row) L-r: Susan Rose, Gordon Slade, Bruce Templeton, Myles Murphy, Helen Murphy. Front row, right Jim Burton, (inset) Elaine Dobbin, and (below) Robert Lyall.



For more information about the honours and awards available in the province and the country, including eligibility criteria and application process, scan the QR code to the left or contact Government House by emailing governmenthouse@gov.nl.ca. These awards, honours, and investitures are summarized on page 14 of this annual report.



Presentation of the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador to 86 year-old Mr. Robert Lyall, in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, March, 2020.



SUMMARY OF AWARDS AND INVESTITURES

AWARDS AND INVESTITURES <i>(presented between June 1st, 2019 to May 31st, 2020)</i>		
Recognition Type	Partner (if applicable)	Number Bestowed
AWARDS		
Police & Peace Officer of the Year Awards	Royal Newfoundland Constabulary	24
Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers	Governor General of Canada	13
Governor General's Academic Medals	Governor General of Canada	12
Power of Humanity Awards	Canadian Red Cross	2
Awards Ceremony for International Day for Persons with Disabilities	Empower	4
4th Annual Newfoundland and Labrador Human Rights Award	Newfoundland and Labrador Human Rights Commission	2
CLB Awards Ceremony	Church Lads Brigade	11
Eating Disorder Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Awards Ceremony	Eating Disorder Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador	3
Exemplary Service Medal Ceremony	Canadian Coast Guard	8
Newfoundland and Labrador Historical Society Award Ceremony	Newfoundland and Labrador Historical Society	1
Impact Awards	Canadian Cancer Society	11
Duke of Edinburgh's International Awards	Governor General of Canada	22
Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal Ceremony	Paramedic Association of Newfoundland and Labrador	3
TOTAL		116
INVESTITURES		
Order of Newfoundland and Labrador		10
TOTAL		10

EAST COAST TRAIL VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED

As Patrons of the East Coast Trail Association, Their Honours presented 13 association members with the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers on the grounds of Government House in recognition of their contribution to the development of the East Coast Trail.



MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZES 289 STUDENT VOLUNTEERS



As Visitor to the university, Her Honour welcomed the opportunity to thank the students for their volunteerism.

THE PEOPLES HOUSE AND GROUNDS

WELLNESS BREAKS - ON THE LAWN SERIES

Throughout the summer, the Lieutenant Governor invited the public to participate in a series of wellness breaks on the grounds of Government House. Each Tuesday, *T'ai Chi Chih On the Lawn* sessions were led by instructor Sheila Leonard, PBVM, and on Wednesdays *Yoga On the Lawn* sessions were led by instructors from Nova Yoga Studio. On Thursdays, Sheila Leonard led *Wisdom Healing Qigong On the Lawn* sessions. The professional instructors made these free sessions for the public possible by volunteering their time and talent. Throughout the winter, the public is encouraged to snowshoe on the grounds of Government House.



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S 2019 GARDEN PARTIES

Historically the garden party has been held on the grounds of Government House during the summer. Whenever members of The Royal Family visited it was an opportunity to introduce them to the public as seen in the 1939 photo when King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visited and planted two trees.

The garden party now typically takes place on the third Wednesday of July and, since 2003, invitations are no longer required. The event has continued to attract over 1,000 Newfoundlanders and Labradorians and visitors to the province. In 2019, close to 2,000 people attended the garden party in St. John's and 250 attended an additional garden party in Bonavista (below, right), as part of a community outreach initiative to hold the event in other areas of the province.



In 2019, the tradition of having Girl Guides serve garden party guests was expanded to include Boy Scouts. Their involvement has been appreciated and we look forward to it continuing at future garden parties.

WELCOMING NEW CANADIANS TO CANADA'S YOUNGEST PROVINCE

The Lieutenant Governor presides over Canadian citizenship ceremonies, including two ceremonies that took place at Government House within the timeframe of this report; the first on July 1st and the second on October 3rd, 2019.

JULY 1st – 35 people from 13 countries became new Canadians when they took the Oath of Citizenship.



October 3rd – 21 people from nine countries became new Canadians when they took the Oath of Citizenship.



APPRECIATING GIFTS OF TIME

The Lieutenant Governor is supported by a small number of staff, while a larger team of volunteers serve as honorary Aides-de-Camp and include individuals who are both uniformed services members and civilians. These are honorary royal appointments that carry the post-nominal designation ADC which can be used during the period of service to the Lieutenant Governor. In total, there are 29 uniformed honorary aides from Her Majesty's Canadian Forces (reserve and regular), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary. The appointment of civilian honorary aides, of which there are 30 - all of whom are women, was important to Her Honour as the first woman Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador. Their appointment coincides with the term of the current Lieutenant Governor. Uniformed honorary aides wear a decorative gold or silver aiguillette around their right shoulder.



Aides-de-Camp assisted at the 2019 Garden Party.



Volunteer tour guides at Government House during first official visit of Governor General Julie Payette (above) and wellness instructors leading yoga (right) and T'ai Chi Chih (below).

Government House is also supported by a wonderful group of volunteer tour guides, friends of the garden, and wellness instructors.



Volunteer friends of the garden, members of the Newfoundland Horticultural Society.

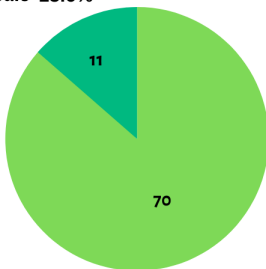


GOVERNMENT HOUSE TOURS AND VISITATIONS

Tours and Visitations At A Glance

For the period June 1st, 2019 to May 31st, 2020

Special Event Tours 13.6%



Pre-Booked Tours
86.4%

The Lieutenant Governor has an open policy with respect to access to Government House and its grounds. Tours of the building and grounds are promoted, and visits by groups, large or small, are encouraged.

This type of outreach is key to the people of Newfoundland

and Labrador having an opportunity to view an outstanding collection of artwork and sculpture by Newfoundland and Labrador artists, and to better understand the province's history. It is also of benefit to those who visit our province, giving us an opportunity to share and educate others about our history and culture.



HER MAJESTY'S DIAMOND JUBILEE PORTRAIT



The 2012 Diamond Jubilee Portrait of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, left Government House October, 2019 following a year in St. John's, to continue its cross-country tour at the invitation of Her Excellency, The Governor General of Canada, The Honourable Julie Payette. St. John's was the first vice-regal residence to host the portrait while renovations are taking place at Rideau Hall in Ottawa, the portrait's permanent home.

The work of art was painted by Canadian artist Philip James Richards. The frame was made in Toronto by Elizabeth and Peter Porebski and is topped with a large, gold medallion, Her Majesty's Canadian Diamond Jubilee Emblem.



The portrait was officially unveiled in the presence of Her Majesty on June 6th, 2012 and transferred to Rideau Hall into the Crown Collection for Canada's Official Residences.

Sincere appreciation to the staff at Government House, and The Rooms, who were involved first in installing the 400 pound portrait and then in removing it for shipping as it continued on its journey. The process each time took over two hours. Scan the QR code on the right to watch a two minute time-lapse video to get a sense of the work involved and care required throughout the process.



PRIVATE EYES - A COMMEMORATION



Her Honour partnered with her Ontario counterpart, The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, to commission the creation of *Private Eyes* - a series of six short original plays to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Canada's partial decriminalization of homosexuality. The plays were produced by lemonTree creations in Ontario and Power Productions in Newfoundland and Labrador with the same cast members (left).



Their Honours with the writers (above) of the six plays and the directors (left) for both the Newfoundland and Labrador and the Ontario production.

NEW PERMANENT EXHIBIT UNVEILED AT CUPIDS



As Honorary Patron of Cupids Legacy Centre, a heritage museum located in the first permanent English settlement in Canada, established in 1610, Her Honour unveiled a new permanent exhibit, SS Wolf II, a scale model of the steam powered sealing and fishing vessel with a rich history and connection to Cupids.



PEACOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL VISIT IN LABRADOR

Her Honour with students at Peacock Primary in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, and reading to the grade three class.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Her Honour was guest speaker at the 2020 International Women's Day Luncheon in North River, organized by Mayor Joanne Morrissey. Among the 200 women who gathered to celebrate the achievements women have made, while recognizing the need still exists to ensure an equal world, was 102 year-old Mrs. Mary Flynn.



SHARING TIME WITH SENIORS

Their Honours visited the Alternate Level of Care (ALC) Dementia/

Alzheimers Unit at Western Memorial Hospital, Corner Brook, to spend time with the residents and staff. Aide-de-Camp Sgt. Howard Carey found a resident who loved to sing and dance.



MEDIA ENGAGEMENT



Danielle Butt of NTV covering Yoga On the Lawn on the grounds of Government House.



Her Honour appreciates the interest shown by the local media in reporting on the roles and responsibilities of the Lieutenant Governor and the efforts being made to open the grounds to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador and visitors. The cover story in the Newfoundland Herald was written by Pam Parody Ghent.



Their Honours recording their Christmas message in the Ballroom at Government House for broadcast by NTV.



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