

**Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador
Government House | St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador**

ACTIVITY REPORT 2020-21

A MESSAGE FROM HER HONOUR	PAGE 1
COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE MARKS THE PASSING OF HRH PRINCE PHILIP	PAGE 2
ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES	PAGE 3
Representing the Crown	PAGE 3
Representing Newfoundland and Labrador	PAGE 4
HONOURING ACHIEVEMENT	PAGE 5
Public Engagement During COVID-19	PAGE 5
Overall Activity Level	PAGE 5
IN THE COMMUNITY	PAGE 8
Highlighting Reconciliation	PAGE 9
REMEMBRANCE AND DUTY	PAGE 10
Paying Respect to Our Heros	PAGE 10
Trail of the Caribou Complete	PAGE 11
SUMMARY OF AWARDS AND INVESTITURES	PAGE 12
SOCIAL MEDIA AND LIGHTING GOVERNMENT HOUSE	PAGE 12
Virtual Conversations	PAGE 12
THE PEOPLES HOUSE AND GROUNDS	PAGE 13
Wellness Breaks - <i>On the Lawn Series</i>	PAGE 13
Recognition of Milestones	PAGE 13
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS HOSTED ON THE GROUNDS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE	PAGE 14
GOVERNMENT HOUSE TOURS AND VISITATIONS	PAGE 15
GOVERNMENT HOUSE GETS CREATIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTS DURING COVID	PAGE 16
MEDIA ENGAGEMENT	PAGE 17

Front Cover:

The Poppy Flag was raised on the grounds of Government House for the first time on the courtsey flag pole in 2020 with 1st Vice President of the NL Command of the Royal Canadian Legion, Gerald Budden, and the Immediate Past President and Poppy/Remembrance Chair, Berkley Lawrence.



Back Cover:

Her Honour continued to fulfill ceremonial responsibilities, during COVID-19 while following required public health guidelines, on the grounds of Government House with a presentation of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers, including to Sandra Milmore of Mount Pearl.



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



This third 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.

I begin my message by acknowledging the passing of His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. The outpouring of support throughout the world for The Royal Family, especially Her Majesty, was an indication of just how much his lifetime of public service was, and still is, appreciated. The service in his memory at The Anglican



Cathedral of Saint John The Baptist, in St. John's, was livestreamed ensuring as many people as possible in Newfoundland and Labrador could share in the commemorative ceremony.

While in 2020-2021 we had to contend with the pandemic, as we did in 2019-2020, the bright spot this year was the availability of the vaccine. It brought with it hope that the threat that came with COVID-19 would be behind us in the not too distant future with the understanding of the importance of continuing to practice safety measures prescribed by the province's Chief Medical Officer. In the meantime work continued at Government House following required public health guidelines and hosting activities virtually. Some events followed a hybrid approach with the number of people onsite at Government House meeting the requirements, and others joining via technology.

The grounds of Government House have been a source of comfort during this difficult time for those who needed access to open space, and a safe environment, to help deal with the impact of the pandemic on their mental and physical health. It has been, and continues to be, an oasis for many. In addition to encouraging people to walk the grounds, wellness breaks continued with yoga, t'ai chi chih, wisdom healing qigong, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. The access to open space and a safe environment resulted in the grounds being used for gatherings, including the International Friendship League (below), during which public health guidelines were followed. Surrounded by the beauty of the flowers and the majestic trees, the grounds were a welcome respite from the negativity that accompanied COVID-19.



The Government House Community Outreach Program initiated in 2020, as a result of restrictions on inside activities because of COVID-19, continued in 2021 utilizing the grounds. In addition to The Patio Series, which showcased some of the province's incredible talent and was livestreamed. The Lunchtime Theatre Performance Series was popular with artists who welcomed the opportunity to perform safely for live audiences. In recognition of how trying the pandemic has been, and continues to be, on international students far away from home during this difficult time, gatherings of students by country were organized on the grounds with the support of the Internationalization Office at Memorial University of Newfoundland.



The outreach program was supplemented with virtual activity that enabled the annual Christmas visits to long term care facilities to continue. As well, Christmas performances by local performers were livestreamed from Government House while following the required health care guidelines. Needless to say, this past year every activity at Government House, and on the grounds, was done with the impact of the pandemic in mind and public health care guidelines followed.

What has become obvious to me since becoming Lieutenant Governor is the value of having access to green space for both mental and physical health reasons. Here at Government House we are surrounded by 22 acres of land the majority of which, while beautiful to look at when walking the grounds or engaging in existing activities, is underutilized. The possibility exists to build on the opportunities for visitors to the grounds to benefit from the green space. I am hoping to help make that happen during my term of office with the support of those who see the possibilities and appreciate the value of moving in that direction.

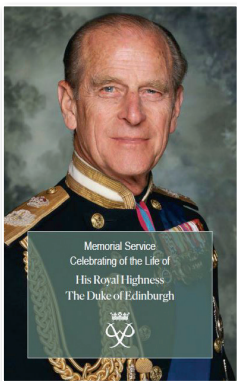
As I continue to fulfill my responsibilities as Lieutenant Governor, finding creative ways to do so and doing so safely, I thank all of our essential workers who make it possible for us to continue to live our lives while at times they risk theirs. The availability of a vaccine means the end is in sight but the importance of continuing to practice the recommended public health care measures cannot be overstated. It is by keeping in mind that we are in this together we will conquer this coronavirus, and its variants, and get on with our lives. Take care and stay safe.

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, which is responsible for designing Coats of Arms in consultation with representatives of The Crown.

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE MARKS THE PASSING OF HRH PRINCE PHILIP



A memorial service celebrating the life of His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh was held at the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist officiated by The Venerable Roger Whalen, Archdeacon and Rector, and Padre (LCol) Shawn Samson. Musical selections were performed by Alan Doyle, David Pomeroy accompanied by Brian Way, and the Cathedral Quartet. In addition to Her Honour and Premier Andrew Furey, tributes were given by Lt(N) I. March-MacCuish, Padre HMCS Cabot; Anglican Bishop The Rt. Rev. Sam Rose; Dr. Syed Mansoor Pirzada, President of Muslim Association NL and The Rev. Padre Jeff Payne, Garrison St. John's.



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.

In the months covered within this report, the Lieutenant Governor granted Royal Assent to 27 bills and delivered one Speech from the Throne at the opening of the Fifth General Assembly of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador on April 14th, 2021. Additionally, 206 Orders-in-Council were signed from June 1st to December 31st, 2020 and 119 Orders-in-Council were signed from January 1st to May 31st, 2021. The Lieutenant Governor presided over nine swearing-in ceremonies.

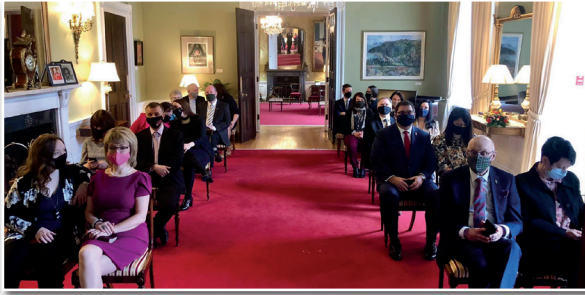


Her Honour in the House of Assembly (HOA), June 18th, 2020, fulfilling her constitutional responsibilities as Lieutenant Governor giving Royal Assent to seven pieces of legislation passed during an extraordinary sitting of the 49th General Assembly necessitated when the spring sitting was interrupted by COVID-19. When the HOA resumed the required safety guidelines that included physical distancing were followed. It was also an opportunity for Her Honour to thank all who have been instrumental in helping curtail the spread of the coronavirus in NL, including the All-Party COVID-19 Committee & essential workers. Her Honour also took the opportunity to thank Premier Dwight Ball, who sat in the HOA for the last time as Premier, for his leadership. Premier Ball served four and a half years as premier and a total of 11 years in public service.



Her Honour with Premier Andrew Furey and members of Cabinet following the first ever outdoor Cabinet swearing-in ceremony on the grounds of Government House, August 19th, 2020; (right) Their Honours arriving at the House of Assembly with Hon. Derek Bennett, then Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities, to close the Fall session of the 49th General Assembly, November 5th, 2020.





Her Honour administered the Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Office at Government House, April 8th, 2021, to Premier Andrew Furey and members of his Cabinet following the provincial general election. The ceremony followed the required health care guidelines for an inside gathering including wearing masks when required, family bubbles, physical distancing, and sanitizing when needed. All members of the 50th General Assembly of the House of Assembly were sworn-in April 12th in the chamber.

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 two courtesy calls that followed the required public health guidelines meeting with foreign dignitary Consulat Général de France dans les Provinces Atlantiques, Johan Schitterer (October, 2020), and the new Commanding Officer of 5 CDSG Garrison St. John's, Major Anthony McDonald and Garrison Sergeant Major, Master Warrant Officer Cory Kavanagh (March, 2021). Major McDonald served in Afghanistan and Mali, and MWO Kavanagh served in Bosnia, Haiti, and Eritrea. Her Honour thanked both of them for their service.



The flag of France was flying at Government House on the courtesy pole during the official visit by the Consulat Général de France dans les Provinces Atlantiques, Johan Schitterer.



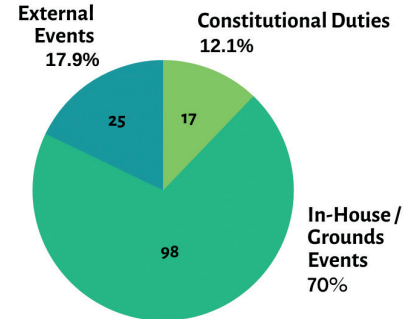
HONOURING ACHIEVEMENT

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT DURING COVID-19

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 pandemic has presented challenges at Government House resulting in many events being done either virtually or in a hybrid format.

Overall Activity Level At A Glance

For the period June 1st, 2020 to May 31st, 2021



EXCELLENCE IN NURSING



Her Honour presented Memorial University of Newfoundland Faculty of Nursing Associate Professor Dr. Julia Lukewich with the Award for Excellence in Nursing Research, and Professor Dr. Sandra Small with the Award for Excellence in Nursing Education. The ceremony was organized by the College of Registered Nurses NL.

2020 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AWARDS IN ARCHITECTURE



The awards recognize and celebrate outstanding architectural design in recently completed projects by NL licensed architects. (L-R) Architecture award recipients Chris Woodford, Award of Merit and Award of Excellence in Architecture; Jeremy Bryant, Award of Merit; Taryn Sheppard (by video), Award of Excellence in Architecture; Lynda Hayward-Kirkland, Executive Director NLAA; Robert Menchenton accepted an Award of Merit on behalf of Ron Fougere.

ANNUAL NL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AWARDS



The Human Rights Award was presented to Craig Reid, and Champion Certificates were presented virtually to Blair Curtis and Kathryn Morrison (accepted by her son Benjamin Sparkes).



Their Honours hosted the Impact Awards prior to events being curtailed at Government House because of the pandemic. Award recipients were (standing) Winnie Kennedy, Alison Bennett, Lorraine Parsons, John Kennedy, Eileen Rose, Amanda Davis, Lavinia Crewdson-Snow, Darrin Martin, Nancy Jackson. Seated (l) Katie Hoskins, president CCS-NL Board of Directors; (r) recipient Catherine Gogan.

Her Honour was joined by Empower NL Vice-Chair Deborah Gilbert in presenting the Cecilia Carroll Award for Independent Living to J. Paul Walsh in recognition of his long term and extraordinary commitment to the full inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of society. The Business Award for Independent Living was presented to Brenda O'Reilly and Craig Flynn of O'Reilly's on George Street in recognition of their innovative approach, and achieved substantial outcomes, in supporting the full inclusion of people with disabilities.

SOVEREIGN'S MEDAL FOR VOLUNTEERS PRESENTED BY HER HONOUR

The grounds of Government House became a focal point during COVID-19 as events inside Government House had to be curtailed. The grounds provided an opportunity to continue to host events in a safe manner, while adhering to the required public health guidelines. The recipients were recognized for their significant, sustained, unpaid volunteer activity for at least ten years. The medal is part of Canada's Honours System. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Honours and Awards section of the Government House website by visiting www.govhouse.nl.ca or scanning the QR code.



Judy Brazil, Trepassey



Annette Godsell, St. John's



Sandra Milmore, Mount Pearl

Their Honours travelled to Bonavista, NL to present the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers to George Clements at an outdoor ceremony

emceed by Mayor John Norman, who delivered the citation. Mr. Clements has been a volunteer for 30+ years.



PRIME MINISTER'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Her Honour presented Mme. Ashleigh Hudson, grade four teacher at Vanier Elementary School, with the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award, traditionally presented in the Nation's capital by the Prime Minister, was presented by the Lieutenant Governor because travel was limited by COVID-19. The special recognition was celebrated on the grounds of Government House with her students.



CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH (NL) AWARDS



Her Honour was present for the awards ceremony on the grounds of Government House. The awards were presented by family members because of the pandemic. (Right) Student of the Year Award recipient Peter Noel, unable to be home for the ceremony to receive his award, was presented by his grandmother Sandra Noel to his mother Jill Peckford; Teacher of the Year Morgan Domino was presented her award by her partner Matthew McDonald; Teacher of the Year Laun Shoemaker was presented his award by his daughter Sophie Shoemaker; Administrator of the Year Neil Kearley was presented his award by his wife Colleen Kearley; Volunteer of the Year Jessie Lawrence was presented her award by her mother Denise Lawrence; Volunteer of the Year Glenn Cake was presented his award by his daughter Hannah and son Aaron.



HIS HONOUR PRESENTED 1st TOPSAIL SCOUTING GROUP CHIEF SCOUT AWARDS ON GROUNDS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE



As Patron of Scouts Canada (NL), His Honour presented the Chief Scout Award, the highest award at the scout level of Scouts Canada, to ten of the 11 recipients on hand for the ceremony held on the grounds of Government House because of COVID-19. Award recipients were (top) Aimee Butt; row two (l) Nathan Fowler, (r) Alexander House; row three (l) Kathryn Lake (r) Daniel Pearce, row four Benjamin Philpott; row five (l) Matthew Sheppard, (r) Mack Warren; row six (l) Tianna Webber, (r) Chloe Williams. Recipient Cody Soper was unable to attend the ceremony.



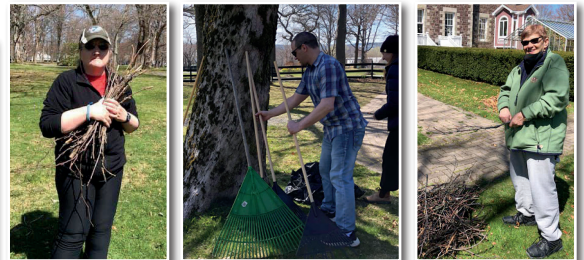
STELLA'S CIRCLE LONG TIME SERVICE AWARDS



Their Honours hosted Stella's Circle Rewards and Years of Service Recognition Program on the grounds of Government House. (L-R) Tina Gray, Joanne Hawco, Kent McGrath, Karen Noel, Josh Miller, Maurice Boudreau, Michael Phillips, Cathy Brake, Susan Pye, Mary Hunt, and Greg Whelan.

STELLA'S CIRCLE PARTICIPANTS LEND A HELPING HAND ON GROUNDS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE CLEAN UP DAY

T
H
A
N
K
Y
O
U



T
H
A
N
K
Y
O
U

MENORAH LIGHTING

Her Honour welcomed the invitation from Rabbi Chanan Chernitsky, and the Chabad of Newfoundland, to join the Jewish community and participate in a safe drive-in 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.



Her Honour and Aides-de-Camp Sergeant Major Doug Pack and Christa Chaplin with the Chernitsky family Mendel, Rabbi Chanan, Tuba and Ahuva Chernitsky.



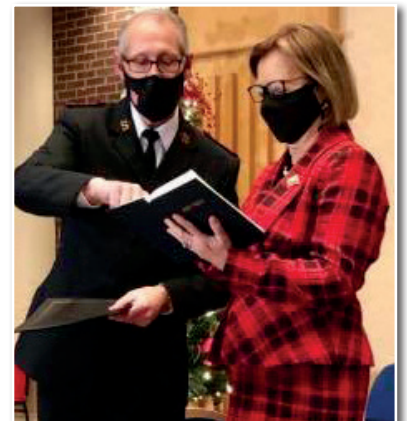
Tune in to 98.1 FM to listen!

COCHRANE CENTRE TREE LIGHTING



Her Honour lit the first of four trees in a safe tree lighting ceremony outside the Cochrane Centre, organized by Rev. Miriam Bowlby, Cochrane Street United Church, to start the Christmas season. Peter Halley and Shelley Neville of Spirit of Newfoundland Productions Ltd. shared in the spirit of Christmas with their gifts of music and song.

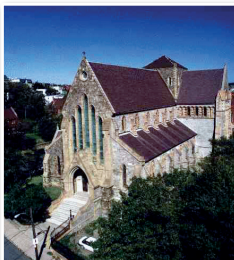
SALVATION ARMY HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS SPECIAL



Her Honour recorded a passage of scripture at the Salvation Army St. John's Citadel for the annual "Hope for the Holidays" event which was organized by Major Rene Loveless, and broadcasted by NTV on Christmas Day.

ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE

Her Honour was met on arrival at the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist by The Venerable Roger Whalen, Archdeacon and Rector, to record a passage of scripture for the Annual Christmas Lessons & Carols Service. It was the first time in the 70+ year history the service had to be delivered online because of the pandemic.



SMILING LAND FARM



Her Honour participated in the launch of Smiling Land Farm in Bay Bulls, NL and planted a commemorative tree. An exciting initiative of owner/businessman Larry Puddister, supported by an energetic, enthusiastic team of employees, the farm is NL's first large scale organic farm and will be producing asparagus, garlic, a variety of berries, hay, cheese, and more. Home to horses, miniature ponies, Muscovy ducks, pygmy goats, a donkey, with cows to come, the 350 acres is also home to two million Western Honey Bees producing the best tasting honey. A social enterprise at the core, the goal is to operate fully sustainably in all aspects while giving back to the community through education and recreation, eventually becoming completely self sufficient with resources developed on the farm.



IN THEIR OWN WORDS - LIFE OF LABRADOR STUDENTS AT RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL - THE ROOMS EXHIBIT



Their Honours attended the opening of the exhibit *In Their Own Words - Life of Labrador Students at Residential School* at The Rooms. The exhibit combines stories from former students of NL residential schools and preserves them so they may serve as a reminder for future generations. The stories, artifacts, and artworks were collected in a proper archival format by The Rooms, and ensures the first-hand residential schools experiences from NL's Indigenous people are enduring in history and contribute to the process of reconciliation. Appropriately, the opening of the exhibit took place on Orange Shirt Day which celebrates the resilience and bravery of former residential school students and their families. Her Honour extended an invitation to visit The Heart Garden on the grounds of Government House, a reconciliation initiative by Her Honour, unveiled on National Indigenous Peoples Day, June 21st, 2019.

HIGHLIGHTING RECONCILIATION

The Heart Garden, a reconciliation initiative on the grounds of Government House, includes five beds containing plants used historically by Indigenous people for either food or medicinal purposes, and five benches which have plaques embedded containing the names of the five Indigenous Governments in NL. The heart in the centre, carved from Labradorite was carved by Inuit artist Edmund Saunders of Hopedale, Labrador. Edmund's sister Loretta was a murdered Indigenous woman. To the right, Government House staff wore moose hide squares in support of Moose Hide Campaign Day, meant to raise awareness of violence towards women and girls.



REMEMBRANCE AND DUTY

PAYING RESPECT TO OUR HEROS

While the pandemic challenged the organizations responsible for annual memorial services, all of them followed the required public health guidelines, as it remained important to appreciate and reflect on the sacrifices of those who fought for peace and freedom.



Her Honour, as the Honorary Colonel of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, arriving at the Canadian Legion and Artillery Gun Memorial (CAIRN) on June 30th, 2020, in advance of Memorial Day; and on July 1st, Memorial Day, at the National War Memorial in St. John's.

Her Honour arriving at the Conception Bay South Monument of Honour to lay a wreath on July 1st, 2020, Memorial Day, observed in Newfoundland and Labrador until noon in recognition of those who fought for peace and paid the ultimate sacrifice.



Her Honour arriving at the National War Memorial in St. John's, September 20th, 2020, to lay a wreath in remembrance of the Battle of Britain, which is described as a turning point for the allies during WWII. This year marks its 80th anniversary.

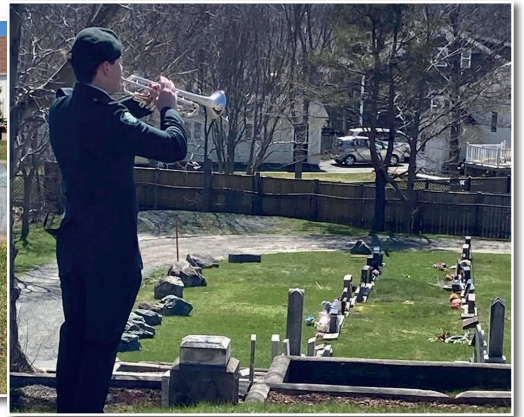
PRESENTATION OF 1st POPPY



Her Honour signed the proclamation declaring October 30th - November 11th, 2020 Poppy Campaign in Newfoundland and Labrador, and received the symbolic first poppy from Gerald Budden, 1st VP of the NL Command, Royal Canadian Legion.



Her Honour joined the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at the CAIRN on Remembrance Day, November 11th, 2020 to lay a wreath (above). Her Honour participating in the Remembrance Day ceremony, November 11th, at the National War Memorial in St. John's (left).



Her Honour participated in two ceremonies marking the Battle of the Atlantic, May 2nd, 2021, the first at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, St. John's, to lay flowers at the gravesite of RCN Nursing Sister Agnes Wilkie, the only Navy sister killed by enemy action in WWII. She was a passenger on the S.S. Caribou enroute to Newfoundland and Labrador when it was torpedoed by a German U-boat. The event was organized by HMCS Cabot. The second memorial service, which was organized by CBS Legion Branch 50, took place at the Conception Bay South Monument of Honour.

POLICE AND PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL



Her Honour participated in the 18th Annual Newfoundland and Labrador Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service, September 27th, 2020, on Confederation Hill, St. John's, where a wreath was laid to remember and pay respects to those lost officers while also acknowledging their families and those who still serve.

TRAIL OF THE CARIBOU COMPLETED



The completion of the Trail of the Caribou, which honours the brave soldiers of Newfoundland, who fought over 100 years ago for peace and freedom during WWI, includes the sixth caribou statue being added to the trail at the Gallipoli battlefield in Turkey.



The statue joins others that have been installed since 2012 at Beaumont-Hamel, Geudecourt, Masnières, Monchy-le-Preux, and Courtrai (right). A replica of the statues resides at Government House.



It was presented to HMS "Newfoundland" by the people of Newfoundland in 1944 and symbolically gifted to Government House.

SUMMARY OF AWARDS AND INVESTITURES

AWARDS AND INVESTITURES <i>(presented between June 1st, 2020 to May 31st, 2021)</i>		
Recognition Type	Partner (if applicable)	Number Bestowed
AWARDS		
Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers	Governor General of Canada	4
The Disability Resource Centre Empower Awards	Empower	2
6th Annual Newfoundland and Labrador Human Rights Awards	Newfoundland and Labrador Human Rights Commission	3
Chief Scout Award	Scouts Canada	10
Canadian Parents for French Newfoundland and Labrador Awards	Canadian Parents for French Newfoundland and Labrador	6
2020 Lieutenant Governor's Awards of Excellence in Architecture	Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Architects	5
TOTAL		30

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 16,298 followers on Facebook, 6,648 on Twitter, and 2,853 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 posts reach within a month is 155,000 people (views), with 55,200 engagements (likes/shares).

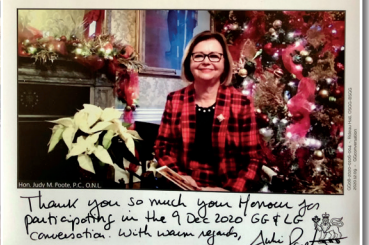
Often, awareness days/weeks/months, issues, or causes have colours associated with them. As a gesture of publicly displaying support, and with the intention of inspiring curiosity to learn more, Government House has adopted the policy of being thematically lit whenever possible. This is done in the spirit of Government House being an active participant within the Newfoundland and Labrador community. Over the months covered by this report, there were 376 lightings and awareness posts.



VIRTUAL CONVERSATIONS



Her Honour participated in a conversation via ZOOM with Jennifer Bessell, CEO of Newfoundland and Labrador Organization of Women Entrepreneurs (NLOWE), on different topics related to Women in Leadership.



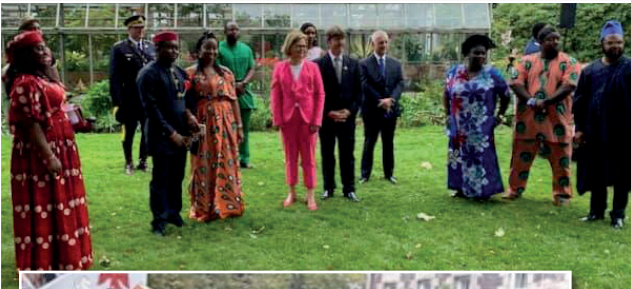
THE PEOPLES HOUSE AND GROUNDS

WELLNESS BREAKS - ON THE LAWN SERIES

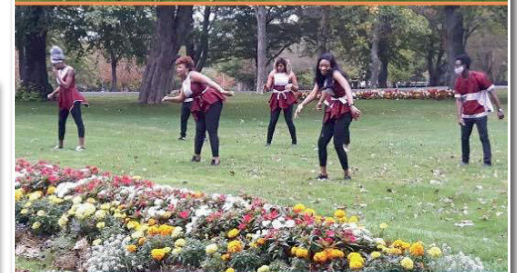
Throughout the summer, the Lieutenant Governor invited the public to participate in a series of wellness breaks on the grounds of Government House. Each Tuesday, *T'ai Chi Chih On the Lawn* sessions were led by instructor Sheila Leonard, PBVM, and on Mondays and Wednesdays *Yoga On the Lawn* sessions 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 cross-country ski and snowshoe on the grounds of Government House.



60th ANNIVERSARY OF NIGERIAN INDEPENDANCE DAY CELEBRATED ON THE GROUNDS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE



Their Honours hosted members of the Nigerian community in Newfoundland and Labrador for Nigeria Independence Day. The celebration, organized by the Nigerian-Canadian Association of NL (NCANL), included a cultural dance by NCANL Inc. Dance Group. Masks weren't required on the grounds if in the same bubble or physically distanced. Masks were required during the tour of Government House (below).

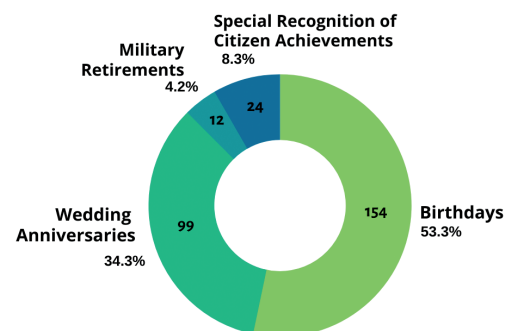


RECOGNITION OF MILESTONES

Upon request, the Lieutenant Governor recognizes milestone birthdays, wedding anniversaries, military retirements, and special recognition of citizen achievements, which resulted in 289 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.

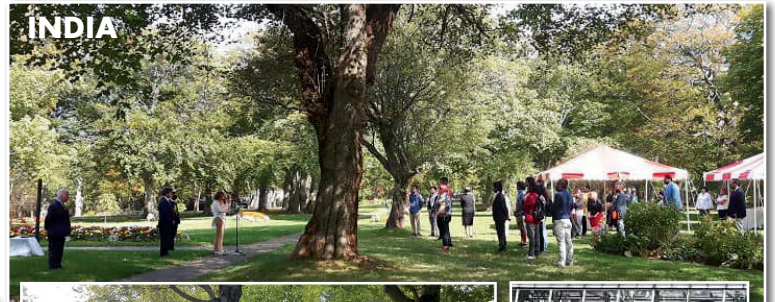


Milestone Occasions At A Glance
For the period June 1st, 2020 to May 31st, 2021



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS HOSTED ON THE GROUNDS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE

One of the initiatives of the Government House COVID-19 Community Outreach Program included inviting international post-secondary students studying in Newfoundland and Labrador, with the help of Memorial University of Newfoundland's Internationalization Office. It was seen as a recognition of the impact the pandemic is having on those far away from home and their loved ones. Students from four countries were hosted by Their Honours on the grounds of Government House. The initiative will continue this spring.



Memorial University of Newfoundland Internationalization Office staff (l-r) Manager Lynn Walsh, Student Intern Hayley Pinksen, Counsellor Juanita Hennessy and Director Dr. Sonja Knutson.

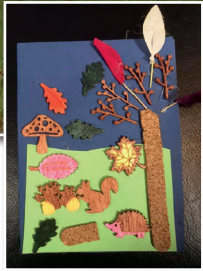
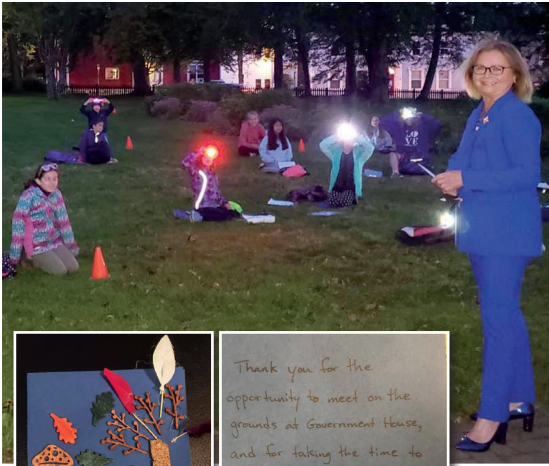


STELLA'S CIRCLE INCLUSION CHOR FIND THE GROUNDS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE A SAFE PLACE TO REHEARSE



Their Honours with the CEO of Stella's Circle, Lisa Browne, and the members of the community organization's Inclusion Choir, on the grounds of Government House. Stella's Circle is a leading non-profit entity in St. John's offering a variety of services to support people in need. The choir had been scheduled to perform at Government House as part of the Lieutenant Governor's Performance Series but the performance had to be cancelled because of COVID-19. It will be rescheduled when health care guidelines permit.

GIRL GUIDES GATHER ON THE GROUNDS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE TO WORK ON CANADIAN CONNECTIONS BADGE



Thank you for the opportunity to meet on the grounds at Government House, and for taking the time to greet the Guides. We appreciate the chance to work on our Canadian Connections badge.

Sincerely,
23rd St. John's Girl Guides

Her Honour, Patron and Honorary President of Girl Guides of Canada, Newfoundland and Labrador Council, hosted the 28th St. John's Girl Guides, with their lanterns, on the grounds of Government House. It was a safe environment where the 24 Girl Guides (ages 9 to 11) could gather with their leaders for their weekly meeting.

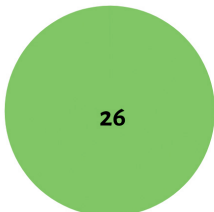
GOVERNMENT HOUSE TOURS AND VISITATIONS

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 are encouraged. During the pandemic public health care guidelines must be followed. This type of outreach is key to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador having an opportunity to view an outstanding collection of artwork and sculptures by Newfoundland and Labrador artists, and to better understand the province's history. It will also benefit those

who visit our province post-pandemic, as it was prior to, giving us an opportunity to share and educate others about our history and culture.

Tours and Visitations At A Glance

For the period June 1st, 2020 to May 31st, 2021



26

Pre-Booked Tours
100%



Students and teachers from Bishop Field Elementary.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE GETS CREATIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTS DURING COVID

LUNCHTIME THEATRE PERFORMANCE SERIES ON THE GROUNDS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE



SILENT PITCHER THEATRE SHOW



STAGE ACCESS



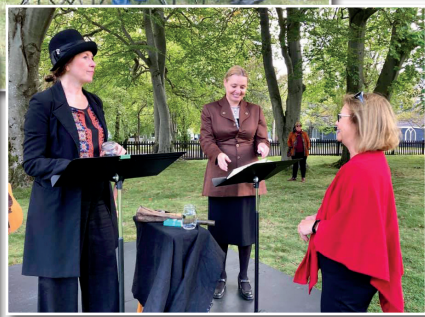
OTHER WOMEN WALK



CROSS STITCH



GREENLEAF & MANSFIELD



The Lunchtime Theatre Performance Series on the grounds of Government House was an initiative of the Government House COVID-19 Community Outreach Program. Six artist-managed productions played to receptive audiences who had missed live performances as much as the artists missed performing in front of a live audience because of the pandemic. The productions included The Silent Pitcher Theatre Show; Stage Access - a presentation of contemporary monologues; Other Women Walk; ORIGINAL; Greenleaf & Mansfield; and Cross Stitch and Other Nonsense. People were encouraged to bring a picnic lunch, a chair or blanket, and enjoy live theatre by local professional artists.



ORIGINAL

HELPING MAKE VIRTUAL FESTIVALS POSSIBLE



The grounds of Government House, including the greenhouse, were used by the artistic community to film performances during the pandemic for the Cape St. Mary's Performance Series and the Winterset in Summer Literary Festival. Among the performers were Crooked Stovepipe, and authors Andy Jones and Megan Gail Coles, with Winterset in Summer Board Member Noreen Golfman.



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S PERFORMANCE SERIES



The finale of the Brian Way 'Patio Series', as part of the Lieutenant Governor's Performance Series, concluded with the 18th guest, The Ennis Sisters, performing on the patio of Government House. The Rowdymen, Greg Hawco, George Masswohl, and Gerry Finn, joined by Rosemary Lawton, performed at Government House during the



Christmas season. All performances were livestreamed and can still be viewed at www.facebook.com/JudyFooteLG or by scanning the QR code to the right.



TOURING KRAKEN ROBOTICS INC.



Her Honour toured Kraken Robotics Inc. headquartered in NL with offices in NS, ON, US and Germany. President and CEO Karl Kenny, Senior Program Manager Bill Donovan, and VP Engineering David Shea gave a tour of the head office and main manufacturing facility in Mount Pearl, NL. Kraken recently was named the #4 marine technology company in the world. It is engaged in the design, development and marketing of advanced sensors for Unmanned Underwater Vehicles used in military and commercial applications. The company is recognized as a world leading innovator of Synthetic Aperture Sonar (SAS), a revolutionary underwater imaging technology.

NONIA CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

As Honorary Patrons of NONIA, (Newfoundland Outport Nursing and Industrial Association), Their Honours joined members of NONIA, and practiced physical distancing, to celebrate the organization's 100th anniversary of the date, May 27th, the organization was formed at Government House, where they continue to hold their annual meetings.

This year was the exception because of COVID-19. The milestone was marked with a sod turning for a bronze sculpture by Morgan MacDonald, depicting NONIA's history, commissioned by NONIA with the support of the Albert and Karen Hickman Family Foundation. A past president, and present board member, Karen Hickman, joined Their Honours in turning the sod. A pioneering organization founded by women for women, some of whom have knit for 50 years for the organization, NONIA was created initially to provide opportunities for women to help their families during the Great Depression by purchasing their knit goods. Revenue from sale of the products was used to provide health services in Newfoundland's outport communities by paying salaries of public health nurses. The unveiling of the sculpture will take place August 25th, 2021. Visit www.nonia.com for more.



MEDIA ENGAGEMENT



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. Beth Penney of NTV interviewed Their Honours (and Sailor Girl) on the grounds of Government House. Brian Callahan of VOCI interviewed Her Honour following the passing of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Danielle Butt and Adam Pike recorded Her Honour's annual Christmas message for broadcast on NTV, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



 @judyfooteLG

 @judy_foote

 @lgjudyfoote

www.govhouse.nl.ca

This report has been prepared by Communications Manager, Joshua Jamieson with assistance of David Brown, Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, Her Honour, the Honourable Judy May Foote, P.C., O.N.L.