



NOVEMBER 2009

BRINGING THE ARSENAL UP TO STANDARDS

Following the designation of St. Helen's Island as heritage site, 4.5 million \$ were granted for the important project of bringing the Arsenal building up to standards. The funds come from the *Bureau du patrimoine* of the City of Montreal, through an agreement between the *Ministère de la Culture, des Communications et de la Condition féminine du Québec* and the City of Montreal. An amount of 1.5 million \$ will also be allocated for the construction of an elevator with an observatory.

The project includes:

- repair to the building's exterior, including the replacement of windows and doors and restoration of damaged masonry;
- installation of a fire sprinkler system;
- addition of standard staircases;
- review and renovation of the electric and mechanic systems;
- complete rebuilding of the exhibition halls;
- important interior refurbishing, including a new welcome area for visitors;
- building of an exterior elevator, in a glass structure, for universal accessibility.

The *Société du Parc Jean-Drapeau*, the contracting authority in the name of the City, remains a privileged partner of the Museum.



before

after

REOPENING, FALL 2010 RENEWAL OF THE EXHIBITIONS

The brand new permanent exhibition will display over 600 artefacts as a time line on two floors, from the native occupation until today. There will be a reference to St. Helen's Island in each zone.

Created in collaboration with the *Musée de la civilisation*, the temporary exhibition "1756-1763, Story of a War" will show over 160 artefacts. Extraordinary videos will make you feel the tension and anxiety experienced by witnesses of this important period in our history.



THE MUSEUM AT THE FÊTE DES NEIGES DE MONTRÉAL January 23 to February 7, 2010

Good habits are hard to break! The Stewart Museum remains part of the programme for the three weekends, on the site of the *Fête des Neiges*. Flintlock rifle firing demonstrations, curling like our ancestors, the fur trade and storytelling! **Grab your coat, hat and mittens and come live a day in 18th century winter!**

IN BRIEF

BENEFIT COCKTAIL AT THE MOUNT ROYAL CLUB

On October 22nd, a benefit cocktail was held at the prestigious Mount Royal Club.



Despite the first snowflakes of the season, 125 guests attended the event where the great project of upgrading the Arsenal and bringing it up to standards was presented as well as new partnership opportunities within the context of the Museum's reopening. Benefits of more than \$10,000 were raised for the educational mission of the Museum. **Interested in having one of the Museum's rooms named after you?** Contact Mr. Guy Vadeboncoeur, Director.

SUMMER 2009

Even if the Museum is temporarily closed, we remain active. During the summer, we guided tours of the Lévis tower. You may have seen our troops and guides on the site, or in the Old Port, at the Château Ramezay Museum, Champ-de-Mars and Fort Chambly. *Les Habitants du Fort* displayed their knowledge on several historical sites such as *Les Seigneuriales* in Vaudreuil, *Maison Beaudry*, *Maison Rosalie-Cadron* and Verchères' dock.

FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

We are happy to announce that your Membership or Friendship will be honored until December 31, 2010.

*****IMPORTANT*****

Please contact Nicole Gilbert by e-mail at ngilbert@stewart-museum.org or by phone at 514.861.6703, extension 231, in order to validate your address and vehicle registration. We will then send you a 2010 PARKING PERMIT for the P7.

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