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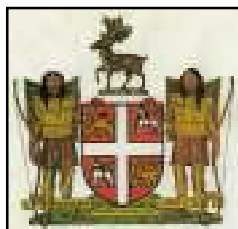
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Newsletter

SCHEDULE OF LECTURES Fall 2012

26-29 September: Captain James Cook Symposium.

25 October: Gilbert Higgins Lecture for 2012-2013: Jim Connor, *Trinity's John Clinch (1748/9-1819): Missionary, Medical Man, Magistrate and Much More.*

29 November: Anthony B. Dickinson, *Hval blast: Norwegian and Newfoundland cooperation in 20th century commercial whaling.*

Regular lectures will be in Hampton Hall at the Marine Institute on Ridge Road at 8.00 pm. However, the Cook symposium will be at various different times and locations; please see inside for details.

If the weather is bad, please consult the Storm Centre at cbc.ca/nl. Cancellations will be posted there.

Nathan Goff Penney

Nathan Goff Penney, a long-time member of the Newfoundland Historical Society (NHS) and a constant fixture at most lectures sponsored by the NHS over the past number of years, passed peacefully away on May 28, 2012 at the age of 91 years

At the time of his passing he was a resident at Masonic Park, Mount Pearl. Mr. Penney, who was born in St. John's, lived a full and interesting life.

After attending GM Tech in Michigan on a scholarship, he returned to St. John's where he became a Newfoundland Ranger, and served his five-year contract in communities all over the island and in Labrador, after which he was given an honourable discharge and was free to marry his wife of 53 years, Grace, who predeceased him 1999.

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COOK SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME

For more details, see <http://www.nlhistory.ca/symposia/CookSymposiumB.pdf>

WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2012, 7:00PM THE ROOMS THEATRE

FREDERICK SMITH

Memorial University / Newfoundland Historical Society
James Cook and the Royal Navy in Newfoundland



THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2012 6:30 – 8:30 PM THE SHIP INN

An informal Cook night.
Duckworth Street. Food service is available, Fish & Chips, anyone? Speaker to be announced.

FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2012 8:00PM THE ROOMS

Dr. OLAF JANZEN

Keynote Speaker Division of Arts, Historical Studies
Grenfell Campus, Memorial University
**The French Seizure of St. John's in 1762,
the British Response, and James Cook**

RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE ROOMS

SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER AUDITORIUM, MUN ENGINEERING BUILDING

10:00 AM GREETINGS

10:15 – 11:00 AM SPEAKER: JOHN ROBSON

University of Waikato
New Zealand

Cook the Map Maker

11:00 – 11:15 AM REFRESHMENTS

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM SPEAKER: CHARLES STIRLING

Head, Canadian Hydrographic Service-retired

**James Cook, The Great Newfoundland
Survey, The Means Of Directing Many
In The Right Way**

12:30 – 2:00 PM LUNCH – There are many good restaurants
in the area

2:00 – 2:15 PM CAPTAIN COOK AWARD, MUN

GEOGRAPHY DEPT. Presented by Dr. Charles Mather,
Head, to Christina Pretty and Daniel Downey

2:15 -3:15 PM SPEAKER: GARY SMITH

Canadian Hydrographic Service

**Sailing Directions of Newfoundland and Labrador
Captain Cook to Present Day**

3:15 – 4:00 PM SPEAKER: PETER POPE

Memorial University of Newfoundland

Mapping the Petit Nord

CAPTAIN JAMES COOK IS AT THE ROOMS

The Rooms Provincial Archives has been highlighting the work of Captain James Cook, the internationally celebrated cartographer and explorer by mounting an exhibit of reproductions of some of his older maps that are in the provincial archival collection.

James Cook is best known for his three expeditions to the Pacific but it was in Newfoundland during the 1760s, that he learned his trade both as a cartographer and an explorer. In July 1762 the French attacked the important British cod fishing bases in south east Newfoundland but the British quickly took these back. Realizing the importance of having accurate charts of the coast, the Governor of Newfoundland commissioned Cook and others to produce them.

For the next five years Cook surveyed the coast of Newfoundland during the summer periods, returning to Britain for the winters. In 1762-63 Cook surveyed the coast of Placentia, south east Newfoundland; 1763-64 north Newfoundland; 1765 south Newfoundland; 1766 southwest Newfoundland; and 1767 west Newfoundland. Cook returned to London in November 1767.

Cook's Newfoundland charts were considered the most accurate and indeed were not superseded by more detailed surveys for over a century.

At the Rooms Provincial Archives researchers have been encouraged in particular to take some time with a published folio edition documenting James Cook's early work in hydrographic survey. The volume known as MG 85.29 includes facsimile copies of 12 of James Cook's charts, originally published in the North American Pilot.

Exhibit: Duration: September 15th. – Ongoing
Location: Provincial Archives Division Reference Room



“Waiting for the fog to lift”; schooners in full sail, pre-1908.
Memorial University Library, Geography Collection. COLL-137; HPNL0926.

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Mr. Penney carried on his life-long career of communicating by working at VOCM radio and then joined his father in the family business, which he continued for over forty years. He was a member of the Boy Scouts and the Masonic Fraternity. He was also a board member of the Consumer Co-op Societies in St. John's and in Clarendville.

Mr. Penney was well known in the Amateur Radio world as VO1NP, held executive positions in the Canadian Amateur Radio Federation and was a past president and life-time member of the Society of Newfoundland Radio Amateurs. In Rotary International, he was a Paul Harris Fellow.

He was an alumnus of Memorial University of Newfoundland and he believed strongly in the value of education. He was a donor to and a supporter of the Faculty of Medicine and also the Faculty of Engineering.



Group of children in front of a school, date and location unknown. Memorial University Library, Geography Collection. COLL-137; HPNL1006.

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