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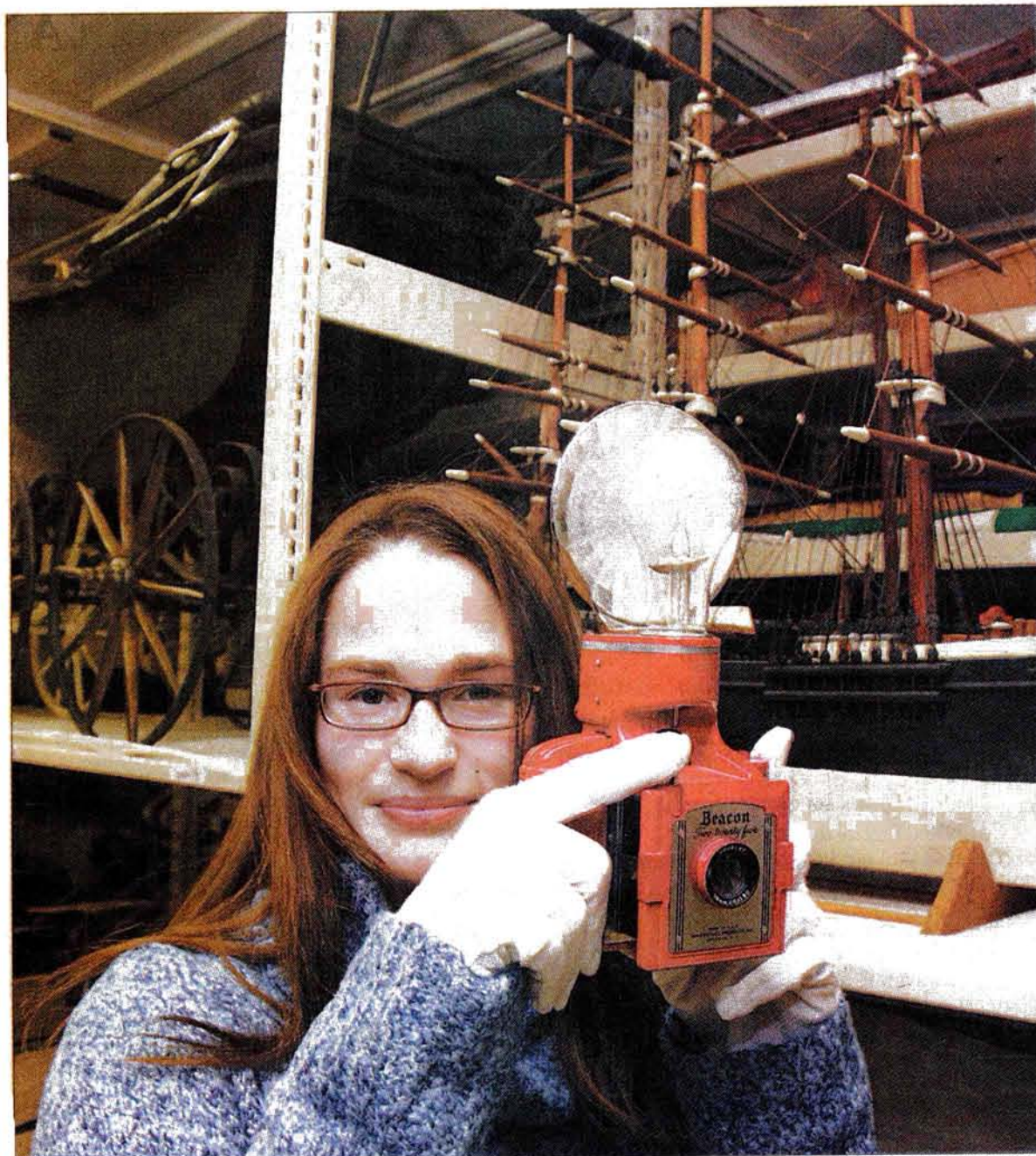
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Nadine Melanson LeBlanc of the Moncton Museum shows some of the objects that are stored in the vaults at the city repository of history. Many, although not directly related to Moncton itself, are donated by local people such as this Beacon 2-25 camera from the 1950s donated by George Griffin.

# Something old

Explore your history at Saturday's  
all-day heritage event featuring exhibits  
and thought-provoking seminars

BY EDITH ROBB  
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The way Nadine Melanson LeBlanc sees it, the best thing we can do with our history is exchange it.

"By preserving our heritage, we can better understand our past and present and more importantly, prepare for the future," says Nadine, a city community development officer based with the Moncton Museum.

That's the philosophy behind the city's major Heritage Week: Explore Your Heritage event set for this Saturday at Moncton City Hall.

The free event, presented by the Moncton Museum in co-operation with the Southeastern New Brunswick Genealogy Society, is a free all-day event featuring displays from heritage groups and thought-provoking seminars.

"The Heritage Fair on Saturday will provide an opportunity for understanding our past and present by providing great tips and research resources," she adds.

"It will also create an amazing exchange of history that will be passed on to future generations. This is a great event for all generations in the family."

The fair runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the City Hall lobby.

The first free seminar is at 11 a.m. in Moncton Council Chambers and is called: If These Walls Could Talk! Learn how to date

### Heritage Week contest winners

**Fern Gautreau of Essex St., Moncton**, is the grand prize winner of a Times & Transcript and Moncton Museum contest designed to test the memory of Monctonians about their heritage.

**Rob Balsler of Stoney Creek** placed second.

The contest was co-sponsored by Southeastern Branch New Brunswick Genealogical Society Inc., Delta Beauséjour, McSweeney's Dinner Theatre and Ivan's Camera. All partners were working together to create public interest in Saturday's unique fair, Heritage Week: Explore Your Heritage Festival set for Moncton City Hall.

**Personality A** was Joseph Salter, Moncton's first mayor, elected April 24, 1855.

He operated the Slater Shipyard constructing 20 sailing vessels.

**Personality B** was George J. Oulton, principal of Aberdeen High School when it had 37 classrooms. The school burned in 1915 and was rebuilt in 1916. Oulton's College is named after him.

**Personality C** is Muriel (Lutes) Sikorski. Only a child when she started her business career, she began by selling lemonade and ice cream by the road-

side. She built a large tourist complex at Magnetic Hill in 1937.

**Streetscape A** was Noble and Hudson Sales and Services, situated at the corner of St. George and Cameron streets. Businesses located there now include La Guitare Music Store, The Store Equipment, School of Music and Big 8 Super Grocer.

**Streetscape B** is the Subway at Main Street. The torn-up street in the foreground was where Main Street was being dug out for the CN underpass, or subway. Graffiti Restaurant is now located in the building on the corner.

**Streetscape C** is the corner of Main and Botsford streets (the former Bank of Montreal is on the left, Banque Provinciale at the left of centre, McSweeney's Building in the centre, and the Higgins Block on the right.) Fern wins one night's accommodation at the Delta Beauséjour on Moncton's Main Street (one room with two queen beds), a family pass (for up to six people) to attend McSweeney's Dinner Theatre (value of \$250), plus a Canon Digital Camera A430 from Ivan's Camera.

Rob wins a mounted copy of an 1881 bird's-eye view map of Moncton.

and research your property.

Three presenters, Brenda Orr, Lawren Campbell and Patricia Winans will take the public through the process of determining if their home is heritage property and how they can find out about its past.

Brenda is senior heritage offi-

cer with the City of Moncton and was a member of the committee that developed the new cultural policy for the province. She and her staff are currently working to plan the new Transportation Discovery Centre that

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## Heritage fair includes speakers, exhibits

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will become part of the Moncton Museum Complex.

Lawren is registrar for the New Brunswick Register of Historic Places.

Earlier in his career, he worked with the City of Moncton as the Municipal Registrar for the Historic Places Initiative, which saw the documenting and listing of 101 of the city's historic places on a provincial and federal register.

Patricia, of Riverview, is a writer of historical articles and co-author of *The Life and Times of Miss A. J. MacMaster*.

The second free session, at 1 p.m. in Moncton Council Chambers, will be a panel discussion on Researching Your Family History. Guest

presenters will be Stephen White, a genealogist with Centre d'études acadiennes; Linda Donovan Evans, president of the Irish Cultural Association of New Brunswick; Bob Fellows, author and retiree of the New Brunswick Archives; and Stan Balch, past president of the Southeastern branch, N.B. Genealogy Society.

They will speak about the resources of their particular institutions, describe what is available on the Internet from their holdings and describe how to use the resources on site.

Other exhibitors at the fair, which also offers free parking, will be the Albert County Museum, the N.B. Museum Archives and Research Library, the Irish Canadian Cultural Association of

New Brunswick, the southeastern branch of the New Brunswick genealogical society, Musée acadien de l'Université de Moncton, N.B. Railway Museum, Moncton Chapter, N.B. Scottish Cultural Association, Saint John branch, N.B. Genealogy Society, Lutz Mountain heritage Foundation, Maritime Conference Archives, N.B. Genealogy Society, Miramichi Branch, Tantramar Heritage Trust, Moncton Museum, Multicultural Association of the Greater Moncton area, Provincial Archives of New Brunswick, Mount Allison Dendrochronology Laboratory, Moncton Heritage Preservation Review Board, Greater Moncton Museum Society, Department of Canadian Heritage and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Family History Centre.