



Sharon Armstrong

Armstrong appointed new Ste-Marie education officer

A former Toronto teacher and 10-year resident of Midland, Sharon Armstrong has been appointed as the new Interpretative and Education Officer for Sainte-Marie among the Hurons.

Mrs. Armstrong accepted the appointment on April 1 having two previous years of experience working on the spring interpretative staff.

Some of Mrs. Armstrong's duties will be to establish a comprehensive spring and fall educational program. She will also work with other teachers on curriculum development related to Sainte-Marie. Other duties include organizing and supervising in-

terpretative programs.

"The Donne's Contract," meaning the "given one" is a new educational programme designed for students, allowing them to participate and learn the history of Sainte-Marie. Students are given a tour of the site and learn about French Jesuit Priests and their mission. Other studies will be on the native people of that area and what then was considered New France. Already this has been a major project undertaken by Mrs. Armstrong.

Mrs. Armstrong says, "I'm also particularly interested in developing Sainte-Marie educational kits which can be sent to remote areas of Ontario;

to communities where the students do not have much opportunity to visit historic sites."

Another educational programme on the agenda is the successful live-in program that simulates 17 century life for 3 days. This will continue next winter from February to March.

Mrs. Armstrong's husband Robert teaches at Bayview Elementary

School. They have two children, Scott, 10, and Monique, 8.

Mrs. Armstrong added, "It's interesting, that we came to Midland after Bob brought a class on a field trip to Sainte-Marie. When he returned home to Toronto, he said he thought he had found the town where we would enjoy living. We had decided to leave Toronto and had spent a year touring Ontario looking for just such a place."

Sainte-Marie, Establishment open Sunday

On May 14, this Sunday, Sainte-Marie among the Hurons and Historic Naval Military Establishments will start their season with a traditional open house.

Both sites will be open from 10 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. free of charge to area residents.

General Manager Robert Montgomery of Huronia Historical Parks said, "We enjoy these open houses as much as our visitors". Explaining that, "It gives us a chance to try out our new program and it gives the visitors a preview of the sites and an opportunity to meet the summer staff."

Starting May 20 the summer season begins with regular admission rates. The Naval and Military Establishments located at the end of Church St. Penetanguishene is closed on Labour Day. And Sainte-Marie,

situated on highway 12 will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. Montgomery wishes to invite people to see both sites Sunday. And proposes, "Tour one site in the morning, enjoy a picnic in either the park at Sainte-Marie or at the picnic area in the afternoon. It's truly an opportunity to step back into another century", he added.

During the 17th century Sainte-Marie was a French Jesuit mission and has now been reconstructed.

The Establishments which existed from 1817 to 1856 have been recreated and refurbished with the antiques of that century. They were built by Britain for the purpose of defending Upper Canada after the War of 1812.

These historical sites are administered by the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation.

Resolution

Board supports vandalism cost paid by parents

The Simcoe County Board of Education endorsed a resolution from the Kent County Board of Education Wednesday night, calling for the Ontario Solicitor General's office to change provincial statutes so that parents would become legally responsible for acts of vandalism committed by their children.

The resolution states that since incidents of vandalism, especially to

school property, have shown a marked increase in recent years, and since under present legislation parents are not responsible for the malicious acts of their children, statutes should be changed to make parents accountable for their children's actions.

Trustees voted to send the endorsed resolution to the Ontario School Trustee's Association for its consideration.

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