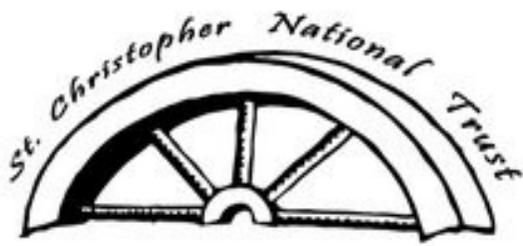


# NEWS SHEET

## SCNT Update #11

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### THE SCNT MUKTI RESEARCH & DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

The establishment of the MUKTI Research and Documentation Centre (MRDC) was one of the first actions undertaken by the former St. Christopher Heritage Society (SCHS) which was established in 1989. It was out of this organization that in 2009 the St. Christopher National Trust was formed. It has been a critical information centre that has fed into many of the projects undertaken by the organisation and has grown over the years to be an important national resource. The MRDC contains all the documentary collections of the SCNT including photographs, maps and audio visual material. Some of the materials found there are one of a kind and are not readily available elsewhere on the island outside of private collections. It was essential for the establishment of the National Museum as it not only provided information and photographs for the displays but it was there that the first objects were collected and stored for future use. Over the years the facility has been managed by a part time Documentalist with the help of an Assistant.

The MRDC serves as an information resource facility for many different users: local and overseas students doing research projects on different topics related to the Federation; visiting consultants and university professors; government department staff, taxi drivers and tour operators, and developers doing environment and other impact assessment studies. A small fee is collected for access to the information for non members. Photocopying and other services are available.

-Mrs. K. Orchard represented the SCNT at a Focus Group meeting for Monitoring and Evaluation of Marine Protected Area Management at the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank. At this meeting there was a video conference sponsored by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and The World Bank, and held by Blue Earth Consultants, LLC

-Ms. Hazel Brooks, museum manager, represented the SCNT the monthly History & Heritage Committee meeting. Preparations are ongoing for the observance of the annual History & Heritage month scheduled for February.

- The ED, Cosbert Manchester, attended a meeting of the UNESCO National Commission. The presentation was made by Mr. Robert Parua, UNESCO Education Specialist & Coordinator based in Kingston Jamaica and represented the SCNT at a Civil Society meeting held by the EPA Unit in the Ministry of Trade.

### SCNT WEBSITE UPDATE

Several new articles have been uploaded to the SCNT website ([stkittsheritage.com](http://stkittsheritage.com)) in recent times that might be of interest to you.

Under Natural Heritage we have added *The History of the St. Kitts Vervet Monkey*; in the Cultural Heritage section *St. Kitts Mas' and the Spirit of Carnival* and *The Revolution in Education in the 1960's*. In Historic Heritage under the Personalities subheading there are stories about *Charles Paget Wade, James Cardin* and *Indian Warner*, while in the Events section there are pieces on *The 1935 Labour Disturbances in St. Kitts* and *The Battle of Charles Fort in Old Road*. Heritage Sites has a useful introduction and 6 subheadings. So far articles have been placed in the Military Sites (*Chateau De Poincy*), Religious Sites (*St. Thomas Anglican Church*) and Other Sites (*History of the Old Treasury Building now the National Museum*).

We continue to work with ECaribbean, our web developer, doing staff training and making small changes to the site. Soon we intend to include an Activities section that will have Quizzes and Puzzles targeting children and adults alike.

**Visit the SCNT Websites! It is a work in progress which already has much to add to your knowledge of the fascinating Heritage of our small Nation.**

Available in the DC is: *An Archaeological Landscape Survey, Building Survey and Evaluative Excitation at Wingfield Estate and its Environs, Old Road, St. Kitts, West Indies*

Undertaken by Dan Hicks and Mark Horton(2001)

Total number of visitors to the National Museum in December 2013 was 574, (Resident 28, Non-Resident 546, and 10 children)

#### Museum Entrance fees are:

Resident EC\$5, Non-resident EC\$8/US\$3

SCNT Members, non-resident and resident children under 12 years and students in school groups enter free.