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John Fisher Museum Presents 'In Transition' Exhibition

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The John Fisher Memorial Museum presents *In Transition: Recent discoveries about the Kingston Peninsula*. The exhibition, which is part of the Community University Research Alliances project, presents research discoveries about the Kingston Peninsula and its role in the Saint John region. The exhibit was developed by the New Brunswick Museum and Kingston Peninsula Heritage Inc.

"This exhibit showcases current research being done by Kingston Peninsula Heritage Inc., New Brunswick Museum staff and university students to uncover new interesting facts about this historic and well-loved rural component of the greater Saint John region," commented Jane Fullerton, Director of the New Brunswick Museum. Researchers from the Museum and Kingston Peninsula Heritage Inc. have been assisted by postsecondary research assistants. Their findings are presented, using photos, specimens and captions to illustrate the focus of their research and its relation to the Kingston Peninsula.

One of the research projects highlighted, *A Rural Community in Transition: The Kingston Peninsula*, was coordinated by Glen Baxter of Kingston Peninsula Heritage Inc. It explores the social, economic and geographical attributes of the Kingston Peninsula, in order to develop a comprehensive community profile. Judith Baxter oversaw research on *Built Heritage: The Kingston Peninsula*, to document the history of over 50 homes, the immigrant families who built them and descendants who maintain them.

A project supervised by Dr. Randall Miller, Curator of Geology and Palaeontology at the New Brunswick Museum, explores the way the region's complex geology has influenced the science culture and scientific literacy of the Saint John region. Saint John's history of geologic exploration began in 1837 and continues today. Dr. Stephen Clayden, the Museum's Curator of Botany, is coordinating research on *Lichens as Indicators of Air Quality*. Preliminary findings illustrate the potential of these organisms to indicate changes in air quality and distribution of air pollutants in Saint John and surrounding areas.

In Transition: Recent discoveries about the Kingston Peninsula presents a sample of the findings from the first two seasons of fieldwork conducted as part of the Community University Research Alliances project *Saint John: An Industrial City in Transition*. This initiative examines how the medium-sized industrial city of Saint John and the surrounding region is reshaping its economic base, sustaining its cultural life and living with its natural environment. Student researchers are working with University of New Brunswick, Saint John faculty and representatives from other partner organizations on over 30 research projects. This exhibit presents findings from six of these projects.

A reception to view the new exhibit is scheduled for Thursday, August 3, from 7:30 to 9 pm. Refreshments will be provided by 1810 Carter House and everyone is welcome. The exhibit continues at the John Fisher Memorial Museum until Labour Day.

Saint John: An Industrial City in Transition is a partnership involving the University of New Brunswick, Saint John, the New Brunswick Museum, Kingston Peninsula Heritage Inc, Atlantic Coastal Action Program and Human Development Council. This research project is funded through the Community University Research Alliances program of the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

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