

Achievements

The Coasters Association has had many achievements over the years that it is proud of. Its pride is rooted in its belief that these achievements have contributed to the development and vitality of the region's communities. What follows is a selection of the organization's major initiatives.

In terms of **heritage and culture**, Coasters has:

- ◆ Hosted a Community Attraction Launch in St. Paul's River showcasing the creations completed through the Breaking down Barriers – Youth Skills Link Project in 2012.
- ◆ Three (3) Surname Totem Poles created by the YSLP – Breaking down Barriers Youth Participants and the project carpenter for the three communities in Bonne Esperance in 2012
- ◆ One Destination Pole created by the YSLP – Breaking down Barriers Youth Participants and the project carpenter for the Tourism Center in Blanc Sablon.
- ◆ Three (3) Historical Exhibits were created by the YSLP – Breaking down Barriers Youth Participants in 2012, highlighting Children of the Past, Then and Now the Municipality of Bonne Esperance, and Traditional Music and Dance.
- ◆ A member of the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network (QAHN), English Language Arts Network, Quebec Drama Federation, and the Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) provincial committee on arts and culture.
- ◆ Supported the historical societies and museums of the LNS.
- ◆ In partnership with the Commission Scolaire du Littoral and the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network (QAHN) – February to May, 2011 – carried out an 'Oral History' project, SHOM project, in the Municipality of Golfe de Saint Laurent (Chevery), Municipality de Gros Mecatina and the Municipality of Blanc Sablon. This project employed three (3) field workers for sixteen (16) weeks and six (6) part-time high school students for ten (10) weeks.
- ◆ Supported the Quebec Drama Federation (QDF) in the development of a touring network within the province in 2010.
- ◆ A member of the LNS Heritage Network in 2010.
- ◆ Attended the QLF Heritage Forum in 2009, and produced a report.
- ◆ Assisted in the planning and organizing of the Coast Fest activities held across the LNS in 2008, in collaboration with the Quebec Labrador Foundation (QLF) and Tourisme Basse Côte-Nord.
- ◆ Carried out Skill Building for Community Opportunities projects with the fishers and plant workers in the Municipality of Bonne Esperance during the fishing crisis in 2004/2005 fishing season, which resulted in the creation of arts and crafts, times gone by stories and intergenerational activities.
- ◆ Supported initiatives to showcase the beauty of the region's heritage and culture to the outside world from 2001 to date.

- ◆ Developed two display panels - coastal showcases (map of the LNS and the 15 communities) in 2001. These panels were used by the Coasters Association and Local Development Center (CLD) on many occasions.
- ◆ Brought Geordie Productions to the Lower North Shore in 1989 and has continued to provide support to their initiatives.
- ◆ Produced a book entitled, "From along the Coast, Home style Cooking, Lower North Shore Cookbook", in the year of 1996.