

The 'Arrow Poems and Saturday Soup' launched at Sir Howard Fergus Scholarship Dinner

GIU – The Soca King of the World, Arrow is captured in the latest book by Sir Howard Fergus “The Arrow Poems and Saturday Soup,” which was launched at the annual Sir Howard Fergus Scholarship Dinner & Cabaret on Saturday evening.

This is the ninth year that the fundraising dinner, which was created by the Montserrat Festival Committee (MonFest), is being held during the annual cultural celebrations now called ArrowFest. Throughout the evening there were amazing performances by Tiffanie Skerritt, Dance Excell, Mildred Chalmers, Kevin Barnes, jazz with Atsumi –McCleod and Co.

and a powerful acoustic finale with rising star Vejon.

The evening was hosted by Professor Fergus’ daughter Dr. Coretta Fergus. Other members of the author’s family, Minister of Education Colin Riley, Deputy Governor Sarita Francis and the seven contestants in the MonFest Queen Pageant were also in attendance.

“The Arrow Poems and Saturday Soup” covers a range of themes in the 37 poems inside, says the author, including a tongue in cheek look at the Montserrat’s work to get a new Constitution Order.

Sir Howard Fergus read “It Was a Miracle” which de-

scribes the day of Arrow’s funeral and the deluge of rain that gave way to a clear afternoon to honor the King of Soca. He also read “Saturday Soup” which he says was unlike the first course served during the gala event but rather a full course meal. The poem is a lighthearted look at soup Caribbean style, where all meats exist equally in a “democratic pot.”

Dr. Fergus has written and edited over 14 books, including several on Montserrat’s history and society. In 1992 he was the winner of The Caribbean Writer Poetry Prize and won the David Hough Literary Prize for an author residing in the Caribbean 2002.

MSS Alumni donate more than \$12,000 in supplies and 15 computers to the school

BRADES, Montserrat (January 5, 2011) – More than \$12,000 in school supplies were handed over to the Montserrat Secondary School on Tuesday by members of the alumni organization, Association of MSS Graduates Inc., which is a registered non-profit group on Montserrat.

The supplies which originated in the United Kingdom include microscopes, aprons, sewing materials, dictionaries, paints and other art materials.

In addition the group donated 15 computers which were contributed by Philips Geraghty of Denovo Legal in New

York. Sandrene Ryan, a MSS alum, said she was able to encourage her boss to contribute the computers and has been working to obtain even more for the school.

Receiving on behalf of the school was Principal Mrs. Cherlyn Hogan who said the donation was quite timely. “We are pleased that former students see the need to support the school now that they are gone.”

The principal thanked the group adding that the supplies would add practical experience to the theories in the classroom and help to reinforce the learning of students.” This

is of tremendous benefit to our students all of who learn in different ways.

During ArrowFest 2010, the association organized one week of activities to encourage past students living abroad and locally to raise funds

Antigua ratifies treaty

Antigua and Barbuda has become the first state in the sub-region to sign the Instrument of Ratification for the Revised Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States Treaty of Basseterre establishing OECS economic union.

for the school. Events included a Meet N Greet, a hike to Rendezvous Beach, Career Day, a

The Castries-based OECS Secretariat says last Thursday’s action by the Antiguan government has helped move the people of the member-states of the organisation “closer towards increased benefits associated with the free movement of skills

Family Fun Day, and a Black Tie Dinner. The group plans to host a reunion on Montserrat

and persons”. The secretariat says the move will also result in better business opportunities.

Officials say at least four independent OECS countries must ratify the revised treaty to give it effect.

every two years.

All proceeds raised go towards supporting the sole secondary

Latin American and Caribbean countries have bright economic outlook

By Marco ‘t Hoen
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Economies in Latin America and the Caribbean are recovering from the economic crisis, with the GDP per

person expected to rise on average 4.8 percent and increase more, as investment is still needed, according to a published report by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations (ECLAC).

Economies in Latin America and non-English- and non-Dutch-speaking Caribbean countries have grown

the most. Paraguay grew almost 10 percent and Brazil a good 7.7 percent. Disaster plagued Haiti’s economy, which dropped 7 percent.

The growth in economies is accompanied by a growth in employment and an increase in job quality, the U.N. press release states. In order to be able to keep growing, the region is urged to invest more.

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“The region’s main challenge is to rebuild its capacity to implement countercyclical actions and to create the conditions for productive development not based solely on the export of commodities,” Alicia Bárcena, executive secretary of ECLAC, states in the press release.

REGISTERED LAND ACT

(Section 15)

Claims to ownership of lands have been received from the following person in the Schedule below:-

Any objection to this claim must be lodged in writing to the Land Registry, Brades, Montserrat within six (6) weeks of the first publication of this notice. The plan relating to the claim listed below may be inspected at the Land Registry Department during normal working hours.

SCHEDULE

Cintelia Daly
Claim #1157

Block 14/11 Parcel 198. Land in Gerald’s\East Sweeney’s. Bounded as follows:- On the South-West by Parcel 14/10/002 (Raymond W. Molyneaux et al); On the West by Parcel 14/10/002 (Raymond W. Molyneaux et al); On the North-East by Parcel 14/06/034 (Frances Foxe the Personal Representative of Nathaniel Foxe, deceased); and On the South by Parcel 14/11/003 (Dehanna Smith)

Dated this 4th day of January, 2011.

J. Christopher Gerrald
Ag. Registrar of Lands

Enumerators wanted for 2011 Montserrat Census

GIU – The Statistics Department is currently preparing to conduct Montserrat’s 13th Population and Housing Census in May 2011 and is looking for temporary enumerators, coders, editors, data entry clerks and supervisors.

The Population and Housing Census is the largest data collection undertaking carried out

by a country. This survey provides a complete count of the population and provides benchmark data on the size of the population, age structure, educational attainment, labour force and socio-economic characteristics of all persons as well as living quarters on Montserrat.

According to a statement from the Statistics

Department there are temporary posts available for persons to be trained and assist with collecting the data.

Applications can be collected from the Statistics Department and must be submitted by Friday, February 25, 2011.

Interested persons can call the department at 491-3797 for more information.