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Welcome to "The Carriacou Museum" Newsletter! With this issue we embark on a mission to bring you closer to the past, present and future of life in Carriacou. Don't miss a single issue! See "Subscriptions" for more details.

The Museum provides a fascinating glimpse into Carriacou's past. Numerous exhibits highlight the diversity, talent and energy of the communities of yesteryear and provides inspiration for today and tomorrow. You are invited to invest a little interest in the past and come in for a friendly tour!

Featured Exhibit:

"Adornos" are relief ornaments applied to ceramics sometimes for "handles" but always to enhance their beauty and highlight the creativity & skill of the potter. This exhibit displays several types of human and animal adornos found on the rims of pots or the sides of bowls and spouts.



A Bit of History: Stone roads built by the French in the seventeenth century, now bowered by overreaching trees, crisscross the island and make some wonderful walking trails. The cotton, sugar, and indigo plantations established by the English in the 1700s and 1800s may be long gone, but still

remaining are some of their great houses, outbuildings and sugar mills (in various stages of disrepair) in cow pastures and trackless woodlands. In the Village of Windward, you can watch men with Scottish surnames build schooners the way their 19th-century forefathers did. But it is the island's African ancestors, who picked the cotton and crushed the cane, who have left the most vibrant legacy here -- the traditions and values that define this remarkable little island called Carriacou.

Old Words: What's in a name? The name "Carriacou" is derived from an old Amerindian word which means "land of many reefs." Indeed, our island is practically surrounded by the various types of reefs!

Archeology: An impressive number of Amerindian artifacts have been found in Carriacou, (a dig in Harvey Vale uncovered several complete human skeletons, burial masks, a drinking well and other remnants leading speculation toward a 1,000+ year old Taino site) including ceramic body ornaments and loom weights. More recently, excavations going on in Grand Bay have uncovered a wealth of ceramic fragments as well as human remains in the traditional Amerindian "folded" burial position.

News: The Museum is currently working on an expansion and renovation project. The first phase of this project involves upgrading the restroom facilities. The second phase will add storage space for the many artifacts that have been excavated in recent years. The third will be to renovate the showroom and the fourth will be to replace the roof. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Make your donation payable to the *Carriacou Museum* and either drop it off at the Museum or mail it in. All gifts will be acknowledged with a receipt. **Join us for our Annual General Meeting, Thursday, April 3, 2008 at the Museum, upstairs.**



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