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Welcome to "The Carriacou Museum!" Our desire is to bring you closer to the past, present and future of life in Carriacou. The Carriacou 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 today!

Featured Exhibit:

May 23rd saw the return to Carriacou of an international team of archaeologists – a project first started in 2003 under the direction of Drs. Scott Fitzpatrick (US), Quetta Kaye (UK) and Michiel Kappers (The Netherlands). Twenty-eight undergraduate students and archaeological specialists from the USA and Britain continued excavations at Grand Bay, Carriacou, until June 23rd. Over the years, the student archeologists have unearthed several tonnes of mostly Arawak pottery and stone tools. Several nearly intact skeletons have also been found. Time is running out because the shoreline is being quickly eroded largely due to years of extensive sand mining.

A Bit of History: "A Short History of Carriacou" by the late Dr. Edward Kent (Pt5)

I have records which show that Admiral David Mill of the British Navy owned Grand Bay Estate in 1770. It is believed that he was given it by the English King as a prize for fighting in one of the many British wars. We have been able to trace the ownership of Grand Bay Estate from the Mill

family through the Urquharts of Craigston Castle in Scotland and through the Archers to my family. My father purchased Grand Bay and Craigston in 1927 from the descendenants of those same Mills. (Mrs.

Mills of Ade's Guest House, Supermarket and Conference Center is a descendent of those same Mills by marriage.) We have records that show that at the beginning of the 18th century (1710-1720), there were 52 indigo Estates and only 3 Sugar estates on Grenada. We know that indigo was grown extensively on Carriacou. Certainly by the end of the 18th century we know that cotton had displaced indigo. Synthetic dyes were being produced in Europe so the market for log-wood and indigo dyes disappeared. As the European settlers cleared and planted the

estates, there was a growing demand for cheap labour. The Estate Owners could not persuade the Caribs to work hard and the workers imported from Europe proved unsuited to the harsh conditions in the indigo,

cotton or sugar fields so the West Indian Proprietors turned to buying slaves from the slave traders who bought or captured them in Africa. This was a sad and shameful period in the history of these islands.

Old Words: Two old phrases which mean that something is badly damaged are "de cae che" and the more familiar "mash-up." A junction at Top Hill,

Carriacou get it's name from the latter phrase due to an accident which occurred there many years ago - "Mash-in" (pronounced "masheen")



Become a Museum Volunteer: Every Thursday, Volunteers continue to work at the Museum from 10AM to 12 noon to sort what the archeologists have found. Volunteers do not need to have any previous Museum experience, just an interest in Carriacou's History and a fascination with artifacts that are in the collection. We need as much help as possible. Come by the Museum on a Thursday morning or ring Eileen Measey on 443-6784 to volunteer.

News: The long awaited addition to the conference room above the museum is now complete along with the repair of the roof and some renovations to brighten up the appearance of the building thanks to the sponsorship of the **Grenada Co-Operateve Bank Ltd.**

Subscriptions: "The Carriacou Museum" is published bi-annually. We hope that your curiosity has been peaked, your mind stimulated and your life enriched!

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∞ CHS Cookbook! ∞



The CHS published a Carriacou Cookery Book last year. It was funded by advertisements from businesses in Carriacou and Petite Martinique and the recipes were provided by residents of and visitors to the islands. The book contains a good collection of local recipes as these are historically important and many have been passed from mother to daughter without previously being written down. There are also a good variety of other recipes from friends and visitors.

If you would like to submit a recipe for our next cookbook, the only criteria are that the ingredients must be available in Carriacou and that the recipe is your own and not copied without permission from another recipe book. So here is your chance to get creative and to go down in history at the same time! Please email your recipe to delphis@spiceisle.com or carriacoumuseum@gmail.com.

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