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**W**elcome to "The Carriacou Museum" Newsletter! Our mission 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:**

There are two "featured exhibits" in this issue! Late last year, we held two work days to move several tons of boxed "raw" artifacts from the Carriacou Historical Society's conference room to a rented storage room in the basement of the Mt. Pleasant Community Center. Subsequently, sturdy shelves were built to hold the boxes which are the fruit of several years work by volunteer archeologists.

The Carriacou Museum hosted a jewelry sale this past February. Nancy Alden is a local jeweler who has lived and worked in the USA for many years. Now she is returning to her roots in the Caribbean and is anxious to help raise funds for the Carriacou Museum. Nancy donated the profits from the sale of jewellery to the Carriacou Historical Society!

Thank you, Nancy! Nancy designs and writes under the name Nancy Alden, is co-founder of the Beadworks Group, one of world's larger retailers of beads. As Beadworks' principal buyer and designer, she has traveled the world in search of the most beautiful components for jewelry design.

She is equally at home with gemstone merchants in Jaipur, silver makers in Bali, glass artists in Bohemia and pearl producers in China. Her knowledge of beads and findings is unrivalled, spanning all categories of material and all stages of production from the creation of a single bead to its final role in a finished piece of jewelry.



### **A Bit of History: "A Short History of Carriacou" by the late Dr. Edward Kent (Pt3)**

In 1492, Columbus sailed the 'ocean blue' and discovered the islands of the Caribbean. He claimed the whole area for the Spanish King but no attempt was made to colonize the smaller islands. The first attempt to colonize Grenada was in 1609 when a party of Englishmen established a settlement but they were so harassed by the Caribs that they soon sailed away. Nearly 30 years passed with the Caribs in full control of the islands. Then in 1638 the French made the first permanent settlement. They and the Caribs skirmished for 16 years until 1654 when the French drove the Caribs to the north of Grenada. I'm sure you know that those proud people, rather than surrender, threw their women and children off the cliff and then jumped to their death off the rocks

below the Catholic Church in Sauteurs.

**Old Words:** "Message" has an old meaning and is not used much that way anymore. In Carriacou many years ago if you sent a "message" for someone it meant that you sent a package or parcel or box.

**Archeology:** Every Thursday, Volunteers work at the Museum from 10AM to 12 noon to sort what the archeologists have found. You 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: "Old wooden house" competition.** We did not see the participation we hoped for in our old wooden house competition. However, we would welcome pictures and historical data regarding any of the old wooden houses on Carriacou or Petite Martinique. [carriacoumuseum@gmail.com](mailto:carriacoumuseum@gmail.com).

**Subscriptions:** "The Carriacou Museum" is published bi-annually. We hope that your curiosity has

been peaked, your mind stimulated and your life enriched! Is your membership current? Membership in the Carriacou Historical Society is only \$25ec or \$10us per year. In return, you will receive all the newsletters, have the right to vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), and be eligible to hold an office - not to mention the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to preserve Carriacou's history.

**Note of Thanks:** To **Netherlands Insurance Company (W. I.) Ltd.** for providing the insurance for the Museum again this year.



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