

Voyageurs return to Sans Souci – Nancy Bowen



You never know who you will meet in Sans Souci!

I was returning from a visit to the Boulevards last Tuesday with friends when we passed a large canoe with 12 fully costumed Voyageurs. They were paddling to LeBlanc's Marina where they camped for the night. We went to Henry's for dinner later that evening and guess who walked in, the 12 Voyageurs all dressed in their period clothing. They gave the bus boy quite a start and he dropped a few trays which caused everyone to look. The quickly said "They were not Pirates just American Voyageurs". Everyone laughed and they proceeded to work the tables telling everyone who they were and why they were here.

The gentlemen were from Saginaw in Michigan. This live history re-enactment group has been traveling different original voyageur fur routes of the great lakes for several years to bring awareness to this important historical role. The group has done a summer trip in the great lakes since 1986. This year the trip started at Snug Harbour and will be completed in Midland.

After a hearty meal at Henry's the guys were chauffeured back to LeBlanc's in "Helms Deep". It was the least I could do, they apparently had some trouble with the trail from the marina to Henry's and spent some time in the woods

For more information on their trip go to <http://www.castlemuseum.org> and click on living history.

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