

Honfleur Sister City Committee

Burlington, Vermont

5 Year Summary

Honfleur Sister City Program Highlights

2009

- First delegation to Honfleur, France as part of 400th Anniversary of Samuel de Champlain in our region with Marcelle Leahy, Dana and Marc vanderHeyden, Doreen Kraft and Pat Robins

2012

- Honfleur Sister City created on March 21 by Mayor Bob Kiss with Lise Veronneau announced as Chair of the Honfleur Sister City Committee
- Burlington's Honfleur Delegation traveled to Honfleur in October
- Educational and SKYPE relationships with Burlington High School and respective schools

2013

- Honfleur Mayor LaMarre and Honfleur Delegation welcomed to Burlington in July; Chamber of Commerce Luncheon; Tour Burlington Schools; Agricultural Exploration and Burlington Intervale Tour; ECHO Tour; Independence Day Celebrations; Tour of Shelburne Museum and lunch on Ticonderoga with Alliance Francaise of Lake Champlain Region; Visit Lake Champlain Maritime Museum; Visits of Saint Michael's College and Champlain College; UVM; Burlington City Arts; Shelburne Farms
- Secured Reciprocal Museum Admittance Agreements in December with Vermont Museums and Musee Boudin in Honfleur
- Signed a Friendship Agreement in July between Mayor Weinberger of Burlington, Vermont and Mayor Lamarre of Honfleur

2014

- 1st Boy Scouts of America trip from Burlington to Honfleur in April
- Burlington Resolution commemorating the 1st Boy Scouts of America trip to Honfleur
- Honfleur Sister City Website created
- Educational and SKYPE relationships with BHS and respective schools in Honfleur,
- WWII Veterans Receive the French Legion of Honor; attended a special event at the capitol building in Montpelier with Governor in November

2015

- Solidarity with Members of the Alliance of the Lake Champlain Region, as well as the general community from the greater Burlington area, held signs such as "JE SUIS CHARLIE" in support of freedom of speech in front of City Hall in January
- International French Flag Raising Ceremony on March 23 at City Hall with Alliance Francaise
 - Presentation by 1st Boy Scouts of America trip to Honfleur in April
 - International Invite included Quebec Premier Couillard, Aaron Annable, Acting Canadian Consul General; Fabien Fieschi, Consul général de France à Boston; and Governor Shumlin
 - Honfleur Sister City display with Exchange visit photos
 - Michel Lamarre's proclamation as Mayor of Honfleur Sister City (France) for International French Flag Raising ceremony
- Honfleur Arts Initiative - Tale of Two Arts Cities: Honfleur and Paris trip to Honfleur in June with Burlington City Arts - Delegation of 19 enthusiasts, including Vermont artist Sabra Fields exhibit and Exhibit Hall set up in Honfleur
- Bunker Museum representation of Burlington in Honfleur
- New France - Lake Champlain Map with Burlington purchased and on display in France

- Expanded on relationships with BHS and respective schools in Honfleur with Student Trip May Honfleur Committee contribution toward commemorating the education/youth exchange with a special place in City Hall in France
- Inaugural Event of the Francophone and Francophile Cities Network held October 29 to 31 in Québec City – represented the Mayor of Burlington, AFLCR, International relations; Honfleur Sister City
- Paris attack vigil – November 14 at 43 King Street; great support by Burlington Police and Community

2016

- International French Flag Raising at City Hall in March
- Facilitated congratulation to Pierre Jan for the 10th Anniversary of the restoration of the Chapelle de l'hôpital and for the 20 years of the Racines de Honfleur Association in Honfleur, FRANCE
- Network of the Francophone and Francophile Cities - website development to include Burlington
- Ornament project for Honfleur
- Boston Consulate/Education - Meeting in Burlington, November 21
- Collaboration with the other Burlington Sister Cities programs – November 30

2017

- International French Flag Raising at City Hall on March 20
- UVM French Connection conference and speakers on March 20 with Quebec government and Canada
- Youth to France Video Collaboration Project in August ; two Champlain College students traveled to Honfleur to create a video about Honfleur with students from four other countries
- Honfleur delegation visits Burlington in October

Honfleur Sister City Committee organized on March 21, 2012

