

Maritime Trip Day 30 September 21, 2010 54 degrees F, Sunny and windy

Hurrah! We slept in today, ate a late breakfast, and headed out to the Kingsbrae Garden, a 5 minute drive from our campground. It was a beautiful, cool and sunny day to stroll through the many sections of the Garden. One of our favorites (check out the photos) was the "flowerbed"—literally an old bed frame planted with flowers where the blanket and pillows would normally be seen! There was also a special section for the blind to feel the plants and read the Braille signs. You'll also see that everyone enjoyed sitting in the garden lounge chair! The maze was fun and send Lorene going around and around in circles! Benches were scattered all around and made it easy to sit and enjoy the flowers, bushes, water features and animals. Of course, we had to stop by the Gift Shop, where we all bought a few items.

By the time we finished at the Garden, it was time to head for High Tea at the Fairmont Algonquin. The Lobby greeters were a young man in a kilt and a beautiful golden retriever whose tail could power a small country! Our sweet waitress, Elizabeth from Cuba, provided excellent service. The plates of goodies were plentiful—more so than any other high tea on this trip and the price was the most reasonable-\$24.00 per person plus tax and tip. The Gift Shop offered yet another shopping opportunity!

We drove back into town to stop at a China Store that was closed last night. The shop keeper had worked in the same store for over 50 years! Her father opened the store originally. Back at the campground we caught up on phone calls, emails, etc., then gather together for light snacks and laughter! (continued on next page)

A faded background image of a lighthouse on a rocky coastline. The lighthouse is white with a red top section and is situated on a rocky outcrop. The sky is a pale, hazy blue, and the water in the foreground is calm and greyish-blue. The overall scene is serene and coastal.

Maritime Trip Day 31 September 22, 2010 61 degrees F, Sunny and calm

It was a gorgeous day to enjoy our late morning picnic breakfast outside. It was a big debate what to do next. It was decided we would stay one more night in St. Andrews by the Sea. We drove downtown (7 tenths of a mile) and started shopping at a couple of stores that were closed the day before. One shop lead to another until it was 1:00! Lorene found a place to get a haircut while the rest of us shopped on! There was a third generation clothing & shoe store that we loved! We all found things we liked inside. Some of us bought some of the things we loved!

What else but a late lunch was next. The Harbor View Restaurant had a swell patio right on the bay. The lobster roll hit the spot for me! Potato/ginger/cheese soup was a winner! Lorene finally got a hamburger that tasted good to her. How time flies when you're having fun! It was 5:00 and time to head back to the campground where laundry was waiting. Tea and cookies closed out the day.