

**Dry-Laid Stone Patio Workshop
Salmon Ladder
Grand Falls-Windsor
Sept. 24-25, 2005**

To help promote local stone products a landscape stone installation workshop was held at the salmon ladder, Grand Falls-Windsor; a high profile tourism destination operated by the Environmental Resource Management Association. The workshop was organized by the Strategic Industries Division of the Dept. of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development and facilitated by Carew Services Ltd of Portugal Cove. The pilot workshop, provided local people with the skills needed to work with stone, promoted the use of local stone products and provided an opportunity to network with stone craftsmen.

Vinland Bluestone, which is a flagstone quarried by Carew Services at their Twillick Brook quarry near Bay d'Espoir, was used to build the approximately 12 by 12 foot patio. The workshop provided 10 hours of hands-on training over a two-day period running from 10 am to 3 pm each day. Total construction time for the stone patio was 18 hours.

Eight people participated in the workshop and these included the do-it-yourselfers and landscape professionals. All participants were pleased with the workshop, the method of delivery and the professional, competent and friendly manner in which Carew Services conducted the workshop. All expressed an interest in attending possible future workshops. Photographs showing the progression of the patio are attached.

Dry-laid Stone Patio Workshop Salmon Ladder, Grand Falls-Windsor



1. Project layout



4. Compacting road gravel for base



2. Sod removal



5. Determining the radius of patio



3. Excavating and grading site



6. Cutting or shaping with a masons hammer



7. Chipping edge to create a tight joint.



10. Marking a stone to be cut.



8. Continuing with outside edge



11. Cutting stone with a rock saw



9. Setting the legs for a stone bench



12. Installing the granite bench



13. Filling seams/joints with sand



15. Completed patio



14. Close-up showing detail of stone work



16. Some of the workshop participants