

# CONNECTION

This English Section appears bi-weekly Edited by : Wendy Y.C. Yeh

## Profile

# Dive into History in Bermuda (3)



Before I went to visit the modern attractions that draw tourists and locals to Bermuda today, I thought it was worth stepping back in time to dive into its history.

After losing the American War of Independence in 1783, and with no American ports at their disposal, Britain sought a port in the mid-Atlantic, between Halifax and the West Indies, from which it could face off America and France and also easily access its interests in the Caribbean. Bermuda's central geographic position, as we might guess, made it a prime choice.

From the War of 1812 until just after World War II, Royal Naval Dockyard and the base played an integral role in strategic defense for Britain. It wasn't until 1951 that the Royal Navy officially pulled out from Bermuda. And soon enough plans were set into motion to preserve Dockyard as a park and a public gathering ground.

Bermuda was the principal base of Britain's Royal Navy in the Western Atlantic. Numerous islands at the West End and in the Great Sound were used for various purposes, but the core of the base, the Dockyard, began to take shape on Ireland Island, at the North West extremity of the archipelago.

The Royal Naval Dockyard, the westernmost point in Bermuda, not only showcases Bermuda's nautical heritage, but it also provides a home for an impressive array of attractions and shopping opportunities. The fortifications of the Royal Naval Dockyard were built during the mid-1800s. I saw the Union Jack on Bermuda flag.

The centerpiece of the Dockyard is the commanding Clocktower building. The Clocktower overlooking the water and the King's Wharf beyond was once a vast storehouse. Now its ground floor houses the Clocktower Shopping Mall. I found several restaurants, art galleries, the Bermuda Craft Market, and the Bermuda Maritime Museum, as well as an array of specialty shops and boutiques. Visitors like to call the shopping experience there as "the clocktower shopping." There is a white Trolley Train that goes around the Dockyard Complex to take visitors to shop.

Clocktower Mall is a well-maintained historic brick building built in 1856 as a warehouse for the Royal Navy that now abounds with an interesting array of shops open seven days a week.

History buffs will want to make a stop at

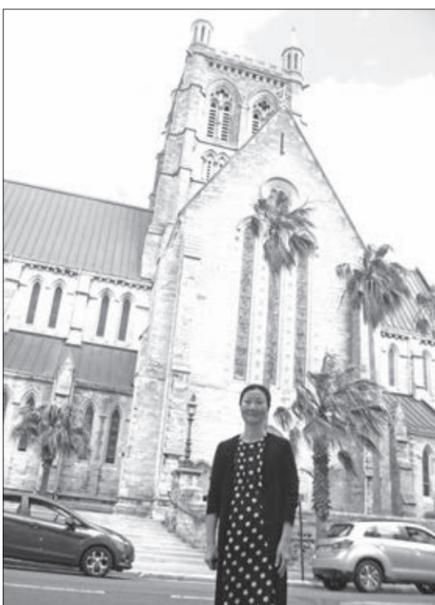
the World Heritage Center on St. George's beautiful waterfront, where an educational short film entitled "A Stroll Trough St. George" is on continuous play and informative exhibits and artifacts bring to life the town's early days.

After I was immersed in the intriguing history of Bermuda, the bustling noise of the busy streets made it hard to believe the transformation. It was interesting to uncover the story of how the islands of Bermuda were inhabited. I felt fortunate to have personally experienced

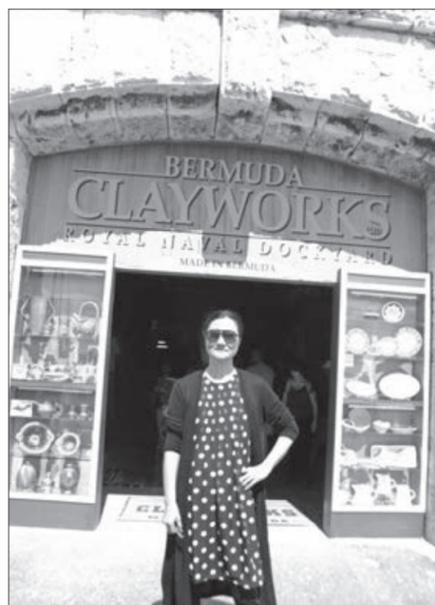
the crisp, clean, refreshing taste of Bermuda's free spirit.



▲this Trolley Train transports visitors with fun in Bermuda



▲visiting the magnificent Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity in Bermuda



▲local potters at Bermuda Clayworks draw on Bermuda colors and scenery for inspiration



▲the commanding Sessions House contains Bermuda's House of Assembly and the Supreme Court

# 莫志堅 張麗珠 會計師事務所

KEN C. MOK, CPA  
LI C. CHANG, CPA (通國、粵、英語)

3306 W. Walnut St. Suite 101  
Garland, TX 75042

TEL: (972) 272-1977  
FAX: (972) 276-6941

辦公時間:  
週一至週五 9:00am-6:00pm  
其他時間請電話預約

- 申報公司、合夥、個人所得稅
- 商業記帳、財務報表

