

# *Commemoration Trip to Cuba*

*To celebrate*

*Brunswick, Maine and Trinidad, Cuba:*

*10 Years as Sister Cities*

## **Brunswick-Trinidad Sister City Association Delegation to Cuba**

**April 12 – 21, 2013**

Overlooking the Caribbean on the south coast of Cuba, the town of Trinidad, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is considered by many to be the jewel of Cuba. Founded in 1514, it is the 4<sup>th</sup> oldest settlement in Cuba and one of the best preserved cities in the Caribbean from the time when the sugar trade was the main industry in the region.

Maine's connection to Trinidad dates back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century when Maine ships carried lumber, ice and potatoes to Trinidad. Maine granite can be seen today in the paving of Trinidad's streets. Ships returned to Maine with salt, rum and sugar, the latter which was refined in Portland at J.B. Brown.

In the Spring of 2003, the Brunswick Town Council adopted a resolution expressing its desire to form a sister city with Trinidad, Cuba. The Brunswick-Trinidad Sister City Association was initiated to learn about the arts, the people and the history of Trinidad. Five delegations from Brunswick have visited Trinidad between 2002 and 2009.

This 2013 delegation will travel to both Havana and Trinidad. We will meet with organic farmers, artists, musicians, poets and teachers. We will learn about the education and healthcare systems and experience the warm sister city relationship that has been cultivated for a decade. This is a unique opportunity to participate in a "licensed, people-to-people exchange."

**COST:** Approximately \$2500 (based on double occupancy). This includes: transportation to Montreal, an overnight stay in Montreal, round trip airfare from Montreal to Havana, all bus transportation within Cuba, four nights in Havana with one dinner included, four nights in Trinidad, a day trip with lunch to the beautiful Valley of the Sugar Mills, and all breakfasts. Lunch and dinner will be on your own. A guide and translator will accompany the group.

**GROUP SIZE:** The group is limited to 12 people.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** February 1, 2013, filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

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