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Stories Handed Down: FOAPL Launches Story & Visual Arts Competition Focusing On Antigua & Barbuda History

JAMAICA, NEW YORK (September 23, 2015) – Friends of the Antigua Public Library – New York, Inc. and the National Public Library of Antigua & Barbuda are pleased to announce the launch of **Stories Handed Down! A Short Story & Visual Arts Competition**, open to students of Antigua and Barbuda, enrolled in Forms 1 through 4.

This oral history-inspired competition ties closely with the celebration of our nation's 34th Anniversary of Independence. Students are invited to interview an Antiguan/Barbudan elder, and submit a story about "ole time days" in Antigua & Barbuda. For the Visual Arts component, Students are asked to submit a piece of artwork that illustrates either a story handed down, or portrays the storyteller.

The competition runs through mid-night **October 24, 2015**. For more competition guidelines and rules, please contact the National Public Library of Antigua & Barbuda at (268) 562-4503, or visit us at www.foapl.org.

This year's prizes include: First Place: Note book computer; Second Place: Digital Camera; Third Place: EC\$100 gift certificate to Best of Books.

The 2015 Short Story and Visual Arts Competition is made possible through the funding and generous support of the members of Friends of the Antigua Public Library – New York, Inc., who are committed to the belief that maintaining a strong library is fundamental to the growth and prosperity of a nation.

