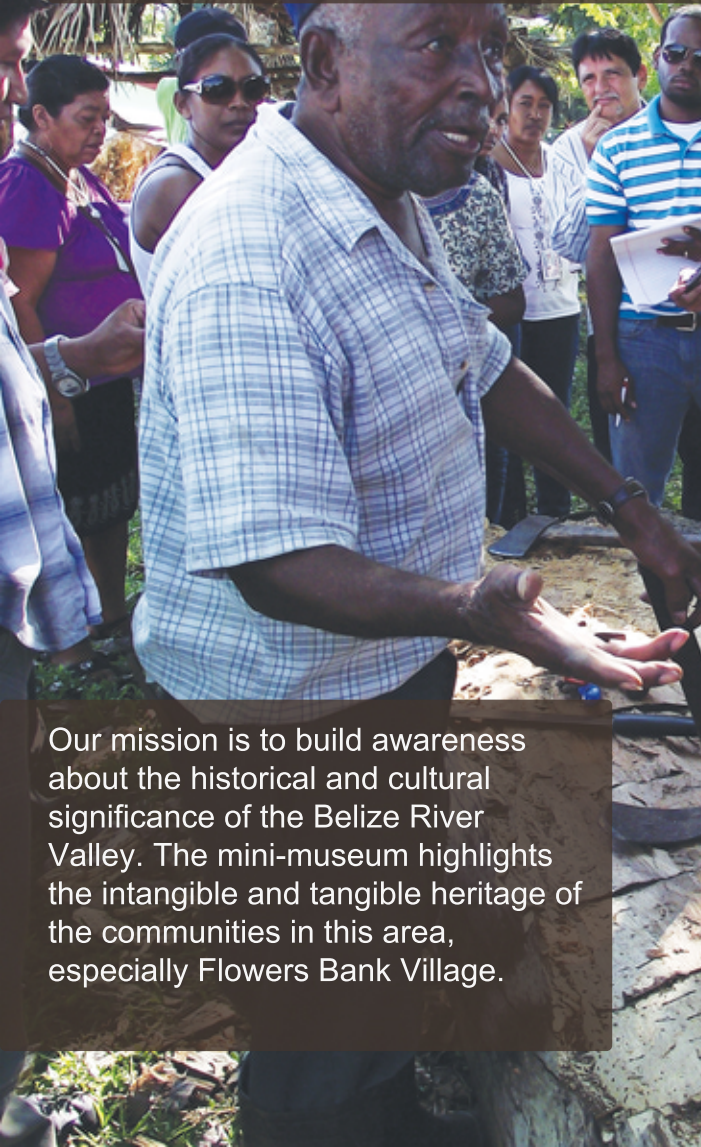


ABOUT US

The Flowers Bank Community Museum was opened in May 2012 through the partnership of the Flowers Bank Village Council, community members and the Institute for Social and Cultural Research (ISCR) branch of National Institute of Culture and History (NICH).



Our mission is to build awareness about the historical and cultural significance of the Belize River Valley. The mini-museum highlights the intangible and tangible heritage of the communities in this area, especially Flowers Bank Village.

VISITING THE MUSEUM

Flowers Bank Community Center
Flowers Bank Village
Belize District
Belize, C. A.

OPENING HOURS

Visits are available by appointment only.
To schedule your visit kindly contact us.

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ADMISSION FEE

Non-students \$2.00 BZD.
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Flowers Bank Village



The village of Flowers Bank is situated along the Belize River and lies three miles north of the main road after Burrell Boom Village. The predominantly Creole (Kriol) village is home to approximately 121 persons. The village is part of the Belize River Valley historic

The Flowers Bank Festival is held annually near this date to commemorate this historic event, and to highlight the community's Creole heritage.

Museum Exhibit

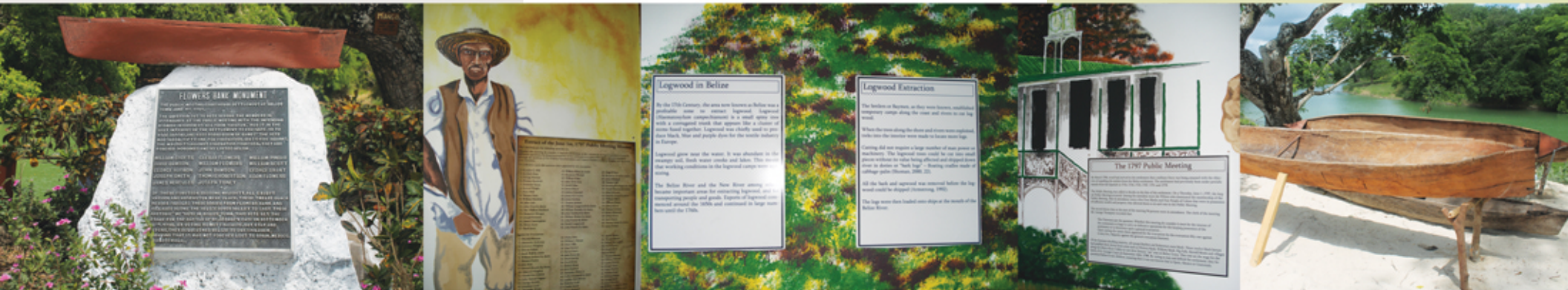
The Flowers Bank Community Museum features an exhibit entitled "The River and its People". It tells the story of the Belize River Valley - use by the ancient Maya, logging industry, slavery in Belize, chicle industry, transportation and contemporary Flowers Bank. Altogether, the exhibit illustrates how the river was important to the economic and social life of the country and Belize.

Cohune Oil Factory



The Cohune Oil factory in Flowers Bank is a community initiative that was opened in 2010 with support from the Caribbean Community Climate Change Center and other organizations.

The abundance of cohune oil in the area, coupled with the hard work and ingenuity of the Flowers Bank Community Group, has permitted the development of a growing cohune oil industry. Cohune palm seeds are processed using a combination of traditional and mechanical techniques. The oil is used in a variety of ways including the preparation of local delicacies.



corridor and its history can be traced to Belize's timber extraction era during the colonial period. The community museum is an initiative to preserve and safeguard this heritage.

Historic Monument

The historic monument honours the Flowers Bank 14. These were fourteen men whose vote on 1st June, 1797 carried a decision to stay and defend the settlement of Belize when confronted with the threat of Spanish invasion.



Many of the objects on display are cultural objects and artefacts from the colonial period.

Other Community Attractions

- Swimming
- Wildlife and bird-watching
- Storytelling
- Dorey-making

