

# BCHF Newsletter

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## *New National Historic Designations*

### Ski Jumping at Mount Revelstoke



Nels Nelsen jumping in 1916.

Image courtesy Revelstoke Museum & Archives

In celebration of Heritage Day, the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and Minister responsible for Parks Canada, announced the designation of 38 nationally significant persons, places and events that helped define Canada's history. One of these sites is part of the 2016 BCHF Annual Conference!

"From 1915 to 1975, Mount Revelstoke was the site of championship ski jumping competitions. A popular spectator sport in early 20th century Canada, these competitions were an integral part of Revelstoke's vibrant winter festivals and later the Tournament of Champions. The magnificent 'Big Hill,' which was later renamed the 'Nels Nelsen Hill,' was one of Canada's earliest permanent jumps and the largest natural ski jump in the country." Read the full background on the Government of Canada site: <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=1033139>

Nels Nelsen Historic Ski Area Tour: We will travel by bus to the Nels Nelsen Historic Ski Area in Mount Revelstoke National Park for a tour of the site, including the newly installed "Nels' Knickers" art installation, where you can experience the thrill of the sport from the jumpers' perspective. This tour is scheduled for 2.5 hours, including transportation to and from Rogers Pass. Included in full conference fee and Saturday only pass. <http://www.bchistory.ca/revelstoke-revisited/tours/>

## Notice of Meeting

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The BCHF Council gives notice that BCHF's 2016 Annual General Meeting will be held at 9:00 am on **Saturday, May 28, 2016**, at the Regent Hotel, 112 First Street East, Revelstoke, British Columbia.

### Delegate Information

All members of Member Societies of the BCHF are also members of the BCHF and are entitled to attend and take part in meetings.

A Member Society may have one delegate for each 10 members – please use one form per delegate. A society officer must sign the Delegate Form. Forms are to be turned in at the time of registration for the AGM. Forms are available from the website: [www.bchistory.ca/revelstoke-revisited/agm/](http://www.bchistory.ca/revelstoke-revisited/agm/)

Secretaries of Member Societies can forward a list of voting delegates to the Federation Secretary prior to the AGM in order to determine the list of voting delegates.

Contact the BCHF secretary for more information: [secretary@bchistory.ca](mailto:secretary@bchistory.ca)

## *Travel to the 2016 Conference by Coach* Heritage themed coach trip to Revelstoke Revisited

### **DEPARTURE – WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2016**

8:30 am – pickup at BC Ferries Tsawassen for Vancouver Islanders. Our journey continues with pickups in Vancouver, Richmond, Ladner, Surrey, Langley, Abbotsford, and Chilliwack. Stop in Hope for lunch and then proceed on to Kamloops. Stay overnight at The Fairfield by Marriott.

### **DAY 2 – THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016**

Breakfast (included in price) at The Fairfield by Marriott and the journey continues for an early arrival in Revelstoke.

### **RETURN TRIP DAY 5 – SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2016**

Full day trip with one major rest stop. Same route and drop-offs.

### **Book by April 10 to Ensure Your Seat**

\$325 – Double | \$405 – Single | Does not include conference registration

### **Registration options:**

- Mail: Contact Conference Chair Maurice Guibord at [conference@bchistory.ca](mailto:conference@bchistory.ca) or by phone 604.771.3047 to have a package mailed to you or download it from the website.
- Register online & pay online or my mail: [www.bchistory.ca/revelstoke-revisited/register/](http://www.bchistory.ca/revelstoke-revisited/register/)

Contact Ron Hyde with questions about the coach trip:

[membership@bchistory.ca](mailto:membership@bchistory.ca) or visit the website at [www.bchistory.ca](http://www.bchistory.ca)

## *Volunteer Opportunity: Bookkeeper*

Lower-Mainland based; two hours a week

The British Columbia Historical Federation is looking for a Lower-Mainland-based volunteer bookkeeper (approximately 2 hours per week) to assist the Society Treasurer. Tasks would include:

- maintaining financial records in Excel;
- posting journal entries and reconciling accounts;
- preparing trial balance of books;
- maintaining general ledgers;
- preparing cheques for contractor and supplier invoices;
- completing government documents and handling GST;
- and working with the Treasurer to prepare statistical and financial reports as required.

We are proud of the BCHF and look forward to this new member of our team. If you are interested, contact K. Jane Watt, 1st VP British Columbia Historical Federation, [director1@bchistory.ca](mailto:director1@bchistory.ca).

## *Getting Ready for the New BC Societies Act*

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**Thursday – May 26, 2016, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm** The *Societies Act*

is new legislation that was passed in spring 2015 and will come into effect on November 28, 2016. It governs how societies (not-for-profit societies) are created and run in BC. and includes significant updates to allow for more flexibility in how societies operate, while still protecting the public interest. This free presentation will be of interest to anyone involved in a registered B.C. Society. Register for your spot.

## *Advocacy Breakfast*

You are invited to join the BCHF Advocacy Working Group for a no-host breakfast during the Annual Conference in Revelstoke to meet the Group and discuss the history and heritage matters that concern us all. Bring your thoughts, ideas and passions to the Regent Hotel at 7:00 am on Friday, May 27. Please pre-register to ensure a seat.

## *Please Share*

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Please share this newsletter with the members of your historical society and others.

Find more events at: [www.bchistory.ca/events-calendar](http://www.bchistory.ca/events-calendar)

### BC Heritage Fairs

[www.bcheritagefairs.ca](http://www.bcheritagefairs.ca)

*Okanagan: Kelowna  
Museums/School District #23*

April 27 and 28

Laurel Packinghouse

*Fraser Valley: The Reach Gallery  
Museum*

April 28 and 29

To be held at UFV Abbotsford

*Northern: Hudson's Hope Museum*

April 29

Hudson's Hope School Gym

*Sea to Sky*

April 29-30

Squamish Historical Society

*Delta/Surrey: Delta Museum and  
Archives Society*

April 29-30

Harris Barn Delta

*Richmond: Richmond Museum  
Society*

May 6-7

Richmond Cultural Centre

*Rivers to Sea*

May 6-7

Burnaby Village Museum

*Vancouver Island North*

May 6-7

Alberni Valley Museum

*Northwest*

May 8

North Pacific Cannery National  
Historic Site

*Thompson*

May 12-13

Henry Grube Education Centre  
Kamloops

*Central: The Exploration Place*

May 13

Prince George Civic Centre

### Heritage BC

[www.heritagebc.ca](http://www.heritagebc.ca)

*PlaceMaking: Where Arts and  
Heritage Collide*

May 5-7, 2016 Granville Island,  
Vancouver, BC

The 2016 Heritage BC Annual  
Conference in partnership with  
Arts BC.

### Ladysmith & District

#### Historical Society

[www.ladysmithhistoricalsociety.ca](http://www.ladysmithhistoricalsociety.ca)

*Saturday Work Bees*

Saturdays: 10am to noon

The LDHS Industrial Heritage  
Preservation Committee urgently  
needs volunteers on Saturday  
mornings: clearing gravel from  
the tracks; work in the shop; and  
blackberry removal.

### Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society

[www.penderharbourheritage.ca](http://www.penderharbourheritage.ca)

*April Tools Wooden Boat  
Challenge*

April 30, 2016

The main event involves adults  
building a boat in 3 hours using a  
changing array of materials and  
requirements that are only  
revealed to them an hour before  
they begin. Some sinking occurs,  
of course, but there is prize  
money to be won!

### Quesnel & District Museum and Archives

[www.quesnelmuseum.ca](http://www.quesnelmuseum.ca)

*Friends of the Museum Annual  
Used Book Sale*

May 7, 2016 from 10 am – 2 pm

Gently used books, DVDs, and  
puzzles.

### Vancouver Historical Society

[www.vancouver-historical-  
society.ca](http://www.vancouver-historical-society.ca)

*Local Protest and Transnational  
Politics: Vietnam War Resistance  
in Vancouver and BC*

April 28, 2016 - 7:30 at Museum of  
Vancouver

Speaker: Lara Campbell,  
Associate Professor, SFU. Tens of  
thousands of Americans left the  
US for Canada to avoid the  
Vietnam draft or to protest the  
war between 1964-1973.  
Vancouver became a hub for  
transnational anti-war activism.

### Victoria Historical Society

[victoriahistoricalsociety.bc.ca/](http://victoriahistoricalsociety.bc.ca/)

*The Raj on Vancouver Island*

April 28, 2016

How did a book published in  
Calcutta in 1911 on the care of  
cows find its way into a Victoria  
second-hand book shop? Dr.  
Sundaram will draw on research  
in India and Vancouver Island to  
examine trans-imperial  
connections.

Member Societies  
and Affiliated  
Members can  
promote their  
events in the **BCHF  
News**

June **BCHF News**  
deadline — May 4,  
2016

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