

# BCHF Newsletter

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## *In Memoriam for Two Past BCHF Presidents* Jacqueline Gresko, BCHF Honorary President

### *Alice Glanville* 1920–2015

Alice was raised and educated in the Boundary Country. After attending Vancouver Normal School she began teaching at Brown Creek in 1939. She retired from teaching at Grand Forks in 1980. There Alice and her husband Jim were active members of the Boundary Historical Society. In 1987 they authored *Grand Forks, the First 100 Years*. In 1991 Alice published *Schools of the Boundary*. She contributed to the society's publication of Boundary Historical Reports. Her involvement in the BC Historical Federation led to her election as president from 1994 to 1996 and her selection as Honorary President from 2000 to 2001. She enjoyed attending federation conferences right up to Kamloops in 2013. Over the years Alice hosted visiting federation members and assisted them with research. Now historians of British Columbia join the family in celebrating Alice Glanville's life and contributions.

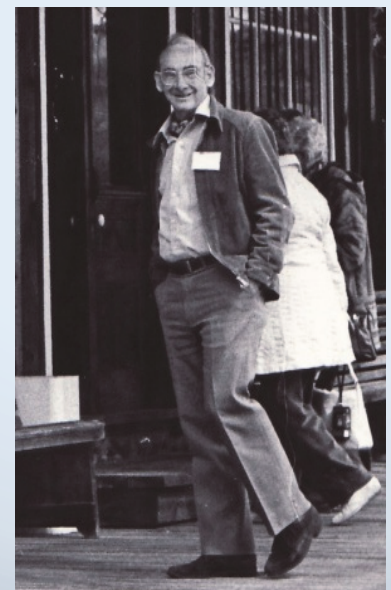
### *Leonard McCann* 1927–2015

Len McCann was born and raised in Shanghai. After wartime internment in Manila, he came to British Columbia. He worked in TV production before becoming assistant curator of the Vancouver Maritime Museum in 1968. His contributions to maritime history projects and his publications on the Hudson's Bay Company steamship Beaver brought him many friends. So did his service as president of the Vancouver Historical Society 1978 to 1983. On the provincial level Len served as president of the BC Historical Federation 1997 to 1999 and as honorary president 1997-1999. In recent years, as Curator Emeritus of the Vancouver Maritime Museum, he assisted researchers and encouraged donations to the archives. Len passed away March 27, 2015. Friends across the province will remember him.

## In Memoriam



Alice Glanville, BCHF conference in 1997. Conference goers were encouraged to wear period costumes. R.J. Welwood photo.



Len McCann at 1984 Vernon Conference. BCHF Archives.

## The Canada 150 Fund

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Get Ready to Celebrate Canada 150!

The Government of Canada has announced details of its preparations for celebrating the 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017—a pivotal milestone in our nationhood in what is set to be an exceptional year for Canadians and our country. Momentum continued to build on the Road to 2017 as the Honourable Shelly Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, launched the Government of Canada's plans and vision for Canada 150 and invited Canadians to join in the exciting journey.

Apply for funding to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017 at: <http://canada150.gc.ca/eng/1424795454758>

## \$125,000 for BC Heritage Fairs Society

The Government of BC is providing \$125,000 to the BC Heritage Fairs Society to support the province-wide Heritage Fairs program and in-turn help BC's young historians, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Steve Thomson announced in Kelowna on Saturday, April 11, 2015. Read more: [www.bcheritagefairs.ca](http://www.bcheritagefairs.ca)

## Early Cassiar Newspapers Available Online

The Northern BC Archives, Geoffrey R. Weller Library, UNBC has digitized over 300 newspaper issues from the company mining town of Cassiar, B.C., published between 1956 and 1977 by the Cassiar Asbestos Mining Corporation. The papers detail numerous events in the town and surrounding area, including company business. See: <http://search.nbca.unbc.ca/index.php/asbestos-sheet>

## Kudos to Member Society Touchstones Nelson

Touchstones Nelson has won the [Canadian Museums Association](#)'s 2014 award for Outstanding Achievement in Exhibitions, in its category for museums with an annual budget of less than \$1 million, for *Roll on Columbia*, a multi-format exhibit about the Columbia River Treaty was shown for three days at a conference in Spokane last fall, and will be mounted in Nelson in the fall of 2015.

Read more in the *Nelson Star*: [www.nelsonstar.com/news/303638671.html](http://www.nelsonstar.com/news/303638671.html)

## BC Studies

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*BC Studies: The British Columbian Quarterly* no 185 Spring 2015, has published an article that originated as an essay by Ramona Boyle written for History 318, "Contesting the Columbia: the Fur Trades of the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia," taught by Richard Mackie at the University of Victoria in 2005.

That essay won the BCHF's 2006 W. Kaye Lamb award for the best history essay written by a student in 3rd or 4th year at a BC university. Mackie subsequently edited the paper and readied it for publication and is acknowledged as co-author.

Go to [bchistory.ca/awards](http://bchistory.ca/awards)

## Member Societies

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As a benefit of membership you can advertise your society's event in the calendar or talk about your projects – send me your events. Andrea Lister: [newsletter@bchistory.ca](mailto:newsletter@bchistory.ca).

## Please Share

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

## Upcoming Events

BCHF Member Society Events from around British Columbia

### BC Heritage Fairs

[www.kamloops.ca/museum](http://www.kamloops.ca/museum)

#### Provincial Fair 2015

July 5, 2015, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

The highlight of the Fair will be the showcase of student projects to the public at the Royal BC Museum.

### Burnaby Village

July 1, 2015, 11:00 am – 4:30 pm

It's a Party! Burnaby's Official Canada Day celebrations offering visitors the backdrop of its 1920s village streets, family entertainment, displays & demonstrations.

### Coquitlam Heritage Society

[www.canadianflight.org](http://www.canadianflight.org)

#### Father's Day Extravaganza

June 20, 2015, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

An action-packed afternoon at Mackin House including coffee, doughnuts, antique displays and wooden crafts. Spend a day with dad learning about your community's history. Registration is required.

#### Jean Baptiste Day

June 24, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Celebrate Jean Baptiste Day! You can expect fun for the whole family!

### Delta Museum & Archives Society

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

#### Heritage Happenings – Children's Programming

Join DMAS on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons for fun-filled two-hour programs for children ages 7 to 12. \$10 per

program. Pre-register to guarantee a spot.

### Fraser-Fort George Museum Society

[www.theexplorationplace.com](http://www.theexplorationplace.com)

#### Little Prince Steam Engine

May and June, Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays from 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm

\$1.00 Children under 2, \$2.50

Children 2-18 years (Children under 8 must ride with an adult.),

\$3.50 Adults, \$2.50 Seniors

### Kamloops Museum & Archives

[www.kamloops.ca/museum](http://www.kamloops.ca/museum)

#### Mary Spencer, Photographer

February 27 – June 30 2015

Between 1899 and 1909, Mary Spencer produced some of the most stunning photographs ever taken of Kamloops and the surrounding area.

### Langley Heritage Society

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

#### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the CN Station

June 19 & 20, 2015, 1:00 pm

August 15 & 16, 2015, 1:00 pm

The station will be open. The Camera Club will have a railway exhibit in the Baggage Room.

#### Canada Day at the Langley Centennial Museum

July 1, 2015, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Canada Day exhibit.

### Marpole Museum & Historical Society

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

#### Treats and Treasures Lawn Sale

June 20, 2015 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

25 tables offering crafts, collectibles, books, furniture, treasures, baking, gourmet mixes & preserves. While shopping enjoy the famous Colbourne House hot dogs, desserts & drinks.

### Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society

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

#### Pender Harbour Days

July 10 evening – July 12

A weekend celebration of the area's local and marine heritage. Features include historical boats, land-based heritage displays, sailing and paddling competitions, an arts fair and entertainment.

### Vancouver Heritage Foundation

[www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org](http://www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org)

#### 2015 Heritage House Tour

June 7, 2015, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

VHF's 13th Annual Heritage House Tour. The 2015 one-day self-guided tour offers an exclusive look inside 14 historic Vancouver homes that show the beautiful diversity of living in heritage.

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