

# BCHF Newsletter

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## *Introducing Shannon Bettles*

BCHF Director



I believe that libraries, museums and archives help people. For the past eight years I've been lucky to be the archivist at the Chilliwack Museum and Archives, where I've had an opportunity to help people through the use of archival records. This is what I love about my job where I work hands-on preserving and making historical materials available. It's the people!

A few years ago a young woman came to the Chilliwack Archives with hopes of learning more about her paternal mother, whom she had never met. Though initially it was a long shot, we were actually able to track down a body of records from my guest's family. Amongst the family albums, my guest discovered a photograph of her mother as a child. Looking up over the album at one another, we were both in tears.

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We all need a reason to get up and go to work in the morning. For me, knowing that the records I'm preserving and making accessible today will be helpful to tomorrow's researchers, gives me this purpose. For my husband, a BC historian, purpose is discovering the stories that emerge from the historic evidence and sharing his findings through publications. Participating in the story, either by preserving, researching, reading, writing, observing or sharing it, is what I think it means to be a part of the BC Historical Federation.

I'm excited to be a participant in the BCHF and honoured to have an opportunity to serve on the board. I'm interested in learning more about the historical work of other local communities and finding ways for us to help people by continuing to share and promote BC history.

## BCHF Conferences



### **Save the Date**

**British Columbia Historical  
Federation Annual Conference**

**May 27-29, 2016  
Revelstoke, BC**

**Thank you to our 2015 hosts  
the Quesnel & District  
Museum and Archives for a  
wonderful conference.**

**Welcome Maurice Guibord,  
BCHF Conference Chair  
conference@bchistory.ca**

## W. Kaye Lamb Essay Scholarship Winners



Kathryn Siemens of Victoria, BC, a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student at UVic has won a \$1000 scholarship for her essay: "Harry Hastings and the Racial Equality Proposal: Voicing Asian Canadian Concerns and Challenging Anglo-American Ideals".

The judges agreed that a second essay in this category also warranted an award. Michelle Murray, third year student at SFU, has won a \$750 for her essay: "B.C. Container Truckers: Analysing a Contemporary Labour Dispute."

## *Butter-Fat Magazine Digitized*

### BC Dairy Historical Society

The BC Dairy Historical Society has digitized and made available for viewing online the 674 editions of the *Butter-Fat* magazine published by the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association from 1923 to 1993. The *Butter-Fat* editions contain a detailed history of dairy and agriculture in BC including several historical editions with wonderful historic photographs. The editions are in PDF format and can be downloaded to your PC, iBooks or Kindle for reading and searching. To view visit:

[www.bcdairyhistory.ca/butter-fat/search.php](http://www.bcdairyhistory.ca/butter-fat/search.php)

## *Bulk Subscriptions has Evolved*

The BCHF has revamped how bulk subscriptions work for Member Societies with dues paying members. Starting with your society's membership renewal in December 2015, if your society bundles your society's membership with a subscription to *British Columbia History* your society will receive one free ad in the magazine. Perhaps your society could offer a regular membership and a premium membership?

Societies pay \$20 per subscriber and get a one-time ad in *British Columbia History* magazine size based on number of subscribers. Societies send BCHF the names, addresses and payment for each subscriber at the time of the society renewal.

Use the ad to promote your society, an event, an exhibit, a publication...we can even help you with the design. Ad space must be booked at time of renewal and is subject to space availability.

## *BCHF Advocacy*

The Federation at its AGM (Quesnel, 23 May 2015) passed unanimously a resolution strongly supporting the Maritime Museum of British Columbia's efforts to find a new and secure home for its collections and programs and strongly urging the Government of British Columbia to support and aid in this process. President Gary Mitchell has written a letter of support on behalf of the BCHF to the Chair of the MMBC Society and cc'd to Hon. Oakes, minister responsible for heritage.

## *Morden Mine Looking for Help*

Friends of the Morden Mine will surrender the fight to save Vancouver Island's only remaining coal tippie after more than a decade of calling government to action. See:

[www.nanaimobulletin.com/news/303304931.html](http://www.nanaimobulletin.com/news/303304931.html)

## *Bob Stewart Archives Move*



The Bob Stewart Archives of The United Church of Canada, BC Conference has moved. Their new contact information:

The Bob Stewart Archives

2195 West 45th Avenue

Vancouver, BC V6M 2J2

E-mail: [bgalston@bc.united-church.ca](mailto:bgalston@bc.united-church.ca)

Telephone: 604-431-0434 x322

## *21 BC Newly Designated BC Heritage Lighthouses*



Read more:

[www.vancouversun.com/news/metro/Parks+Canada+releases+list+newly+designated+heritage/11183233/story.html](http://www.vancouversun.com/news/metro/Parks+Canada+releases+list+newly+designated+heritage/11183233/story.html)

## *Member Societies*



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*



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

## Upcoming Events

### BCHF Member Society Events from around British Columbia

#### Forest History Association of British Columbia

*2015 AGM in Revelstoke*

Sept 11–13, 2015

This is the Heritage weekend at the Forest Museum in Revelstoke. Tentative events scheduled include: horse logging demonstrations; antique chain saw competition; campfire and music; and preview of Saturday's logger sports..

#### Langley Heritage Society

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

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

*August 15 & 16, 2015, 1:00 pm*

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

#### Nanaimo Museum

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

*Rationing to Ravishing: Women's Fashions of the 40s & 50s*

On until August 23

Curated by Ivan Sayers & Claus Jahnke. From jumpsuits to evening gowns, this exhibition will feature rare examples of haute couture and that reflect how WWII changed society.

#### North Vancouver Museum & Archives

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

*Sam and Sal – Shipyard Pals*

July 1 to August 30 Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays at 1:30pm and 3 pm

Drop in for a free walking tour. Shipyard Sal and Sam will regale you with stories, songs and poetry, as they describe first-

hand, what it was like to build 10,000 tonne Victory Ships for war. Meet near the foot of Lonsdale at Victory Ship Way.

#### Summerland Museum & Heritage Society

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

*Geology Tour of Summerland*

August 15, 10am-1pm

Led by Geologist Dr. Kathleen Jagger, the tours will start and end at the Museum, and will take you on a tour to explore the unique and fascinating geological formations of the area. Tours are \$20.

*Species at Risk Day Camp*

August 17th - 21<sup>st</sup>

They are hosting a summer program in partnership with the Royal BC Museum which will educate children about threatened species and our local environment. The camp is \$75 for the week.

#### Vancouver Heritage Foundation: Walking Tours

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

*Hastings-Sunrise: At the Water's Edge*

Saturday August 15, 10am-noon

This neighbourhood perched above Burrard Inlet is a hidden trove of beautiful homes. Registration required.

*Swayed by the Muses: Authors and Musicians at Mountain View Cemetery*

Sunday Aug 23, 2015, 10am-noon

Free tour, courtesy of Mountain View Cemetery. No need to pre-register. Meet at the cemetery office, inside the cemetery, near Fraser and 39th Ave.

*East Hastings-Sunrise*

Saturday August 29, 10am-noon

During this meander through the Lakewood to Renfrew corridor, you'll see the recent growth of this neighbourhood. Registration required.

*Commercial Drive & Grandview*

Sunday, Aug. 30 2015, 10am-noon

Free tour, courtesy of Céline Sauvage, real estate agent with Group Sutton-West Coast Realty. Meeting point: In the park at Napier St. and Commercial Dr.

#### Yale Historic Site

<http://historicyale.ca/>

*Ward Tea House*

Saturdays and Sundays, 11am-3pm

The Tea House serves savouries and sweets, coffee, tea and cold beverages in the garden.

October BCHF  
News deadline —  
September 2, 2015

# HISTORICAL CHINATOWN TOURS

with Judy Lam Maxwell

Are you a History Buff, an Educator, Student, Foodie, or Cocktail Enthusiast?  
If so, then this Vancouver Chinatown tour is for you!

visit  
[www.chinatowngirl.ca](http://www.chinatowngirl.ca)

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[judy@chinatowngirl.ca](mailto:judy@chinatowngirl.ca)

Courtesy of City of Vancouver Archives

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history of British Columbia through research, presentation, and support.  
The Federation provides a collective voice for its member societies.*

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