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BCHF Newsletter

The British Columbia Historical Federation
has provided a collective voice for its member societies since 1922.

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Enjoy Issue 65 of the BCHF Newsletter.
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newsletter for October.

Introducing BCHF Director Michael Gibbs

As with many people beginning a new life in semi-retirement, I found myself with the luxury of a less structured schedule. To make the most of this opportunity I turned to my love of local history.

It also helped that my family had recently moved back to where my life had begun in Cloverdale/Surrey. I joined the Surrey Historical Society and the Fraser Valley Historical Railway and was off and running.

It did not take long for me to move from member and volunteer to embrace the opportunities these

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Celebrate Heritage Week February 19- 25, 2018!

This year's theme is Heritage Stands the Test of Time. "In celebration of our past and our future, Heritage Stands

demonstrated what an organized cadre of volunteers can accomplish and the impact it can have in the community. With the Surrey Historical Society, it was the saving of a one room school that propelled me into a more prominent role with the group. The letter writing and presentations to the city and school board led to more meetings and press coverage. More importantly, it made me aware of the importance of cooperating with politicians of all levels and the municipal resources available. It also resulted in my becoming president of the SHS.

In my new role I was made aware of many organizations in the Fraser Valley; the White Rock History Club, the Surrey Heritage Society and Truck museum, the Langley Heritage Society and New Westminster clubs. I have joined several these groups and have enjoyed many presentations sponsored by them. I was also given the opportunity of representing the SHS at the most recent BCHF convention in Chilliwack. Realizing the valuable work done by these and other BC history advocates and the common goals they pursue lead me to put my name forward as a director. I look forward to the opportunities active membership in the BCHF will bring.

Celebrating BC's Anniversaries

[Kin's Farm Market](#) - Celebrates 30 years of business

[Gastown steam clock](#) - turns 40

[City of Burnaby](#) - celebrates 125 years

Northern BC Digital Collection

Embrace, Explore and Enjoy our enduring heritage." [Read more at Heritage BC.](#)

Read [History's Historian: The Story of Naomi Miller](#) by Nowell Berg in the East Kootenay News Online Weekly.

The City of Trail and the Trail Historical Society (THS) are pleased to announce that the operations, management and staffing of the museum and archives will become the responsibility of the City of Trail, effective September 1, 2017. [Read more.](#)

In Memoriam

Neil Sutherland,
January 15, 1931 -
July 15, 2017.

Professor Emeritus in the Department of Educational Studies at UBC was also a longtime member of the Vancouver Historical Society. He and other members in the 1950s and 1960s worked to reorganize the old BC Historical Society with Victoria and Vancouver branches into the BC Historical Federation. Obituary in [Vancouver Sun](#) and/or [The Province](#) from July 21 to July 22, 2017.

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