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Introducing Sandra Martins

BCHF Director



History has been an interest of mine and part of my life ever since I can remember. I find such joy in reading about stories of the past, or having that 'ah-ha' moment when I discover who is in a photo I have had on my desk for three years. I am also very fortunate to be witness to heritage coming alive every day as Operations Manager of Mackin House. In conjunction with administrative responsibilities, I am able to interact with visitors to Coquitlam's only house museum. Seeing their faces light up when I explain the pioneer history behind the

displayed hair wreath, or when I point out the 100 year old quilt on Grandmother's bed, is truly rewarding. I am inspired each day when individuals take time to immerse themselves in local history, inquire about the artifacts and share their own memories which often surface as they move from room to room.

I am thrilled to be learning and working with a group who gives voice to BC history.

I am very thankful to be employed in the history field, which I have an academic background in. To also be given the opportunity to be a part of history in my volunteer life, is the cherry on the cake. Starting on the *British Columbia History Readers' Panel*, I was delighted to be a part of the BCHF, now I am honoured to be a BCHF Director. I believe in the Federation's mandate and I look forward to my journey on the Board. Having lived all my life in BC, along Vancouver's Commercial Drive to be exact, I am thrilled to be learning and working with a group who gives voice to BC history.

Note: Sandra has also taken on the role of Liaison for the Advocacy Working Group, working with M. Diane Rogers and Brenda L. Smith.

Revelstoke Revisited BCHF Annual Conference May 26 to 28, 2016

Revelstoke has undergone many changes since we last hosted the conference. Come and experience all that our community has to offer.



Conference activities include

- Presentation on *Land of Thundering Snow*, our ground-breaking virtual exhibit on avalanches in Canada
- Unveiling of the Walter Moberly monument
- Tours to Rogers Pass National Historic Site, Revelstoke Dam, BC Interior Forestry Museum
- Interactive presentations on Revelstoke's Ski History
- Tour to Mount Revelstoke National Park to see the new "Nels Knickers" display
- Book fair
- Awards Banquet

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Bulk Subscriptions for Member Societies

BCHF Member Societies (societies with dues paying members) can enhance the benefits they offer to their own members by packaging subscriptions to *British Columbia History* with their society's membership.

Some societies have been doing this for a long time, but the process of keeping track of subscriptions was complicated. We have developed an exciting new program that will be easier to administer and has great benefits for societies who decide to opt in.

Here's how it works

When your society renews its membership to the BCHF in December 2015, it will let us know if it will be opting into the Bulk Subscription Program. Under this program, a society can buy a membership for each of its own dues-paying members for the cost of \$20 per subscription for each interested member. Every society that takes advantage of this program will receive a free ad in *British Columbia History* to promote its work, its recent publications, or upcoming events. The more subscribers a society can sign up, the larger the ad the society can claim.

By opting in, your society can regular and delux memberships to your members AND increase your society's visibility with the free ad. Here's what a membership dues structure might look like:

- Regular Annual Membership to Your Historical Society \$25
- Deluxe Membership to Your Historical Society \$45 (includes regular annual membership AND a subscription to *British Columbia History*)

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However, societies who opt in to the new Bulk Subscription Program must send a complete list of subscribers when the society renews its own membership in December of each year.

We believe this program offers us a better way to serve societies who are members of the Federation and helps them serve their own members.

For more information, or for our new membership forms, see our website or email Ron Hyde, Membership Chair at: membership@bchistory.ca.

In Memoriam



Peggy Imredy, June 22, 1920 – August 23, 2015, Williams Lake BC. Peggy and her husband Elek were long time members of the Vancouver Historical Society. The BCHF benefited from Peggy's book reviews in the *BC Historical News* and her service on council. At a BCHF Council meeting in the fall of 1982 Peggy suggested that since the Manitoba historical had a writing competition that we might have one too. Her suggestion was taken up and the writing competition was organized in 1983-84. Naomi Miller's published her memories of the writing competition in the BCHF Newsletter No. 21, 2008. Obituary in the Aug. 29, 2015 *Vancouver Sun*.

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.

Please Share



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

Upcoming Events

BCHF Member Society Events from around British Columbia

British Columbia Museums Association Conference

<http://museumsassn.bc.ca/>

Creating Meaningful Partnerships: Museums, Students and Heritage Fairs Program

Monday, October 26, 11am-12:30pm

Carol Ballard, Lesley Moore and Emily Ooi present on how local museums can benefit from recent changes to the provincial curriculum through participating in the Heritage Fairs program.

Burnaby Village Museum

www.burnabyvillagemuseum.ca

Blacksmithing — Forge Welding

Oct 17, 9am-1pm

Learn traditional welding techniques that have been practised for more than 3,000 years. \$75 (\$67.50 members)

History and Hauntings – Walking Tour

Oct 27, 28, & 30, 7:30 – 9:30pm

Visit five ominous-looking buildings in the Deer Lake area, including Ceperley Mansion, where mysterious happenings and hauntings have been reported. \$21 (\$18.90 members).

Kid's Halloween Carnival

Oct 30, 11am – 2pm

Don your best costume and make your way down to the Carousel for this family-friendly Halloween event. \$6.50 non-members (\$5.85 members).

Delta Museum and Archives Society

www.deltamuseum.ca

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History Hunters Tour at Nottingham Farm

Oct 15, 9:30 – 11:30am

Join local history buff Warren Nottingham for a tour of his family's historic farm property. Meet at the Nottingham farm, 60th and 68th. There is a fee of \$5 per trip for non-DMAS members.

Fort Langley National Historic Site

<http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/lhn-nhs/bc/langley/index.aspx>
Cranberry Festival

October 10, 10am – 5pm

Watch a barrel-making demonstration, try cranberry bannock, play cranberry-related games, and more.

Fraser-Fort George Museum

www.theexplorationplace.com

Little Prince Train

Oct 10, 11, 12

Little Prince will be on the rails (weather permitting). Admission rates apply on Saturday & Sunday; train rides are FREE on Thanksgiving Monday.

Parksville Museum & Archives

<http://parksvillemuseum.ca/>

Farmers & Artisans Market

Fridays now — Oct 9, 5 – 8pm

Unique setting, fundraiser to support the Museum. During the Market the Museum is staffed, open to the public and admission is free.

Pitt Meadows Museum

www.pittmeadowsmuseum.com

Mask Making

Oct 18, 2 – 4pm

Museum Sundays program, admission by donation.

Museum after Dark

Oct 25, 2 – 7pm

Try their spooky scavenger hunt at the Old General Store site of the Museum, take the ghost tour, make a scary shrink dink, and visit with their special guests the Pacific Coast Paranormal Research and Investigation Society. Admission is by donation.

Surrey Historical Society

<http://surreyhistory.ca/>

A Visual History of North Surrey

Oct 10, 10am-12:00pm

The General Meeting will be followed by Surrey Archives Series presentation with Ryan, Chelsea or guest on "A Visual History of North Surrey." Delve into photos, maps, and reminiscences from the earliest days to the recent past as we survey North Surrey communities.

December BCHF
News deadline —
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