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BCHF Community Legacy Boxes

Putting History in the Hands of Educators

BCHF Council is working to secure funding for an ambitious project that celebrates local history and puts it into the hands of educators. We want to find lasting ways to celebrate Canada 150 — and also to ladder into the celebration of the centennial of the British Columbia Historical Federation that is coming up in a few years time.

Our hope is to support member societies as they create small, curated collections of replica primary source documents that define their region and offer the chance to tell memorable stories about local history and the events that create communities.

These documents will be kept as "micro-collections" — along with interpretive material and lesson plans — in archival boxes that will be signed out and used for discussion that fosters "hands on history" in seniors centres, classrooms, daycares, and by the home schooling population.

Each box will celebrate community and support connection across generations. The boxes will also allow kids and teachers the chance to glimpse the wealth of material that local museums and archives are the stewards of.

As a pilot project, we hitched onto the work that the Chilliwack Museum and Archives had already begun creating History Kits. The first kit tells the story of Chilliwack's Chinatowns and based on Chad Reimer's book by the same name. Archives staff have been working with a group of School District 33 teachers to create the kind of classroom resources they dream of. We hope to learn from the conversations they have been having and the product they develop to create a project template that our members will be able to easily use and enjoy.

If you are interested in learning more about this project, or would like to be a partner in this work, please let me know: jane@bchistory.ca

New Societies Act



The deadline for moving our societies into the new Societies Act framework is 28 Nov 2018.

New Bylaw model template is available at

www.bcregistryservices.gov.bc.ca/bcreg/societiesact/index.page

W. Kaye Lamb Scholarship Winners



The BCHF is pleased to announce the winners of the 2015-16 W. Kaye Lamb Award for Best Student Essay. Two prizes are awarded annually to student essays relating to the history of British Columbia.

The award recipients are:

1st or 2nd Year Student (\$750.00): Michael Howitt – "The Canadian Japanese War Memorial: a Style of Struggle."

3rd or 4th Year Student – \$1,000.00: Crystal Fergusson – "The Agreeable Hour: Afternoon Tea and the Imperial Daughters of British Columbia"

Both winners were students of Dr. Ashleigh Androff, Department of History, Douglas College.

News from the Canadian Nautical Research Society

The Canadian Nautical Research Society held its 2016 annual conference in New Westminster at Douglas College, August 18-20, 2016.

Chris Madsen read from his recent book, *Longshoring on the Fraser: stories and history of ILWU local 502* and gave a presentation outlining how the Retail Workers International union organized the sugar and grain workers on the Vancouver waterfront after WW II. Kevin Caslor, a recent SFU grad, made a presentation concerning the consolidation of the BC tug industry since 1950. Trevor Williams and Merlin Bunt, from Chilliwack, talked about steamboats on the lower Fraser and the rise and fall of Chilliwack Landing. Mark Mackenzie, Operations Manager for the *Samson V* Museum, talked about aspects of the operations of the Federal Government's snag boats on the lower Fraser. Colin Levings, a retired DFO salmon researcher, describes some the equipment and techniques used while collecting data on young Pacific salmon along the Fraser River. Frank Millerd, retired Wilfrid Laurier University professor and scion the BC Millerd canning family, outlined the extensive history of the discussions and negotiations leading to the Pacific Salmon treaty between Canada and the United States finally approved in 1937. Full titles and abstracts for these presentations appear in the CNRS newsletter Argonauta for summer 2016: www.cnrs-scrn.org/argonauta/pdf/argo_33_3.pdf.

While the Canadian Nautical Research Society (CNRS) is national society dedicated to the promotion and dissemination of nautical research in Canada, the CNRS will be establishing regional groups that give members who are unable to attend the annual conferences to meet and discuss issues of common interest. Anyone interested in participating in such a BC based regional group should contact Chris Madsen (cmv.madsen@yahoo.com)

SAVE THE DATE CHILLIWACK 2017

Join us at the 2017 BCHF conference, hosted by the Chilliwack Museum and Historical Society.

May 25 - 28, 2017

CHILLIWACK
MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

Glass jars prepared by George Thornton to promote Chilliwack produce at the Chilliwack Fair, 1910s. [Photo: 1999 5 2]

Kudos

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Barry Gough, BCHF Honourary President, was awarded the 2015 Mountbatten Award for his book *Pax Britannica: Ruling the waves and keeping the peace before Armageddon* (Palgrave Macmillan). Barry is the only non-UK citizen to receive this award.

At a special general meeting in Aug 2016, the Canadian Nautical Research Society made Barry Gough an Honourary member of the CNRS. This recognition was made in appreciation for his contributions to the CNRS and to the discipline of naval history.

The History Department at Vancouver Island University has selected winners for the awards which the Nanaimo Historical Society supports.

The winner of the Peggy Nichols award is Nikki Webber for her essay, "The wind of death: a wartime biography of Private Wellington Murray Dennis". The Ethel Barraclough award winner is Oceana Parazena for her essay, "Community portrait, Saltspring Island". Copies of each of these papers are available from the Nanaimo Historical Society.

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Upcoming Events

BCHF Member Society Events from around British Columbia

Find more events at: www.bchistory.ca/events-calendar

Burnaby Village Museum

<http://kilby.ca/>

Haunted Village

October 27 – 30, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Seasonal fun! Come explore the village in the dark of night. Tickets available at the door.

Jewish Historical Society of BC

<http://jewishmuseum.ca/>

Archives Tour

October 30, 11:00 am

The BC Jewish Community Archives are the heart of the JMABC, the place where the treasures of the Jewish community's history are housed. Join archivist Alysia Routtenberg for a tour of some of the highlights of the collection.

Oakridge Exhibit Launch

November 23, 7:00 pm

Join the JMABC for a special event celebrating the launch of their online exhibit, OAKRIDGE. In the post-war period, this newly established neighbourhood became the heart of Vancouver's Jewish Community, a title it arguably still holds. RSVP required.

Kilby Historic Site

<http://kilby.ca/>

Kilby Thanksgiving

October 8 & 9, between 11:00 am and 4:00 pm

Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings! Dinner includes beverage and dessert for \$19.95. Reserve early to guarantee a spot! Our sittings are at 12 pm, 2 pm, and 4 pm.

Langley Centennial Museum

<http://museum.tol.ca/>

Historical Lecture Series

In the Footsteps of Alexander Mackenzie

October 15, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Archeologist Rick Blacklaws will share his fascinating journey to a remote region in BC to learn a more in-depth history of Alexander Mackenzie. \$17.50

The Edge Family Legacy Project

November 19, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

The Edges were well-known citizens in Maple Ridge and Langley and were involved in farming, politics, and construction. Over time, the family has disappeared from history and all that remains are landmarks: Edge Peak, Edge Street, and a connection to the Haney Slide. The Maple Ridge Family History group will discuss the people behind the landmarks. \$17.50

The Gold Rush of 1858

November 26, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Join archeologist Brian Pegg as he tells stories of the 1858 Gold Rush & introduces archaeological tools and artifacts found in the Fraser Canyon. \$17.50

Old Cemeteries Society of Victoria

www.oldcem.bc.ca

Sunday Tours

Every Sunday, 2:00 pm

Check website for tour descriptions and locations. No reservations needed. \$5 for non-members; \$2 for members.

Victoria Historical Society

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

The Real Thing: the Natural History of Ian McTaggart Cowan

October 27, 2016 @ 7:30 pm

Briony Penn talks about the father of Canadian ecology, Ian McTaggart Cowan.

Visiting the Valleys: The Lieutenant Governors' Travels in the 1920s

November 24, 2016 @ 7:30 pm

Speaker: Jenny Clayton.

Extensive travel throughout the province, now customary for Lieutenant Governors, has not always been part of their role. Before the 1920s, they largely confined their responsibilities to Victoria. Why did this change?

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