



Museum News

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Enderby and District Museum & Archives

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The Museum is open **Tuesday through Saturday**, 12:00pm to 4:00pm
Summer Hours of 10:00am to 4:00pm
June 18th through September 14th

Curator – Kristina Parkes

Current Board of Directors 2018-2019

President: Diana Inselberg

Vice-president: Sandy Farynuk

Secretary: Bob Cowan

Treasurer: Melanie Baylis

Directors: Judy Fischer,

Neil Bylsma, Sue Weiss

We will be having the Photobooth Fundraiser again in the fall but just for four Saturdays. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this, please contact Kristina for details.

Our bylaws were amended slightly in late February to reflect the requested changes from the Charities Directorate of the CRA. The revised bylaws have been filed with the BC Registry and sent to CRA.

There have been a few recent board changes: Margo Ludwig resigned in April. Margo joined the board in June 2017. She and Judy Fischer worked together to produce a Policy Manual and a Strategic Plan for the museum. We will miss Margo's energy and great ideas.

Faith Hudson resigned as Treasurer in April. She had asked the board to look for another Treasurer. Faith will remain on the board until our next AGM and will continue to volunteer one afternoon a week. She had very graciously agreed to come back as Treasurer in early 2018, succeeding the late Gail Murphy. Thank you so much Faith for helping us out in this way.

Our new Treasurer is Melanie Baylis. Melanie lives in Spallumcheen. She has extensive accounting experience and has volunteered for many organizations. Locally, she worked for Partners in the Horn of Africa. She was in charge of Donor Relations and was also the Executive Financial Administrator. She had also been Project Finance Coordinator and Office Administrator there. A warm welcome Melanie.

Also a big thank you for all the volunteers who contribute so much to the successful operation of the museum.

Letter from the President

It is very hard to believe that Kristina Parkes, our Curator, has been with us for just over a year. She has settled in very well and has brought her many talents and fresh energy to the position. The Photobooth Fundraiser last fall was suggested by Kristina, and totally organized by her. It was not only very successful financially, but also it gave our museum greater exposure in the North Okanagan: 58 % of the participants came from Enderby, while others came from Kelowna, Lumby, Vernon, Armstrong, Falkland and Salmon Arm!! We cleared \$3300 after expenses.

Other fundraising included our second annual Silent Auction (\$1631), the Christmas Bake Sale (\$354.50) and the popular Toonie Tree draw (\$95).

Diana Inselberg

From the Curator, Kristina Parkes

Volunteers are the heart of the Museum. Thanks to their dedication and hard work local history is being preserved. Who are these amazing people? What do they do?

Archivist Angel Joani Cowan is arranging and describing the records of A.R. Rogers Lumber Company, donated to the museum by B.J. Carney Pole Company, B.C. Forest Service, and the Faulkner family. Included in these documents is some very interesting correspondence describing the state of the forest industry in 1907-1916, employee records from the sawmill and logging camps, and descriptions of logging on local homesteads, timber berths and timber licenses.

Book Mender Pauline Kubiny has recently revitalized an original copy of Wrigley's British Columbia Directory from 1919. You will find this new acquisition on our bookshelf.

Chief Organizer Vivian McIntyre continues to use her talents to get our paper filing system updated and in order, the Historical Reference and People Files are looking amazing.

Clipper Extraordinaire Suzanne Personnier is using her handy craft skills to clip newspapers and her curiosity to come up with new Whatsit!?! articles for the River Talk.

Database Diva Diana Inselberg continues to catalogue newly acquired artifacts and archival materials and enters them into our Museum database. The database (digital record of our collection) allows us to find materials through various access points such as donor, organization, subject, etc.

Dynamic Duo Roy Ryswyk and Kezia Kazmar come up with creative fundraising ideas for the Museum: their enthusiasm is inspirational.

Faithful Faith Hudson until recently kept the finances in order. She continues to update our database with new information and she is always willing to share her knowledge of Enderby with visitors.

Financial Guru Melanie Baylis is putting her expertise to work as our new Treasurer. She is creating new spreadsheets, procedures and dealing with all things financial.

Guardian of History Gerrie Danforth has been putting newspaper clippings from our Historical Files into binders. This makes it much easier for visitors to access and also preserves the clippings in sheet protectors.

Historian Bob Cowan is interviewing Lee Starrett of North Columbia Trading Company about coming to Enderby and setting up the business. Bob is hoping to use this interview as a tool to create an article for the Okanagan Historical Society. It may also be included in Bob's Revised History of Enderby that he is currently working on.

Photograph Preservationist Linda Higginbottom has been working with Curator Kristina on our Photograph Collection, starting with photograph 0001 working our way over 7500. We are ensuring that all of the originals, negatives, copies and digital images are where they should be and making sure information and points of cross-referencing are correct, particularly on the database.

Property Protégé Diane Bylsma is mining information on new developments past Gunter Ellison Road and adding it to the Property Inventory.

Rambling Researcher Peter Vander Sar keeps the Museum open on Saturdays and always has a research project on the go.

Sensational Sandy Farynuk is learning the ropes of all things Museum. Armed with a quick mind and willing hand she is a wonderful addition to our team.

We have many more volunteer positions available, if you are interested please let Kristina know!

You are unlikely to have met **Nathan Danbrook**, whose work product, unlike that of most of our volunteers, is on display front and centre, 24/7, in the



museum window. The model of the waterfront area of the city core was started as a school project by Nathan, guided by retired railway employee Jim Goldthorp. Working from the Museum's extensive photograph collection, he created reproductions of major structures including the flour mill, lumber mill, railway station and hotel as they appeared around 1905, the year Enderby became a city.

The model was donated to the Museum by the A.L. Fortune School, and has been added to by Nathan continuously since. It is an excellent starting point for telling visitors about Enderby and the Museum.

OUTREACH:

War Tours ...

have been a plenty in the Museum. A. L. Fortune students were so impressed with their WWI tour last year that there was a request to put on another tour for WWII, this happened over two days in March with a total of 50 grade 10 -12 students participating.

Thirteen Thrive (After School Care) ...

kids came in for a tour in March. The ride-on horse was a big hit and they were especially impressed with the phone and typewriters. A few took on the challenge of our scavenger hunt and the older kids read their way through the 'try it' challenge in our front display cabinets. They will be back for rope-making and wheat grinding soon.

A.L. Fortune (ALF) Work Experience

An ALF student joined us in April and is working on updating our **Property Inventory** Index. Did you know we have a property inventory? This inventory contains reports of most properties within the city limits as well as those north to Mara and East to Mabel Lake; listing when the home was first built, who built it, who has lived there, etc. Some reports include photographs, assessment values, renovations that have been done among other interesting facts. If you haven't looked up your property yet, come in and check it out.

Enderby Slideshow at the Library

Bob Cowan did an interactive slide show of the History of Enderby at the Enderby Library on March 22nd. Folks, if you weren't there you missed out!

Whatsit!? Article in RiverTalk

The Whatsit article in Enderby's Rivertalk Newspaper has become quite popular, thank you for those who participate. Please remember to include your phone number when entering. Congratulations to Rose S. of Armstrong who won the Whatsit Draw held at our AGM. Rose now has a \$50 gift certificate to use in our museum gift shop!

Heritage Week

A Photograph display of "Buildings Over Time in Downtown Enderby" was displayed in Piccadilly Mall February 18th through February 24th in celebration of BC Heritage week. Kristina created the display and chose the content. Joan provided the photos with the help of London Drugs and the Cowan team set them up in the Mall. Joan feels it was a good event, with one visitor saying she liked our display the best, because it was so easy to see the photos against the cedar, and it stood out from a distance.

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Heritage week display at Piccadilly Mall

FUNDRAISING:

The Photobooth Flashback Fundraiser

we held last fall was a great success! We had 80 photoshoots with a total of 265 individual participants! A HUGE thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with set up and take down, moving costumes in and out, getting people into costumes, helping with props, meeting, greeting and working the front desk. To the volunteer photographers and all of our sponsors who lent us costuming, provided clothing racks and helped with promotions THANK YOU! It is because of all of these volunteers we were able to make this such a successful fundraiser. *If we don't have enough volunteers we won't be able to do the Photobooth Flashback Fundraiser again this year. We need your help! If you are interested in volunteering please let Kristina know as soon as possible. There are many positions to fill over the four Saturdays. (October 19th, 26th & November 2nd and 9th).*

Congratulations to the Watson family of Kelowna who won the private 30-minute photo shoot with the photographer of their choice, Darren Robinson!

Toonie Tree

Congratulations to Bonny Marsh who won half of the proceeds from the **Toonie Tree** fundraiser in December.

Silent Auction

held in the Museum from November 15 to December 15 raised over fifteen hundred dollars. Thank you to the donors of the items, and to all the bidders - whether you were successful or not.

Research

In the previous newsletter we mentioned researchers from Norway and the US visiting Enderby to see our archives. However, thanks to the Internet we have also worked with people on the other side of the world.

E. Speers of Australia contacted the museum in search on information regarding her family. Here is what she had to say....

A thank you from "the end of the world" - far south of Tasmania, Australia

The letters and photographs you supplied from Enderby and District Museum and Archives are treasures, bringing alive people who had only been names. How wonderful that the Speers family donated such a wealth of material, and how even more wonderful that they had a place to which they could donate it all - a place and people willing to protect and preserve the living past.

Since the 1970s I have lived in Tasmania, Australia's island state, but I was born in the East Kootenays of B.C. When I got interested in genealogy and started asking questions and doing research, I learned that my grandfather was the first in his family to go west across Canada from the little town of Ivy in Ontario. He settled in Cranbrook; later, his younger brother became a merchant in Creston. Then my

younger brother, who was working in Vernon, saw an Okanagan history newsletter that spoke of Sid Speers of Enderby, also a store-keeper. I knew from searching census records that Sidney was a cousin of my grandfather but I had no idea that he and one of his brothers, Thomas Robert, had also come west. I did an internet search on Enderby and discovered the existence of your Museum and Archives. All I expected was perhaps some scans of newspaper items; but what you gave me was an absolute treasure trove of images and information. I look at the photographs of Sid Speers and his brothers, and I can see my grandfather, my father and my younger brother; but also I get the feeling I am looking at people who left no photographic record, who left their homes in Northern Ireland to brave the Atlantic Ocean and become the early settlers of Upper Canada. I read the letters written by Sid's brother Thomas before he died at Vimy Ridge in the First World War and suddenly the great distance between past and present disappears - he is still alive, a young man talking to his family. The history of any nation is not just the deeds of the famous and powerful; our own families have created the history and society of Canada. Thank you, Enderby Museum and Archives, for providing me with a time machine to visit those people and learn about their lives.

E. Speers

Attendance

There was a significant increase in the number of visitors to the museum this past fall/winter over the same period in the previous year. We had 700 visitors from October 1, 2017 to March 31 2018 and 1251 From October 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

The increase of 551 individuals (78.7 %) was mostly due to the Photobooth Flashback Fundraiser and the student tours.

2018 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Enderby and District Museum Society (EDMS) was held at the Museum, 901 George Street, Enderby, B.C. on Friday November 16 at 7 p.m.

Following reports from the President, the Curator and the Treasurer, Sandy Farynuk and Faith Hudson were elected for a two-year term: Directors completing the second year of their two-year terms include Diana Inselberg, Margo Ludwig, Bob Cowan, Sue Weiss, and Neil Bylsma.

Officers of the society were determined at the first meeting of the new Board on December 10 2018.

Diana Inselberg and Bob Cowan remained as President and Secretary, respectively. Sandy Farynuik became Vice-president, and Faith Hudson was elected Treasurer.

(Since this meeting, Faith has resigned her position as treasurer remaining as director, and Margo Ludwig has resigned from the board. Also, Melanie Baylis was appointed to the board and as treasurer. See the President's letter for details)

Guest speaker Greg McCune, Mayor of the city of Enderby, spoke in how he saw the museum fitting into Enderby's development over the next four years. His main point was that while the council's past term the emphasis was on infrastructure such as water, sewer, and roads, the next term then plan is to focus on "people infrastructure" – i.e. what residents want to see (Upgrades of the pool was mentioned.) Also, a database of volunteers will be set up with/by the chamber of commerce.

Volunteer organizations will be encouraged to make presentations at council meetings three to four times per year to present their plans and challenges, and will be assigned a council member as liaison – Tundra Baird for the Museum Society. She was in attendance with councillors Schreiner and Case, and has attended several board meetings since.



Mayor McCune and Councillor Baird

2018 Special General Meeting

Heritage week at the museum was celebrated with a special general meeting and a special presentation. As mentioned elsewhere, we had to amend our new Society Bylaws and a member vote had to be taken so we combined both events on the worst snow day of the winter! Sandra Farynuik and her special guests gave a talk on the history of the Enderby Library.

Sandra, now a museum volunteer and vice president, was employed for 32 years at our local branch. She started her talk on how the first little library opened in the jailhouse by the river and then evolved into the beautiful big branch it is today. Enderby joined the Okanagan Regional Library system in 1935 and has now grown to be a hub of community activities. We had the stories of three past librarians, Gerrie Danforth, Kathy Moerman and Glenna Hines (who unfortunately couldn't attend because of the weather). Then the current Librarian, Dawn Wierzbicki, told of the many changes throughout the years and the many technological advances of today's new age libraries.

We were very appreciative of so many coming out in the bad weather. Refreshments were served following the program.

Donations

A Memorial Donation of \$500 was made to the Enderby & District Museum in memory of Tony Hawrys from his children, Faith Hudson (Enderby), Al Hawrys (Penticton) and George Hawrys (Campbell River).

Tony's name will be added to our memorial plaque in the museum and In Memoriam section on our website.

Okanagan Historical Society (OHS)

The Armstrong-Enderby OHS Branch had its fall general meeting in November in Armstrong

Speakers reviewed the creation and operation of the Vernon WWI Internment Camp, one of the largest in Canada. Over 8500 men, women and children considered enemy aliens, mostly Ukrainians and people from the Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman Empires spent time there between 1914 and 1940.

The Annual General Meeting of the Armstrong Enderby Branch was held at the Museum April 14. The business portion of the meeting included reports from the executive and elections. Most were re-elections, the exception being the resignation as director of Robert Dale, life member, who has held many positions during his membership tenure.

The speaker was John Pavelich, 52-year member and frequent office holder of the Enderby and District Lions Club. He spoke about many of the club's activities during he past 70 years of its existence. Long-time member Elmer Halvorson and current president Dennis Morgan also spoke.

A significant part of the contributions that the Lions Club has made to the Enderby and District Community is assisting in the creation and upgrading of what Mayor McCune during our AGM called "people infrastructure". The swimming pool, spray park, Gazebo and playgrounds are obvious examples.

Peter Vander Sar and Linda Samland, board member and secretary of respectively of the branch, put together two presentation board as background for the presentation, using museum resources, including photographs, archives and Joan Cowan.

A Lions project that did not make to the presentation board was the Enderby and **District's Museum in the (Belvidere) Park** at the south end of town. Shown below, it contains many artifacts, some quite large, relating to the development of agriculture and industry in the area.



Thank you!..

,, to all those who helped in the preparation of this newsletter. Beginning this fall responsibility for the newsletter will revert back to the Curator, where it has been in the past.

Peter Vander Sar