

MUSEUM NEWS

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Majestic home

The Moffet house at 1009 Belvedere, circa 1911. [edms 0212]

The first house on this lot was built in 1885/87 for the flour mill manager Frank Moffet in the middle of the Belvedere Street block. It was brought to Enderby in ready-built sections by boat on the Shuswap River. It was replaced in 1910 by this magnificent two storey colonial home with gingerbread trim, French windows and a grand porch. It had a double parlour, three fireplaces and a ballroom with a hardwood floor. The Moffets lived there until 1913. R. Karnagel turned the house into the Palace Creamery in 1924. Fire destroyed the top storey in 1939 and it was modified into a concrete facility for the North Okanagan Creamery Association. NOCA used the building for storage in the 1940s and 50s. Bill Doorn tore down the building in 1984, subdivided the property, built an office for Mountain View Electric on one lot and private residences were constructed on the remainder.

Enderby & District Museum & Archives Society

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, Nov. 18, 2 p.m. in the museum

Reports from Directors and Election of Officers

Nominations for board members must be received in writing
by 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11

Presentation on the 1975 fire at A.L. Fortune School by Len Gamble

Membership renewal available at the meeting

Refreshments served after the meeting

Museum notes

By Jackie Pearase

Annual grant

The Enderby and District Museum and Archives Society is again grateful to the City of Enderby for its ongoing financial support. The city provides the museum with an annual grant that allows the board to have a paid staff member – me. It would be a constant struggle to keep the doors open without this funding. The city got a new council on Oct. 15 and we hope that the new group will continue to support the important role the museum plays in preserving and promoting local heritage and history.

Annual general meeting

The museum is hosting its AGM on Friday, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. in the museum. The usual business of reports and elections is followed by a presentation by Len Gamble on the A.L. Fortune School fire in 1975. Len has an interesting talk and slide show that is sure to pique people's interest.

Christmas is coming

The holidays will be upon us before we know it and the museum is thrilled to be back on track with its Christmas events. We are decorating the museum for Christmas on Nov. 28 followed by a little lunch for the volunteers. We are hosting a silent auction from Nov. 16 to Dec. 14 with a bunch of interesting items on the block. Anyone wanting to donate to the auction is asked to do so by Nov. 12. The Toonie Tree is up from Nov. 29 to Dec. 17. The Christmas bake sale is being held in conjunction with the annual light-up festivities; come and get your goodies on Friday, Dec. 2 from 3-7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. until the goodies run out. Baking donations are appreciated.



Lions leave indelible mark on community

The Enderby and District Lions Club has certainly left its mark during its 75 years in the community.

Chartered on Sept. 23, 1947, the group started with 28 members and Alvin Woods as president. The rest of the executive consisted of Norman Danforth, first vice-president; G.W. McLeod, second vice-president; Johnny Pow, third vice-president; Pat Farmer, secretary-treasurer; A.D. McLeod, lion tamer; and William Drysdale, tail twister.

The group met at the Enderby Hotel until 1955 then moved to the Dew Drop Café before settling in at the Anglican Church for the next 25-30 years. The group now meets at the Legion.

They embodied the Lion's motto of "We Serve" immediately, hosting a children's sports day and dances in October and an auction sale in December.

The auction included sack potatoes, stove pipe, ankle rubbers and used tires, thus starting a tradition that evolved into garage sales from 1975-78, outdoor flea markets from 1978-82 and the giant garage sale at the curling rink from 1998 to present day.

Fundraising was integral to the Lions, because they had plenty of project ideas to benefit the community in addition to supporting provincial, national and international causes.

The Lions started the Enderby Queen Contest in 1948-49 where several young women vied for the crown based on the sale of tickets.

The biggest project undertaken was building the swimming pool at Barnes Park, which they did by hand. The hole was started with Harry Danforth's small bulldozer before members dug out the rest with horses and a Fresno slip scraper.

The pool was officially opened May 14, 1953. The Lions operated the pool until the city took it over in 1965.

The Lions remained committed to this project, providing funds for improvements in 1972, washrooms in 1975, a pool heater in 1978, a spray park in 1988 and washroom upgrades in 1999.

The need for a health centre was fulfilled by the Lions in 1952. They raised \$7,800, obtained some government grants, and built a four room centre on Stanley Avenue that served the community until a new health centre opened on Cliff Avenue in 1985.



Enderby Lions Charlie Matejka, Tom Baird, Peter Hudson and Gordon Brill watch as Herb Bayes digs the hole for a time capsule the group buried in Belvidere Park July 27, 1997 beside a tree planted to commemorate their 50th anniversary. The group dug up the time capsule in their 75th year on Oct. 11, 2022. [Lions Club scrapbook]

The Halloween wiener roast hosted by the Lions and PTA started in 1952, eventually growing to include a dance. The tradition fell by the wayside after some time but was resurrected in 1987 and continues to this day.

This hard work and community dedication was recognized in 1953 with the presentation of the Lions International District 19 Inspiration Award, given to the club that contributed the most to its community that year. The group earned the award again in 1957.

The Lions implemented a community ambulance service in 1956 using a 1952 Chevy van and charging people a \$1 annual subscription fee. They did 20 calls and 400 miles in the first year and paid off its debt by September 1957.

A new ambulance was purchased in 1966. The government took over operation of the ambulance service in 1973 and purchased the ambulance two years later.

The group instituted a house numbering system in 1960. Members painted four-by-four posts white then added street names, sometimes on all four sides. The numbering of houses was another monumental task done the next year.

Smaller projects completed in the 1960s include renovations to the Drill Hall kitchen, purchasing specialized equipment for the hospital, hosting a Fish and Game Derby where the local pool was stocked with fish, purchasing a merry-go-round and spiral slide for Barnes Park, starting the Kids Ice Karnival that continued into the 70s, providing financial support to Camp Winfield that continues to this day, and holding Fun-O-Rama in May.

Christmas closure

The museum is closed for Christmas between Sunday, Dec. 18 and Monday, Jan. 2. We re-open Tuesday, Jan. 3 at 10 a.m.

Christmas giving

The museum has some great gift ideas for the history buff on your list. The *2022 Okanagan History, the 86th Report of the Okanagan Historical Society*, features a very interesting article by Bob Cowan on the plan to dam the Shuswap River by the W.A. C. Bennett government and another on Kingfisher and Mabel Lake. *The Shuswap Country*, a kind of travelogue put together by Erksine Burnett in the 1940s-50s and republished this year by Jim Cooperman, is a wonderful trip though communities in the Shuswap region filled with photos and interesting information. *Flowing Through Time, Stories from Kingfisher and Mabel Lake* has a wonderful selection of family histories that are an enjoyable snapshot of those communities. Len Gamble's newest book, *The First World War's 172nd Battalion Rocky Mountain Rangers 1916-1919*, is a good read for those interested in local war history. Other popular titles on local history include *Reflections Along the Spallumcheen*, *The Valley of Youth* and *In the Shadow of the Cliff*. We also sell old Okanagan History Reports, postcards and greeting cards. So, why not support the museum during your holiday shopping this year?



Summer visitors

Fernie, Carr's Landing, Surrey, Vernon, Calgary, Saskatchewan, Victoria, Texada, Courtenay, Italy, England, Grindrod, Kelowna, Lethbridge, St. Brides, Edmonton, Gold River, Mississippi, Quebec, Sooke, Amsterdam, Barriere, Lacombe, Winnipeg, Grande Prairie, Chicago, Michigan, Florida, London (ON and UK), Washington, Naramata, Parkland Country, Australia, Kamloops, Armstrong, France, Ukraine, Sicamous, Germany, New Zealand, Oliver, North Vancouver, California, Salmon Arm, Ashcroft, Chilliwack, Merritt, Rimbey, Brentwood, Errington, Telkwa, Penticton, West Kelowna, Nelson, Williams Lake, Sherwood Park, Langley, Quesnel, Chase, Vancouver and Enderby. These are the places people came from to visit our museum between June and September. We counted 163 visitors in July and 198 in August.

Queen Elizabeth display

I was working with Sandy Farynuk on a new display on old technology when news of Queen Elizabeth II's death on Sept. 8 prompted a change to that plan. Along with volunteer Marilyn Cole, we put together items on the Queen for a new display in the front cabinet. The display was completed in two days. We have received positive comments on the display, so come down and check it out before it disappears. We will be changing the display case in time for Christmas.



The Lions were involved in Snowarama for three decades, helping to raise funds for the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities and Easter Seals BC & Yukon.

To raise funds, the group grew and sold potatoes, sold light bulbs, pumped gas, hosted beer gardens, held raffles and casinos, delivered flowers and hosted entertainment events.

The annual Children's Christmas Auction started in 1990 and is still held each year.

The Enderby and Armstrong Lions teamed up in 1997 to raise funds for a vision centre in Armstrong. The project was seen to completion in 2001 and additional equipment was subsequently purchased by the local Lions for the centre.

When Interior Health announced plans to move the eye centre from Armstrong in 2017, the Lions protested, got almost 4,000 signatures on a petition and the move was stopped.

The construction of the gazebo at Riverside Park was a major project that took 11 months to complete. It was opened Sept. 6, 2003. Other improvements done by the Lions at Riverside Park include new bathrooms in 2004 to replace the ones they built in 1979, converting the old bathrooms to storage in 2006, building a new playground in 2013 to replace the one they built in 1978, and paving the parking lot (with help from the Enderby Funtastic Society) and adding a new entrance sign in 2014.

They made skate park improvements in 2004, added a shelter for pool spectators in 2008, built a gazebo at Barnes Park to house large museum artifacts in 2009, and began the Purina Walk for Dog Guides in 2011.

The pandemic put a halt to most Lions activities in 2020-21 but the group continued to donate to various causes and aid local families.

The group got back to hosting events in 2022, raising almost \$20,000 for those impacted by the war in Ukraine with a dinner and auction.

Countless local groups, projects, programs and individuals have received Lions' support over the years. This includes the IODE, library, Enderby Recreation Association, Kingfisher Interpretive Centre, museum, Parkview Place, hospital, cadets, dry grad, minor sports, Gardom Lake Bible Camp, Splatsin, Enderby and District Community Resource Centre, Enderby Fire Department and more.

This history of the Enderby Lions certainly does not cover all their endeavours since inception but gives one a comprehensive idea of the impact one group has had on our community.

Early Enderby bakery



Joe Doerflinger behind the counter in his bakery and tea room at 611 Cliff St. in 1913. [edms 298]

A bakery was established at 611 Cliff Ave. after A. Burbridge of London, Ontario purchased that block of Cliff from George Bell in 1910 with the intention of utilizing his skills as a master baker. He set up a bakery in one portion of the block and a pool and billiard parlour in the other section (609 Cliff). Mr. A.E. Maundrell bought the bakery from Burbridge in July 1912 but one his helpers, Dora Gamble, took it over by November 1912. Joseph Doerflinger had been doing the baking for Maundrell so he bought out Miss Gamble and took ownership of the bakery in March 1913. In January 1914, Doerflinger bought the pool hall so he could make more room for his bakery and refreshment parlour.

Joe married Ethel Gray, daughter of Thomas and Kathleen Gray of Mara, in 1914 and the couple ran the bakery together. Ethel recalled her life in a 1983 *Enderby Commoner* story and spoke about the bakery: "...one memory that means the most to her, were the six young people that used to come to this bakery on Friday evenings and listen to her and Joe's 'Victrola player' and pull back the tables and chairs and dance." Their stint at the bakery lasted until 1916 when a newspaper article reported that Joe was going out of business because, "...the local ladies could not see their way clear to give up the tea rooms to enable the local baker and refreshment parlor to make a living. Joe will close his bakery and tea rooms with the end of December." The couple purchased the bakery in Armstrong in 1918 then moved it to Princeton in 1923 where business was booming due to a new CPR spur and work at the mines.

Joe died in 1927 but Ethel carried on with the bakery with her two daughters and then other businesses.

New to the museum

I put together a display of seed samples from the 1970s that we believe came from the testing centre in Summerland. It contains a wide assortment of seeds, many that were once considered to be native plants but are now known as weeds: millet, rye grass, hairy vetch, crabgrass, chicory, chickweed, yarrow and bull thistle. There are also interesting names that make one wonder what they look like: ribgrass, darnel, bladder campion, dodder, chess and prairie rose.

I also added a Gladiron donated by the Parsons family of Mara to the laundry area in the museum. It is a large steam press operated by a knee lever that one might have had in their home. Seems like a lot of work but the label says it is a real time saver.

Other interesting donations to the museum recently include an early hand-held motion picture camera, wooden pack saddle, a wedding dress from 1900, railway lanterns and baby clothes.

Calendar

The museum will have a Then & Now calendar for sale very soon. Roy Van Ryswyk has done a lot of work putting together photographs and information for the calendar. Jody Goldsmith of Graphic Rabbit is designing the calendar and TMS is printing it. The calendar will commemorate our 50th anniversary in 2023 and raise funds for the museum.



50th anniversary

Plans are underway for our anniversary celebrations next year. We plan to be part of local events throughout the year with information, displays and hands-on activities. We are also printing new post cards, placemats and other promotional items to mark the occasion. We hope to have a dinner and entertainment in the fall, closer to the actual anniversary date. We are still looking for more ideas on how to best celebrate and people who want to volunteer time next year to help put at events. Give me a call if you want to help at events.

Fire truck

Another important part of our anniversary celebration will be the return of Enderby's first fire truck to the gazebo at Barnes Park. The truck has been stripped down, bodywork on some parts is complete and it is awaiting a mechanical eye to ensure it is running smoothly. We are still on the hunt for a replacement rear passenger fender but are hopeful. A new paint job once everything is done will be the icing on the cake. An appearance in the Canada Day parade is at the top of the list for the truck.

Enderby history book

Bob Cowan is working feverishly on updating the book, *Enderby: An Illustrated History*, so it can be reprinted with up-to-date and improved information and photos. We had hoped to have a new copy ready for next year but that does not look possible, so, who knows?



The brewery that never was

Many communities these days have their own craft brewery. Enderby was way ahead of this trend, with plans to establish a local brewery here in 1906.

An Aug. 17, 1906 article in *The Enderby Progress* reported that A. Youngmayr was seeking to purchase land north of the skating rink on the river from A. Baird with the intent of building a brewery. He also got the option to purchase 10 acres across the river on Enderby-Grindrod Road from Ira Jones.

Youngmayr was the principal owner, with William Allan as the manager.

Originally from New Westminster, Youngmayer was Allan's son-in-law. Allan was a city pioneer who helped lay out the city's streets. A Sept. 7, 1906 article stated that Youngmayr was clearing 10 acres of land across the river for the brewery. A lack of labour meant the Enderby Brick and Tile Co. was unable to provide enough bricks so frame buildings were to be erected instead.

An extensive article on Youngmayr's plans appeared in the Sept. 24, 1906 *Progress*.

Youngmayr selected Enderby as "the most desirable point in which to establish his brewery after looking over several other places in the valley," the article said.

The three storey brew house structure was to be 30x20 feet with a second two storey building, 15x300 feet, for beer storage. Negotiations were still underway for the purchase of the Baird property.

"It is the intention to put in the most up-to-date machinery and buildings and to make the articles of manufacture second to none in the province," the article continues. "In fact, Enderby beer will be to Enderby what Schlitz beer is to Milwaukee, the kind that made (or will make) it famous."

Youngmayr brought with him brewing experience from Vancouver and New Westminster in addition to previous experience in Germany. The plan also included an ice making machine with a daily capacity of five tons "so there will be no need for Enderby or the whole valley to again suffer from an ice famine."

The abundance of water was a big selling point for Youngmayr and he wanted to be hooked up to the city waterworks that were being planned at the time "for he wants the water and must have it, as the river water is not good enough to make beer with."

A subsequent article from Oct. 12, 1906 reported that Youngmayr had climbed the Enderby Cliffs and explored Brash Creek on the descent, concluding that it had ample water for Enderby's needs for many years to come.

The city's project to provide water to residents commenced in 1907, utilizing water from Brash Creek, but Youngmayr's name fails to appear again in the local paper.

William Allan left Enderby in 1909 for Vancouver, where he made a small fortune investing in real estate.

We have no file for Youngmayr so whether he and his bride left with her family is unknown.

What we do know is that a brewery was never established in Enderby, or across the river, meaning that claim to fame is still up for grabs.

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Mrs. Enderby

Elizabeth Enderby (right) recently visited the Enderby Museum with her daughter, Sarah Turner of West Kelowna. Elizabeth is from London, England and was intrigued by our city's name so they drove in from Kelowna for a visit.



On the hunt

This photo shows a successful deer hunt at Okanagan Lake in the fall of 1936. Shown are Rolly Hill, Mel Johnston, Jack Gillick, Offie Jones, Tom Malpass, Norman Graham and Pat Gillick. This photo was donated by Tom Malpass. Another photo of the same hunting trip, donated by Jack Armstrong, shows two more in the group, Gordon Jones and Bill Jones, and the full line of 11 hanging deer carcasses. [edms 1330]



Church singers

A photograph of members of St. George's Anglican Church choir when they performed at a Harvest Festival in 1960. Shown are: (front) Alice Kneale, Madeline Morton, Cynthia Holt, Vera Samol, Rev. Des Holt, (rear) Alex Roberts, Bert Revel, Doris Abel, Jamie Lowes, Dick Lutener, Richard Revel, Jim Watt, Agnes Roberts, Ethna Revel and Elsie Abel. [edms 6221B]

Hard work pays off for museum

A group of visitors this summer got a first-hand experience on the top-notch qualities of our museum volunteers.

Diane Hutchison called the museum in early July to arrange a visit the following month during a family reunion so they could do some research on their local roots, the Mowat family.

They wanted to know about the family's connection to the Rothesay Sawmill in Mara, the places family members lived in the community and Mowat Road, which runs off Enderby-Grindrod Road.

A visit was arranged for the morning of Tuesday, Aug. 2.

With Tuesdays being a day when administrator Jackie Pearse does not work at the museum, she did some preliminary footwork for volunteers Peter Vander Sar and Katherine Gooch.

Jackie came up with a list of items that needed to be researched including a list of addresses associated with the Mowats and maps that could be of interest. Peter and Katherine did the research and when over a dozen members of the Mowat family visited, they had a huge amount of material waiting for them to peruse.

Peter provided an introduction on the Mowats before they dug into the material, which they did for the following three hours.

The family also visited the local cemetery and spent time at Miska Haven in Ashton Creek, which is operated by Diane and hubby Dave Quinn.

The family thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated their museum visit, so much so that Diane's sister, Janet Tufts, who was too late to go to the museum but heard all about it from those who did go, sent us a generous donation of \$150.

A couple of weeks later, Diane returned to the museum to thank us again for the work we put into helping make her family reunion so memorable and gave the museum a \$200 donation.

The museum is fortunate to have a dedicated and wonderful bunch of volunteers; this story is just one example of the tangible work they do to keep the museum running and visitors impressed.