

Heritage Update

To keep you informed about current heritage news and events, we bring to you this season's Heritage Update. We hope you will find this periodic newsletter both useful and entertaining. Your feedback is welcome!

President's Report:



In June 2015, the City of Salmon Arm Council passed a motion that the Montebello Building project at the R.J. Haney Heritage Village will be the cornerstone Canada 150 project for the community. We are thrilled with the confidence they

have shown in our Association and their support for the project. The Village is a great community asset and this project will take it to the next level. Our application to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program has been submitted and we expect to hear if we have been successful in the next 90 days. We are hopeful to start excavation this fall after the end of the season, with an opening date of July 1, 2017, to celebrate Canada's Bicentennial.

Meanwhile, back at the Village, day to day activities still go on. Dinner Theatre shows have started with rave reviews for both the play and the meal. The Father's Day event was well attended and everyone had a great time. Susan, her staff and volunteers are keeping busy planning events for the season and setting up for the many weddings to be held at the village this summer. Gardener Norman Klassen is working hard to keep the gardens looking perfect for those important photos. Norman has also been busy building a new vegetable garden at the Laitinen home site and it is growing very well. The public garden and the gardens at Haney House take much of his time, but he also does an amazing job of maintaining our hanging baskets all season long. Norman and I have conducted an inventory of the roses in the Haney House gardens and he will be labeling them for public information. We have some very old varieties and they looked wonderful in their peak bloom time. There is always something new to discover in the various gardens around the Village.

Deborah, her volunteers, and Village Carpenter, Nev Whatley are to be congratulated on the exciting new exhibit, *The Train Stopped Here* that was opened at a gala event on June 26. The exhibit received excellent reviews from the guests at the Gala and is a must see for visitors to the village.

(continued on Page 2)

General Manager's Update:



Each December I write the story, "How I will spend my summer at R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum". Many hours go into this important task, and I want it to be meaningful. It is important because I am writing the applications for funding for our summer students from Canada Summer Jobs, Young Canada Works

and Get Youth Working. It is meaningful because I want to give these young people a job that they will always hold with high regard and give them experiences that they can use to further their education and career choices.

I know I am successful in the task when funding is received and I can move on to selecting the cast for the summer. I say 'cast' because part of the job description is that everyone plays a character from Salmon Arm's history and tells the story of our Village. For this season's Pioneer School we had Miss Vera Halpenny, the first school teacher at Broadview School; Cyril Thomson, owner of the Lester and Thomson Garage; Ethel Maria Louise Stirling, who played piano for the silent movies at the Rex Theatre; Mary Elvira Stirling, Ethel's sister, who trained as a nurse, but did not agree with the Doctor's methods so instead worked at the Salmon Arm packing house; As well as Sylvia Ellen Cummings who was born in 1886 and immigrated to Salmon Arm in 1904 from Iowa and worked in the Okanagan Telephone Company.

At Pioneer School, each one of these people from our rich history brings life to the Village and the stories we tell. I was lucky enough to witness this the other day when I was watching over the reception and Museum.



Summer students take on their Pioneer School roles

(continued on Page 2)

(President Continued from Page 1)

Work continues on the Homestead and Laitinen home sites, and the Queest Lookout Tower will receive a face lift this year. Another busy season at the Village!

In short, there is no end of projects on the go at the Village and there are numerous volunteer opportunities to be found. If you have a particular skill or interest and would like to get involved with this vital community owned facility, contact Volunteer Coordinator Tara Watson. New members are always welcome at our monthly meetings, the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. The next meeting is September 15th.

Norma Harisch President

(General Manager Continued from Page 1)

A young family came in and their little girl was chattering away. It did not take me long to figure out she was giving her parents and brother a tour through the Museum, narrating the story she was told when she attended Pioneer School earlier in the week. When she was finished in the Museum, she guided them outside to

continue the Village Tour.

I followed them out and quizzed the mom if her little girl was at Pioneer School. Her mom cheerfully replied, "Yes she was. It's all she has been talking about and she wanted so badly to bring us here to show us around. The



Children practice their cursive in the Broadview School

staff is doing a wonderful job!" It is because of things like this I know we are doing it right.

It is with the support of the student funded employment programs that continues to help us do it right in telling the stories that spark the interest in the minds of the next generations.

> Susan Mackie General Manager

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY TO BUILD A VILLAGE....

An extra special thank you to our incredibly generous donors for making our dreams of building the Montebello Block a reality...

Bryan and Patti Kassa Dwayne and Liz Burdenuik Ian and Nancy Tait Garry and Mary Landers Gary and Cheryl Cruikshank Doug and Donna Adams Norma and Bill Harisch Askew's Foods Browne and Johnson Land Surveyors Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust Salmon Arm Rona SALMAR Community Association Douglas Newnes—Lakeshore Village Nancy Cooper Christina Harisch Bernd Hermanki Architecture Jack and Edith Stead Karen Angove Shuswap community Foundation City of Salmon Arm Little Projects Ltd. Bill Laird Salmon Arm Museum and Heritage Association

Mark Your Calendar! 2015 Schedule

• Pioneer Day- July 12th

Janet and John Hanna

- Burger, Beer, and the "Sons of the Louisiana Hayride" – July 23rd
- Soirée: an evening at Haney with the Shuswap Chefs– August 6th
- Classic Antique Car Show—August 9th
- "Over The Rainbow" starring Melina Moore– August 22nd
- Harvest Celebration—September 13th
- Cemetary Tour

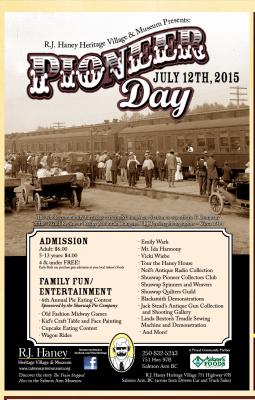
 October 4th
- Spooktacular
 October 24th and 25th

Dinner Theatre every Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday evening through July and August!

Regular Admission to the Village & Museum is by donation.

See our website www.salmonarmmuseum.org for









Benefits of becoming a Member: As a member, you will receive a SAMHA newsletter filled with information about Museum and Village happenings, voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting in May, an open invitation to attend monthly board meetings, a 15% discount in the Gift Shop, discount coupons, and an entry into a draw for dinner for you and five friends at Haney House! As a member, you are supporting the Museum's conservation activities and programs, ensuring that a valuable piece of the past is protected for this and future generations to enjoy.



Donations and/or Membership Form

Please fill out the information below and return it with your cheque payable to R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum.

| Name: | Phone Number: |
|--|------------------|
| Address: | City & Province: |
| Postal Code: | E-mail: |
| Donation: \$ | Project: |
| | Date: |
| Also enclosed is my membership fee of \$10: Yes ☐ No ☐ | Date. |

Please mail to Box 1642, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4P7
Tax receipt for monetary gifts available upon request.
Thank you for your generous support!

Total enclosed: \$

Sons of Louisiana Hayride:

On Thursday July 23, R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum is proud to present Burger....gourmet, with all the fixings, Beer.... and the "Sons of the Louisiana Hayride", all set in the beautiful surroundings of the Village and the SASCU Haney Theatre.

This entertaining all ages evening starts with burgers and beer served at 5:30pm followed by the 'Sons of the Louisiana Hayride' at 7:00 pm in the amphitheatre. Join Hank Williams, Willie Nelson and Roy Orbison, and all the great songs these legends perform. They will also be performing their entertaining 'Cowboy' segment, which is always a huge hit with audiences.

The "Sons of the Louisiana Hayride" is sponsored by Crannog Ales, Save-on-Foods, Gort's Gouda Cheese and Askew's Foods. This is one show that you will not want to miss this summer. Tickets are \$40.00 and can be purchased at the Village or call 250-832-5243. Limited seating is available, so don't be disappointed and get your tickets early.



"Over The Rainbow" starring Melina Moore:



Mark your calendar for "Over the Rainbow" on Saturday August 22 at R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum.

Ticket holders will enjoy an entertaining evening, featuring Vernon soprano, Melina Moore in a Judy Garland tribute and salute to the Golden Age of Hollywood. Melina conjures the spirit and beauty of Judy Garland in stunning jazz band arrangements and the timeless wonder of the music made famous by many others. Melina is joined by Jim Leonard on piano, Doug Sonju playing clarinet/sax, and Rod MacDonald on bass.

This is a dinner and show evening that you won't want to miss. Seating is limited; tickets are \$40.00 and can be purchased by calling the Village 250-832-5243.

Soirée: an evening at Haney with the Shuswap Chefs

You are invited to spend an enchanting evening at R.J. Haney Heritage Village for the 6th annual "Soiree an Evening at Haney with the Shuswap Chefs" on Thursday August 6th. Rob Sengotta, Chef and owner of Shuswap Chefs, has partnered with the Village for this fund raising event.

The evening starts with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction at 4pm in the heritage Village. Dinner will be served at 5pm with a five course feast, personally prepared by Rob and paired with wine and beer donated by Ovino Winery, Larch Hill Winery, Recline Ridge Winery, Sunnybrae Vineyards & Winery and Crannog Ales. Entertaining at this chic event is local musicians and friends to R.J. Haney Heritage Village, Bruce Strachan and Peter Clark.



This event supports the extraordinary projects, restorations and operations of the Heritage Village. You don't want to miss this charming evening of music, food and fun! Seating is limited to 80 very special guests and tickets are \$100.00 and you will receive a tax receipt for half the cost. To reserve your tickets call the Village at 250-832-5243.

Helping Hands at the Village:



Here at Haney we are all about giving the community an experience and a visual connection to our past. The events that run spring & summer, rely on volunteers: without them we would not succeed.

Our support network is in need of an influx of new contacts. We are asking friends of Haney if they know anyone who is looking to volunteer and encourage them to sign up. Even better, the next event you are scheduled to help, bring them with

you! The Village needs to increase our volunteer database. Remember "it takes a community to build a village".

Over the 3 seasons that I have been with Haney I have seen events continuously increase in visitors and activities on site. Without Haney volunteers these events would not be possible.

The Volunteer Opportunities page on the website has been updated and is more accessible, so please check it out for special recognition announcements, volunteer forms, roles to participate in and more. You can also contact me at the office.



Volunteer Lunch 2014

I would like to recognize the following volunteers for hours given from September 2014 – December 2014: Gary Cruikshank for his involvement with our public events as well as his dedication to projects at the Village; Peter Kilby, Bryan (Pat) Mills, Bonnie Peterson, and Gary Shak; who volunteered at almost every event throughout the season.

Every September the Village hosts a special lunch to honor our volunteers. Invitations to the top 40 volunteers will go out in August...Sorry everyone but the Tea Room only has 40 seats, so don't miss out book your hours today!

We also have one special group that comes every Thursday to the Village and assists us with grounds keeping & trail maintenance, so a huge shout out to Derek, Diane, Tyron, Dale & Mary for Tara Watson coming back every season.

Volunteer Coordinator

WorkBee 2015:

A dedicated crew of volunteers helped out with Haney's spring cleaning, getting the park ready to open.









R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum wishes to thank the British Columbia Arts Council, Province of British Columbia, and Hucul Printing for their generous assistance in making this issue of Heritage Update possible.









Environmental footprint made smaller at the Village:

Norm Klassen is one happy gardener this year. Christmas came early for him. Norm has been gardening at R.J. Haney Heritage Village for four years. He covers a lot of territory, pruning, planting, weeding, growing vegetables, and making the Haney House and Village look spectacular from May to the end of September.

One of the things that has been on Norm's wish list for a while is a chipper. Norm's an organic kind of guy. It bothered him that he had to truck so much of the branches and brush he gathered at work off to the landfill for chipping or composting there or add them to the burn pile at the Village. He wanted to use the organic "waste" the grounds produce.

To say Norm was thrilled with a recent grant from the City of Salmon Arm's Grants-in-Aid program isn't an exaggeration. The grant allowed Norm to source and purchase a PTO driven chipper this spring. For those of us who don't speak mechanic, the initials stand for power take off. A shaft attached to the museum's tractor is all Norm needs for power. Now Norm's a happy gardener. He is creating his own chipped mulch for the gardens at the Village and he's saving money and space in the landfill.

Deborah Chapman Curator and Archivist

Check out our new exhibit on the CP Rail:

The train stopped here is the newest story to be told in the Salmon Arm Museum gallery. The narrative features the Canadian Pacific Railway and its role in the creation and development of Salmon Arm. The exhibit begins with the last spike driven 130 years ago just 38 miles (61.4 km) east of the 'Arm and illustrates how our small settlement changed thanks in no small part to the railway and its connection to outside markets.

See graphic images of the first station constructed in 1890 on the wrong, or lake side, of the tracks. The second station, now 102 years old, was an advertisement for our developing community well situated in a healthy real estate market. Built on the town side of the tracks, it opened without fanfare in November 1913 when people just went in and purchased their tickets.

Working with several collectors, we're pleased to offer a glimpse into a telegraph operator's world. Try your hand at C.P.R. Morse code. Retired CPR employee George Alison's private collection of telegraph equipment is on display, wired by Neil Sutcliffe, and is visitor friendly. A generous loan from the Revelstoke Railway Museum shows the different forms of other communication available in 1914.



Telegrapher's desk at the Salmon Arm station

A special thank you to the Salmar Community Association for helping frame this exhibit! We couldn't do our job without help from this community minded sponsor.

New energy efficient lights in the gallery:

The offerings at the museum just got better. We have new lights, thanks to a City of Salmon Arm Grants-in-Aid project. They are energy efficient LED bulbs and are guaranteed to save money in hydro. But there is an additional benefit - one to please both returning visitors and staff. They don't give off the tremendous heat that the old halogen bulbs did.

The museum is not air conditioned. In the middle of

summer the heat can be sweltering. Just like the old days I suppose, when buildings were not insulated and only had single paned windows.

A hundred years ago though, when Salmon Arm residents got tired of the heat, they harnessed their horses to their democrats, loaded up camp supplies including a canvas tent, and headed for the lake. They pitched their summer shelters at either Canoe Beach or Sandy Point. Drift logs were floated for fun. The lake was a great place to paddle. Men wore full piece wool



Leah Hiscock, our curator's assistant, adjusting the new lights

bathing suits, somewhat itchy and very revealing once wet. Naturally, women had dressier attire. Campers lit bonfires at night and watched forest fires burning on Fly Hills during the day. Some things are the different. Some things are the same. We know that the mosquitoes were just as prolific.

But at the R.J. Haney Heritage Village we're hoping people don't head to the beach every day this summer. There's a new exhibit with the new lights to explore, a cool trail that hugs Canoe Creek, and lemonade for sale in the tea room. Summer's going to be pretty nice at the Village... kind of old fashioned, but better lit.

Deborah Chapman Curator and Archivist

Heritage Program Assistant:

This summer being my 3rd working at Haney Heritage Village, I hit the ground running. I will be known no longer as an actor in Dinner Theatre, but instead as the "Heritage Program Assistant". I am excited to try out a new position here and experience all of Haney from a different view point: from behind the front desk.

Working on the more administrative duties, I feel I am able to contribute to the park in some differ-

ent "behind the scenes" tasks and develop an entirely new skill set. I am also proud to have had the opportunity to become Miss Halpenney and to teach children in the Broadview schoolhouse for Pioneer School.



Stilt walking with Miss Halpenney

This year the park is alive with loads of bright new energy as we integrate new staff members into the Haney team. Getting to know the diverse group of fellow staff members, as well as the board

members, volunteers and members of the community is such a valuable experience. I am pleased to witness the collaborative effort put in to maintaining Salmon Arm's history and sense of community.

Thanks to Canada Summer Jobs and Young Canada Works for their generous grants, the hardworking and eager group of students, including myself, have the pleasure of working together to help at Haney.

Every time I come to work it's a breath of fresh air. I can't imagine a better location to have our village, or a better work place. The summer is already flying by and we've only just begun. I am looking forward to helping our general manager, Susan Mackie, and all the other staff members here at Haney to make this season better than ever.

Maria Wallis HPA

22nd Annual Dinner Theatre:

Celebrating twenty two years of Villains and Vittles Dinner Theatre Productions, R.J. Haney Heritage Village is proud to present "The Everlasting Railway Blues"!

The story is about the coming of the railroad to Western Canada, a historical event that has become legendary. Guests will hop aboard C.P.R. Parlour Car 2426 and take a trip with us through that exciting time. The trip will be guided by our amazing and talented local actors: Alaura Bibby, David Wray, Emmy Sim, and Joy Peters. This season's cast will entertain visitors with their songs and dances while sharing the real stories behind some of the legends. Prospectors are warned to keep their gold nuggets in their socks.

Enjoy a home cooked dinner with all the pioneer fixings served at 6:00pm from Marjorie's Tea Room. Dessert follows the play with homemade rhubarb crisp and ice cream. Reservations are a must! Adults \$25, seniors \$22, children five to twelve are \$14 and four and under are FREE.



Thank You Sponsors!

Our Major Sponsors































Our Nightly Sponsors

- Action Safety Service Ltd.
- Advantage Roofing Ltd.
- Apple Auto Glass
- BDO Canada LLP, Chartered Accountants and Advisors
- ▶ Be-Ja Cabinets & Countertops Inc.
- Braby Motors Ltd.
- Drivers Car & Truck Sales Fischer's Funeral Services & Crematorium Ltd.
- Hanna and Hanna Orchards
- Hub International Barton Insurance
- Ian Gray's Salmon Arm GM
- J's Pumps & Plumbing

- Kazwell Building and Renovations Inc.
- Legal Document Service
- Nufloors, Salmon Arm
- QC Universal Coatings Royal LePage Access
- **Real Estate**
- SEDO Old Fashioned Butcher & Deli
- Sonseeker's Ridge Golf Course
- The Stacer Team
- Standard Roofing Corporation
- Sterling Land Wealth Advisory **Group of RBC Dominion Services**
- The Safety Man
- Total Office Supply
- West Side Used Auto Parts

Dinner Theatre Raffle Sponsored by Waterways Houseboats • Photo Credit Braya Quilty Dinner Theatre Supporters: Recline Ridge Vineyards & Winery Ltd. • OVINO Winery Sunnybrae Vineyards & Winery . Larch Hills Wine

Villains and Vittles Dinner Theatre Presents...

Houseboat Vacation Raffle

Purchase a raffle ticket for your chance to win a prize a 4 day/3 night vacation aboard a Genesis 66 Houseboat, comfortably sleeping 12 to a maximum of 16 guests. Sponsored by Shuswap Lake Waterway Marina and Resort! This fantastic prize is worth \$4,735.00!

Tickets are only 2 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$10.00 and the draw is on September 13th, so get yours today! Available for purchase from the actors or at the Museum.

R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum wishes to thank Canada Summer Jobs, Get Youth Working, Work BC and Young Canada Works for providing much needed financial support that allows us to hire our wonderful student cast and crew.

Page 8









