

# Heritage Update

To keep you informed about current heritage news and events, we bring you our Heritage Update. We hope you will find these periodic newsletters both useful and entertaining. Your feedback is welcome!

## President's Message:



In 1967 a group of dedicated volunteers opened the first Salmon Arm Museum as a centennial project. The Salmon Arm Museum and Heritage Association had been formed in 1963 with volunteers collecting and cataloguing artefacts and archival material with the intent of one day having a building in which to exhibit the history of our community. The opening of the building in 1967 was indeed a proud moment for the members. By 1990 the Association had outgrown the downtown Centennial Building and had begun to develop the R.J. Haney Heritage Village. A new museum building, with increased storage capacity for the collection, was opened in the village. A new archives room with a ventilation system designed to preserve the fragile photos, documents, and glass plate negatives was added in recent years. Once again we have outgrown our museum space and at the same time we want to complete the village streetscape we have started. A new building was dreamed of and planning began.

In March 2015 the Board approved the drawings for the Montebello Block, prepared by architect Bernd Hermanski. Based on concept drawings by heritage designer Cuyler Page, this new building will bring the museum into the future while helping us to remember the past. A new museum gallery is included as well as a much larger archives room with vastly improved storage for our collection of artefacts.

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## A Note From The General Manager:



2014 was another exciting season for R.J. Haney Heritage Village. The Village and Museum engaged over 12,000 visitors and our events had record attendance. We received wonderful reviews and comments from sponsors and visitors on the Villains and Vittles Dinner Theatre Production "Nellie Trueheart's Encounter with Pureville N.E.". Many of our shows were sellouts and we are known as one of the highlights of Salmon Arm's summer entertainment. "Trip Advisory" has Haney listed as #3 of things to do in Salmon Arm.

This season we are continuing this success telling the stories of Salmon Arm and area by welcoming back Peter Blacklock as writer and director. Peter's plays with original songs delight and entertain our audiences. With successful funding from Canada Summer Jobs, Young Canada Works and Get Youth Working we are excited to hire a young enthusiastic cast, who will show their extraordinary talents in telling this seasons story.

I predict we will see a trend in more people seeking quality family cultural activities close to home, and that is what we do best at the Village. Our events offer a wide variety of entertainment that is affordable and we welcome all to come and explore. The successful events are the foundation of our season and several are into the double digits as annual events. To add diversity to what we do best, staff focus on ways to update attractions and amusements and adding new entertainment. As a result the attendance numbers reflect our accomplishments and we are offering quality entertainment for value.

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Shelving has just been purchased from the former Target Store in Vernon, including rolling shelving, which increases storage capacity immensely. The various historically significant stores and businesses planned for the new building will provide even more opportunities to display the artefacts and photographs in our collection.

We have already received generous donations and pledges of money, services, and building material for the new project. Donations have come from Board members and members of the community as well as local businesses. Momentum is building and the members of the Association are very excited to keep the project moving forward. We have the full support of the city of Salmon Arm and they are very pleased with our progress to date. The plan is to open the building in 2017 in time for the 150 birthday of Canada. If you want to be part of this exciting project to preserve the history of our community for future generations, please contact the village at 250-832-5243. Donations can be pledged over three to five years if desired. "It takes a community to build a village".

*Norma Harisch, President*



Members of SAMA Board of Directors and Advisory Committee

**Note from the General Manager:**

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Staying true to our mission we are continuing on the projects started last season and anticipate completion of many over the following months. Close to our heart, the Salmon Valley Homestead cabin and Peterson Barn have been relocated to their permanent home in the Village. This exhibit will represent a big part of our pioneer lifestyle. Both the Pidherney house and the Laitinen house have seen much restoration over the past two years, work will continue restoring the two buildings giving a permanent record of our pioneer families and educating the community on their rich history.

Plans are shaping up for the Montebello Project. The Village Strategic Plan has been updated to reflect where we are and where we are going. R.J. Haney Heritage Village is moving into the next stages of sustainability and growth and being recognized as a proud cultural anchor destination of our community.

*Susan Mackie,  
General Manager*



Work on the Pidherney House



Above: Moving the Kew Homestead



Left: Laitinen House

## From The Curator:



What happens when you go shopping with a Museum Treasurer? You know you're going to do a lot of arithmetic, so you pack a big calculator.

Gary Cruikshank has been in charge of the Salmon Arm Museum's books for five years. He is an active board member and takes his role seriously. Gary keeps

challenging staff to develop revenues so that he can continue to sign the organization's cheques. He knows the finances and reviews the books as leisurely reading.

Before Gary was the Treasurer he spent four years managing the Museum after his first retirement from his business, Shuswap Veterinary Clinic.

When Past President Doug Adams stopped at Village Green Mall on a recent trip south he noticed that Target was selling its fixtures. With his cell phone in hand Doug took digital images of the shelving and went home to create an excel spreadsheet with prices and dimensions. Like Gary, Doug likes to crunch numbers.

The shelving was deeply discounted. Unfortunately, Gary Cruikshank was away on vacation. I told Doug we had to wait until Gary got back. Those around us know we affectionately call our Treasurer "Get 'er done Gary" and I told Doug if this project was to happen, Gary had to be involved. We had conditions to meet. We had to disassemble the shelving and find a home for it in Salmon Arm. Purchasing the "used shelving deal of the century" meant we'd have to find storage until the Montebello Building was completed.

The estimated completion date for the Montebello is 2017 - in time for Canada's 150 celebrations. It is an optimistic timeline, but the timing is perfect. The first museum building opened in 1967, during the centennial celebrations.

The new build has been plotted on a Haney Heritage Village site plan and the preliminary drawings have been done, but there hasn't been a ground breaking. We are getting close....all we need is money.

Shelving is something that will be needed in the new building. Gary Cruikshank agreed to a road trip to check out the

supply at Target. It had to be after Gary played hockey, though. After all he is retired. I agreed.

The road trip arranged, I made a call to another board member interested in the project. Rosemary Wilson often points out that we should maximize our storage capacity. We have rolling shelving in the archives in the museum now. Rosemary says we need it for the artefact collection as well. Rosemary is smart. She thinks ahead. She and her hubby Allan were going to Vernon anyway, so Rosemary agreed to meet us at Target.

We were escorted to the Target "Team Members Only" section of the store. John, the Fixtures Manager, met us at the door. We looked at two rooms of shelving. Rosemary and Allan showed up. They were impressed. The deal offered was half the price of fixed shelving available at Costco. The rolling shelving, a separate deal, was reduced to 22.5% of its replacement costs. Gary had done the research. We'd have to hire the supplier, Montel, to reinstall the rolling shelving for \$5000. The specialty compact shelving, with all its complications of disassembly, transport, and storage, was worth serious consideration.

We had to consult. In Gary's words, "It is a pity you can't just make good business decisions for something like this." When Gary ran his own business, he made decisions all the time. So he argued with himself, countering, "We'll never get an opportunity like this one."

Thank heavens for cell phones. Past President Doug Adams was called at home. He had the museum's financials at hand.

Doug knew there was \$5,300 in a trust account for shelving. He said we could likely spend up to \$10,000, though he didn't want to



touch the Renaissance Fund, the Museum's endowment held by the Shuswap Community Foundation. Doug wanted to use that money as leverage for the construction of the Montebello building.

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Fixtures Manager John agreed to talk price to his boss. We thought hard about strategy. If we bought fixed shelving as well, could we get a better deal? Gary played the Registered Charity card to no effect. John's boss sharpened his pencil. He agreed to give us a deal on the fixed shelving if we took the rolling shelving as well.

Gary got out his Visa. We talked about whether we should use mine or his to pay for the shelving. Gary's limit happens to be bigger than mine, so we used his. He told me he was confident that he would be reimbursed by the museum. The Association has the money in its account and the Treasurer knows how much!



I gave Gary a hug. That was okay. Cheryl, his better half, had come along for the ride, but she was shopping. Fixture Manager John wrote up the deal.

Now all we have to do is organize insurance, transportation, storage and a group to go to Target to take apart the shelving. "Get 'er done Gary" is up to the challenge.

*Deborah Chapman, Curator*



Thank you Salmon Arm Rona for your generous donation of \$5500.00 of lumber that will be used in the extraordinary projects at the Village. Locally owned.

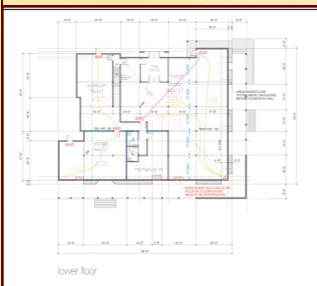
### The Montebello Building



These preliminary design drawings of the Montebello Building are the newest, most exciting project being undertaken at R.J. Haney Heritage Village. The

building will complete the "Main Street" at the Village. Rather than individual buildings, a sample of historic Salmon Arm's varied businesses and dense building construction is being recreated under one roof. Designed to look like multiple structures, the Montebello Building will look and feel like the historic community it represents.

Inspired by an initial concept created by President Norma Harisch, the design was created by heritage consultant Cuyler Page, the Exhibitions Manager at the Kelowna Museums. Friend of the Museum architect Bernd Hermanski and his staff Ken Bosch fine tuned the concept plan into working drawings.



The Board, staff and volunteers at the Village are very excited to have a three dimensional vision of how to finish the commercial street at the Village. We hope you'll help make this vision a reality.

Contact Susan Mackie at R.J. Haney Heritage Village for further details and to donate to this project at 250-832-5243 or by email at [info@salmonarmmuseum.org](mailto:info@salmonarmmuseum.org)



## Meet Shavickie Williams, Village Resource Coordinator

My curiosity with Canada was solidified in 2013 when the Minister of State agreed to help Caribbean youths gain greater access to post-secondary education. This was achieved through a distance learning partnership with sixteen universities in the Caribbean and Territories including the University of Guyana, my Alma Mater.

Some 2875 miles from Toronto, Guyana is the only English speaking country in South America with a population of approximately 800,000. Guyana is represented by six different races, with Indian and African Guyanese being dominant.

I migrated to Canada to adopt and contribute to this country's way of life. I was anxious to be associated with nature and the preservation of History within Canada and wanted to find a career to reflect my passions. I came across the R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum and my attention was immediately caught by the Village Resource Coordinator position. I applied for the position and waited anxiously for a positive response. I knew this was the career for me and was excited about the potential of gaining lifetime knowledge of the history of Salmon Arm.

Several days passed and I was invited to do an interview with Susan Mackie, the General Manager. I was pleased and excited after the interview and shortly after was offered the position of Village Resource coordinator. I accepted gladly and knew this was my opportunity to pursue my interests and passions while preserving the culture and heritage in Salmon Arm.

On my first day, I toured several buildings including the R.J. Haney House and was amazed by the artifacts and rich history. Over the upcoming summer months, I will be preparing and maintaining the village for our tourists and visitors to relive and experience the ways of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. I am looking forward to seeing everyone this summer!

## Making Memories



The secret is out, R.J. Haney Heritage Village is a hot venue for brides and grooms to host their weddings and creating the memories that last a life time.

The variety of settings for ceremonies and the beautiful lawns are spectacular for outdoor receptions making us one of the Shuswap's most charming locations.

The staff goes the extra mile attending to the details and we have built a strong reputation for service that allows brides and grooms to enjoy their perfect day. ***To book weddings or reunions contact us at 250-832-5243 or email***

***info@salmonarmmuseum.org***



**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Salmon Arm Museum and  
Heritage Association**

**Annual General Meeting**

**and election of officers**

**Tuesday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**7:00 pm in Marjorie's Tea Room at**

**R.J. Haney Heritage Village**

**All members and the public are  
welcome to attend.**

**For further information phone  
250-832-5243**

**Guest Speaker CPR history buff,  
Jim Johnston**

**Visit our website  
[www.salmonarmmuseum.org](http://www.salmonarmmuseum.org)  
for times of operation and  
information on events**



**Membership Means More!**

Your annual \$10.00 Membership benefits:

- SAMHA Newsletter
- Voting privileges at the AGM in May
- An open invitation to attend any of the monthly board meetings
- A 15% discount in the Gift Shop
- A booklet of discount coupons to be used at various times and events during the year
- Membership in the Reciprocal Membership Program
- An entry into a draw for a dinner for you and three 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.



**To donate or become a member of SAMHA, please fill out the information below and return it with your cheque payable to  
R.J. Haney Heritage Village and the Salmon Arm Museum  
Box 1642 Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4P7**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Province & Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fee \$10.00      Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*All monetary gifts receive a tax receipt.*

*R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum is a Registered Charitable Organization BN 132153800RR0001*

**Thank you for your generous support!**

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## Visit Marjorie's Tea Room



**Serving Daily  
\$7.99 Lunch Special**

Open May 13-September 19  
Wednesday – Sunday  
10am-4pm

Famous for homemade  
rhubarb crisp, desserts and  
meals made the pioneer way!

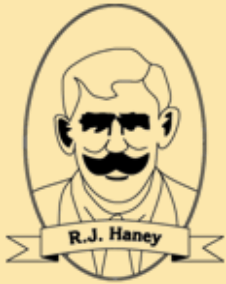


## General Admission to the Museum and Village is by Donation



Visit us Spring and Fall:  
May 13 - June 30 & September 1-24  
Wednesday to Sunday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Summer months: July and August  
Open seven days a week 10:00am - 5:00 pm



Donate your antiques, collectables and next to new items to a worthy cause committed to preserving our heritage. Please call R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum 250-832-5243

## Work Bee



Join Haney Staff on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-4:30pm. Come lend a hand and help ready the Village for the season. We will be cleaning buildings and exhibits, assembling tents, working in the gardens and more. Bring your bagged lunch. Enjoy the day at Haney with friends.

## Meet the 2015 Staff

**General Manager—Susan Mackie**  
**Curator—Deborah Chapman**  
**Project Manager—Ted McTaggart**  
**Volunteer Coordinator—Tara Watson**  
**Village Maintenance & Events—Ryan Gauthier**  
**Village Resource Coordinator—Shavickie Williams**  
**Village Construction —Nev Whatley**  
**Village Gardener—Norm Klassen**  
**Cook—Marie-Claire Lord**  
**Cook's Helper — Kathy Walker**  
**Cook's Helper—Dana Root**  
**Dishwasher—Amanda Stenier**

**2015 Events at  
R.J. Haney Heritage Village**  
*Regular Admission to the Village and  
Museum is by donation*

**Village & Marjorie's Tea Room  
Opens for the Season May 13**

Come celebrate the opening of the season and enjoy  
our famous **Pioneer Pancake Breakfast**  
8:30 am to 11am on May 16 & 17

**High Tea** - May 24

**Father's Day**- June 21

**Dinner Theatre** – July 1 to August 23  
*Reservation required*

**Pioneer Day** - July 12

**Soiree an Evening at Haney  
with the Shuswap Chefs** - August 6

**Classic/Antique Car Show** - August 9

**Over the Rainbow**—August 22

**Burger, Beer and a Bard** - TBA

**18th Annual Harvest Celebration** - Sept. 13

**Village Closes for the Season** - September 19

**Cemetery Tour** - October 4

**Spooktacular** - October 24 & 25

*For Dinner Theatre reservations, purchase ticket by phone  
for special events or to book weddings or reunions contact us  
at 250-832-5243 or email [info@salmonarmmuseum.org](mailto:info@salmonarmmuseum.org)*

*Visit our website [www.salmonarmmuseum.org](http://www.salmonarmmuseum.org)*

*Remember to like us at [facebook.com/Haneyheritage](https://www.facebook.com/Haneyheritage)*



You are invited to spend an enchanting evening at R.J. Haney Heritage Village. Join us for the 6th Annual "Soiree an Evening at Haney with the Shuswap Chefs" on Thursday August 6th. For Tickets Call 250-832-5243

To celebrate the beginning of Spring, join us for our

**6th Annual High Tea**  
**Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**1:00-3:00 PM**



A social afternoon filled with live music,  
stories and entertainment.

Enjoy tea, delicate sandwiches and succulent treats  
set among the beautiful gardens of  
R.J. Haney Heritage Village.

**Tickets \$25.00 Call 250-832-5243**  
**Limited Seating**

***"Over the Rainbow"***



Mark your calendar for "Over the Rainbow" on Saturday August 22. Ticket holders will enjoy an entertaining evening, featuring soprano, Melina Moore in a Judy Garland tribute and salute to the Golden Age of Hollywood. Melina conjures the spirit and beauty of July 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, Bill Lockie on Bass and Peter Padden on percussions. This is a dinner and show evening that you won't want to miss. Tickets are \$45.00 and can be purchased by calling the Village 250-832-5243.



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## Heritage Week 2014



Heritage Week is an exciting time for those of us at the Salmon Arm Museum and R.J. Haney Heritage Village. We take our show on the road, marking the week at the Mall at Piccadilly. There are displays, other exhibitors, a silent auction, panning for gold, popcorn, and PIE.

For the last 19 years I've had the pleasure of being involved with the pie contest. That is every February, snow or shine. On the Saturday at the end of the week I dress up in my granny clothes with three petticoats, a pair of cotton drawers, a camisole, and appropriate completer garments topped by a hat purchased a few years ago at Crazy River. Everyone who knows me knows I have a hat fetish.

Happily, my role has evolved. I write history pieces for the newspapers leading up to the week, set up displays based on the theme assigned by Heritage BC, and play the 1910 pie contest version of Vanna White on Wheel of Fortune. I hold the pies during the pie auction and an auctioneer provides the patter.

Friend to the Village Bill Laird took the project on again this year. Bill called his business associates and didn't mince words. He told them to come and be prepared to spend two thousand dollars. When it comes to spending money, Bill doesn't joke.



This year the patter started out big. Bidders showed they knew the rules. They had been waiting for the best of the Shuswap pies to go on auction. Norm Brown was new to the event. He is the current president of the Rotary Club of Salmon Arm and a volunteer auctioneer roped into donating his time. He didn't realize how ready his audience was to spend money.

At one point, one of the bidders bid against himself. "You can't do that," Norm called out. Our bidder didn't care. He was on a mission.

At another point Bill Laird and Jim Grieve entered a battle over a pie, increasing in increments too small to please our auctioneer. Norm Brown stepped back from his mike as Bill hollered for Jim to back off because he (Bill) was Shuswap Pie Company's landlord and its owner, Tovah Shantz, had baked the pie.



But I like Tovah, Jim yelled across the floor, and bid \$3,000.

Bill responded asking wasn't the Pie Company on T.V.? Bill bid \$3,200.

Jim, not to be outdone, bid again and secured ownership of Tovah's strawberry rhubarb pie. It cost him \$3,500.

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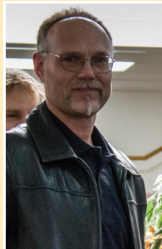
Thanks to a group of very supportive local businesses, fourteen pie bakers, six judges, and Bill Laird we raised \$28,000 for Haney Village's operations and projects. If you do the math, that is an average of \$2000 per pie.



Another part of "Pie Day", the sale of pie by the slice, started with Bill Cooke. Bill was the mall manager in 1996. Bill suggested we have a pie eating contest at a planning meeting. My board didn't think that was an attractive idea. Instead, we called for donations of pies to be judged for engraved trophies and tickets to Haney Heritage Village's Villains and Vistles Dinner Theatre. The prizes have changed a little since I charged a dollar a slice for remaining pieces of pie

and made \$148. Nineteen years ago we called that amount of money a huge success. In 2015 the price of each piece of pie has increased to \$2.50 and the sale made a total of \$466.45. Some happy customer must have left a tip!

This year the winner of the pie contest was a Granny Smith apple pie submitted by David Howes. I was curious. Not many men have taken first prize over the years. Bert Revel was the pie baker of note who took first place in 1998 and won a few more times over the years.



Then there were the surprise winners, two teenagers, Colby Bingham and Brendan Turner in 2005. They used Sue Ackerman's not-so-secret pie crust recipe from her home economics class.

I thought I needed to know more about this cook, Salmon Arm's best pie baker of 2015. David was around for a while after the contest. He didn't seem to mind my questions. He was casually dressed, wearing a dark blue UBC golf shirt. What faculty, I asked? Engineering.

Mmm I thought. We often need engineers when we restore buildings at the Village. I mentally tucked that piece of information away for future reference.

Where do you work? At Newnes, he said.

How long have you lived in Salmon Arm? Since 1986, he said. I was gob stopped, but tried vainly not to show it. David Howes had survived all the cuts and changes to the USNR- Newnes McGehee Division.

What else do you do? He knew Tim Dunne, another engineer. He had played hockey with Tim. I knew I was on to something. This pie baker was also a jock.

I asked if he played a musical instrument. Nope, but all his kids had lessons, he replied. They each completed grade three Royal Conservatory piano before going on to other musical aspirations. He said his kids were involved in musical theatre at SASS too. David knew Haney Heritage Village for its dinner theatre. His family enjoyed being in the audience when his kids' friends performed.

David told me he had made pies for Christmas gifts. Not easily pigeon holed, this winner was showing he was a complicated man. He has also been added to a "Haney list" of a select group of people. Next year he has the honour of being invited to enter a pie in the Best of the Shuswap Pie Auction.

Thank you all participants. We couldn't do this successful event without you - bakers, judges, supporters, and eaters - you are all helping us at the Village. See you next year!

*Deborah Chapman, Curator*



*Left to right: Susan Mackie and Judges, Peter Clark, Marie-Claire Lord, Rob Sengotta, Scott Campbell, Tovah Shantz and Al Boucher*